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Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge

Ohio is looking for new ideas to be brought to the fight against drug abuse and addiction through the recent launch of the Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge. This global challenge is seeking new approaches and technology solutions whether they be from regular citizens or researchers and scientists. For more information on the challenge, visit: https://ninesights.ninesigma.com/web/ohio-opioid-challenge-p1/.

Compounding for Drug Shortages

Due to reports of critical drug shortages, the Board has postponed the rescission of rules 4729-16-10 and 4729-16-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code to a date to be determined later. For more information about compounding for drug shortages, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/shortage.

Annual Report

The Board of Pharmacy has published its Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report. The report can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/FY2017.

Ohio to Implement NarxCare Platform

OARRS will be transitioning to Appriss Health's NarxCare® platform on November 20, 2017. The upgrade to OARRS will offer several key features, including scores that calculate a patient's possible risk of overdose and addiction, red flags to alert prescribers of a potential patient safety issue, interactive visualization of prescription data and the ability to search for local addiction treatment providers. For more information on NarxCare®, please visit: https://apprisshealth.com/solutions/narxcare/.

More information about the changeover to NarxCare® and some additional training materials will be made available in the coming weeks.

ASAP 4.2A Dispenser Guide Now Available

Effective December 29, 2017, rule 4729-37-05 will be amended to require the reporting of data to OARRS via the ASAP 4.2A Standard. This change will allow the reporting of diagnosis or procedure codes for opioid analgesic prescriptions as part of a new opioid prescribing initiative.

The dispenser guide outlining the ASAP4.2A elements needed for the inclusion of this data is now available and can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ASAPupdate. ICD-10 and CDT codes are reported in the DSP25 field. When no code is reported on the prescription, enter "NC" in the DSP25 field.

You may begin reporting in the ASAP 4.2A format now, as OARRS will accept both ASAP 4.2 and ASAP4.2A. Effective December 29, 2017, OARRS will only accept only ASAP4.2A.

More information on Ohio's prescribing rules for acute pain can be accessed here.

Approval of Electronic Prescription Transmission Systems and Computerized Order Entry Systems

Effective October 16, 2017, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has updated its policy regarding the approval of electronic prescription transmission systems (EPTS) & computerized prescriber order entry systems (CPOE) to coincide with the implementation of upcoming revisions to rule 4729-5-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code (effective 12.29.2017). For more information, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/approval.

Printing Electronic Prescriptions

The Board issued updated guidance on the printing of electronic prescriptions. For more information, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/electronicRX.