



# Board of Pharmacy

## Executive Director Report January 2025

### Licensing

License Type	Active	Detail	Renewal	Issued Last 30 Days
Pharmacist	23,562	Emeritus – 296		47
Pharmacy Intern	2,823			15
Pharmacy Technician	26,805	Trainee – 5,832 Registered – 8,402 Certified – 12,571  Active/Restricted – 47		518
Terminal Distributor	22,787			57
Drug Distributor	2,273			12
Home Medical Equipment	822	License – 163 Registration – 659		3

\*Counts as of 1/2/2025

# Compliance

## STATISTICS

### In-Take Panel Statistics

Cases Assigned	11/01	11/05	11/08	11/12	11/15	11/19	11/22	11/26	11/29
Consumer Complaint	8	2	2	2	4	2	3	4	4
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	3	4	2	1	1	2	1		2
MMJ Illegal Sales									1
MMJ Consumer Complaint					1				2
Questionable Dispensing	3					1		1	
Working Conditions/Minimum Standards			1	1	1	1			1
Error in Dispensing	2	3	2	1	1	2	6	2	1
Manner of Issuance of a Prescription							1		
Violation of Patient Confidentiality				1					
Illegal Processing of Drug Documents	2								
Adulterated Drugs		1						2	
Drug Security									1
Theft of Money or Merchandise								2	
Theft of Drugs							1		
OARRS Complaint				1					
Deception to Obtain		1	1	1					
Intelligence Information			1		1				2
Questionable Prescribing		1			1				
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

All Open Cases	New Cases Opened in Past 30 Days (November)	Number of Summary Suspensions in November	Cases Closed in Past 30 Days (November)
566	191	4	179

## Top 10 Cases Opened in November 2024

Case Type	Cases Opened
Suspicious Purchases	49
Error in Dispensing	21
Theft of Drugs	20
Minimum Qualifications of TDDD/WDDD	19
Drug Security	12
Consumer Complaint	10
Questionable Dispensing	10
Background Investigation	9
Deception to Obtain	7
Questionable Prescribing	5

## Investigations Summary

Monthly Investigations Summary	Total
Current cases open (As of January 2, 2025)	566
Cases opened (November 2024)	191
Complaints received	102
Cases opened from complaints (Intake)	66
Cases opened in the field (Self-Initiated)	51
Admin. cases referred to OBP Legal Department	44
Civil forfeitures received	0
Court orders received	0
Criminal convictions	3
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (ILC)	2
Criminal indictments	4
Search warrants executed	0
Summary Suspensions	4s
Monthly Inspection Summary	Total
Inspections completed	228
Written warnings issued	84

### Notable Investigative Events

- Former Cleveland Clinic certified pharmacy technician Curtis Green pleaded guilty to federal charges of Intention Possession with intent to distribute a schedule II drug. Sentencing pending.

## Executive Director Report

## FISCAL

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### FY25

Fund	Appropriation	Year-to-date Expenditures	Encumbered	Unexpended
OARRS Grants (3HD0)	\$ 1,765,000	\$ 917,111	\$ 78,386	\$ 769,503
Medicaid/OARRS Integration (3HH0)	\$ 1,393,000	\$ 507,520	\$ -	\$ 885,480
Equitable Sharing Treasury (3HM0)	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 529	\$ 4,471
Equitable Sharing Justice (3HN0)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Law Enforcement Fund (4A50)	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,853	\$ 13,824	\$ 27,323
Operating (4K90)	\$ 13,931,300	\$ 6,176,902	\$ 1,211,097	\$ 6,543,301
Drug Database Fund (5SG0)	\$ 2,235,000	\$ 1,945,550	\$ 126,321	\$ 163,129
<b>All Funds Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,409,300</b>	<b>\$ 9,555,936</b>	<b>\$ 1,430,157</b>	<b>\$ 8,423,207</b>

## COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

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- Executive Director Schierholt participated in the following:
  - NABP Executive December phone call
  - NABP monthly regulator meeting
  - D.A.R.E. Board of Directors meeting phone call
  - In person meeting with the new chief pharmacist of the Cleveland Clinic
  - Several memberships renewed for Steve and various senior officials (American Society of Pharmacy Law, International Association of Chiefs of Police, BASSA, Columbus Bar Association), allows staff to stay up to date with new policies, laws, trends within their speciality/profession
  - BOP attended various meetings with the Governor's office, follow ups on HB73

# Policy and Communications

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- HB73 AUTHORIZE PRESCRIBING OFF-LABEL DRUGS** (GROSS J, LOYCHIK M) To authorize the prescribing of off-label drugs and if prescribed, to require their dispensing and to name this act the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.  
*Current Status:* 12/11/2024 – Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Not Concur, Vote 3-88
- HB80 PHARMACIST CARE** (LIPPS S) Regarding pharmacist care.  
*Current Status:* 2/28/2023 - Referred to Committee House Health Provider Services
- HB92 SAVE OHIO SAFE RX** (YOUNG T, SANTUCCI N) To establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program, to name this act the Save Ohio Safe Rx Act, and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 6/12/2024 – House Public Health Policy, (Third Hearing)
- HB136 REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACIES** (HOLMES A, STEWART B) To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.  
*Current Status:* 12/5/2023 - House Health Provider Services, (Third Hearing)
- HB156 PHYSICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS** (MANNING G, OELSLAGER S) To amend the law related to physician-administered drugs.  
*Current Status:* 12/6/2023 – House Insurance, (First Hearing)
- HB257 VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC BODIES** (HOOPS J, CLAGGETT T) To authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually.  
*Current Status:* 12/30/2024 – Sent to Governor for Signature
- SB9 LAW CHANGES-MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (HUFFMAN S, SCHURING K) To amend the law related to medical marijuana.  
*Current Status:* 5/16/2023 - Senate General Government, (Seventh Hearing)
- SB95 REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACY OPERATIONS** (REYNOLDS M) To authorize the operation of remote dispensing pharmacies.  
*Current Status:* 12/30/2024 – Sent to Governor for Signature
- SB103 REGARDING KRATOM PRODUCT SALES** (BLESSING III L) Regarding sales of kratom products.  
*Current Status:* 11/15/2023 - Senate Health, (Third Hearing)
- SB144 REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS BY PHARMACISTS** (ROMANCHUK M) Regarding immunizations administered by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians; regarding certificates of need and change of operator procedures for nursing homes; regarding the per Medicaid day payment rate for specified ICFs/IID; regarding medication aides and certified nurse aides, including competency evaluation programs and training and competency evaluation programs; regarding nursing home quality improvement projects; regarding conditional employment in homes and adult day care programs; regarding grants provided to adult day care providers; and regarding the Ohio Medical Quality Foundation.  
*Current Status:* 7/25/2024 – **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; appropriation provision eff. immediately, others eff. 10/24/24

**Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution**

<b>Total Number of Strips Distributed</b>	<b>Number of FTS Training Handouts Distributed</b>
<b>183,163*</b>	<b>125,000**</b>

(\*Includes 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers 2023 Conference; 20,000 strips distributed at the Ohio EMS Medical Director’s Conference; 50 strips distributed at the 2024 ONIC Law Enforcement Drug Summit Networking Event; 8 strips distributed at the 2024 Lyndhurst PD event; and 5 strips distributed to licensees signed up for the OARRS Early Intervention Program.)

(\*\*Some locations did not order handouts or ordered less than the strips they requested.)