

WENTZ FOOT AND ANKLE SPECIALISTS
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PRESCRIPTION MONITORING POLICY

We are required by law to notify each patient that if you are prescribed a medication that is considered a controlled substance (commonly known as, but not limited to, "Narcotic Medication") that your prescription information **will be** entered into the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database.

The PDMP was originally authorized by law in 2005 and reauthorized in 2011. The purpose of the database is to provide objective information to assist medical practitioners and pharmacists in providing appropriate treatment for their patients. The program allows practitioners and pharmacists to gather information about the patients they serve and to ensure that their prescribing and dispensing is appropriate for the circumstances presented.

The information in the PDMP is considered a medical record, and falls into the statutory provisions concerning policies, procedures, and references to the release, sharing, and use of medical records and health information. It is considered protected information under HIPAA guidelines.

If one of our providers prescribes you a controlled substance, your prescription information *will be* loaded into the PDMP and may be queried by authorized individuals. The following are considered "authorized individuals".

Physicians
Dentists
Physician Assistants
Veterinarians
Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
Optometrists
Pharmacists
Resident Physicians with Training Licenses

Your signature below signifies that you have read and understand the above information and accept that we will report prescription information as required by law.

Patient/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____