

MEDITECH Expanse Integrates Drug Monitoring to Improve Opioid Prescribing

DrFirst collaboration adds direct access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) within MEDITECH Expanse, simplifying reporting by providing comprehensive patient drug history at the point of care.

MEDITECH is addressing physician concern over laborious reviewing and reporting of controlled substances by integrating one-tap access to state-regulated electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) that track controlled substance prescriptions, from directly within MEDITECH Expanse.

Available from DrFirst, the PDMP database link allows prescribers to view controlled substance histories effortlessly from multiple PDMPs simultaneously as allowed by cooperating states, within the EHR prior to transmitting prescriptions.

Immediate, in-workflow access is crucial for improving clinical decision making and safely managing patient drug use. Enabling in-workflow access to controlled substance drug histories assures that actionable information is presented at the point of care, which is the most opportune moment to affect a change in a prescribing plan and to prompt a counseling or educational conversation when needed.

“Previously, prescription drug information was accessed outside of the EHR, forcing providers to sign into other systems and manually search for patient data. The inconvenient process posed time constraints for providers, and often led to disjointed patient information,” said Hoda Sayed-Friel, Executive Vice President at MEDITECH. “With the PDMP solution directly embedded within MEDITECH Expanse, patient prescription drug information is streamlined within the workflow, increasing efficiency for users.”

Currently, PDMPs are available in 49 states. DrFirst links cooperating state PDMPs together, allowing users to view collected information on the prescribing, dispensing, and use of prescription drugs. While integrated access is still being adopted nationwide, the process has helped decrease opioid-related deaths in states with PDMP requirements.

Reach out to your account manager to learn more about adding Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances (EPCS) solution to your MEDITECH EHR.