EPCS: Getting Started with Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances
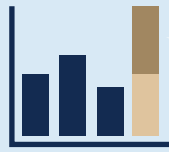
Why EPCS? Addiction to prescription drugs and deaths from overdoses

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Each day, 46 Americans die from an overdose of prescription painkillers

Drug overdoses are the leading cause of death among Americans under 50

40%

40% of all U.S. opioid overdose deaths involve a prescription opioid

5.6 million

Each month, 5.6 million American adults use prescription drugs non-medically

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Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) can make a difference. States that have implemented a PDMP have realized meaningful impact on doctor shopping and overdose deaths.

In **New York** state
75%
decrease in doctor shopping

In **Florida**
50%
decrease in opioid deaths from oxycodone

How Can E-prescribing Help?

Using EPCS streamlines clinical workflows and provides critical security measures designed to help prescribers:

Use a Single Workflow for prescribing all medications

Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse by making it easy to spot overprescribing

Prevent "Doctor Shopping" by making it easy to see a patient's controlled substance prescriptions from other providers

Prevent Prescription Fraud by eliminating paper prescription pads that can be stolen, altered or forged

How to Get Started

1 Purchase a DEA-compliant e-prescribing solution that supports EPCS

2 Go through the identity-proofing process to acquire two-factor authentication tokens required to sign EPCS prescriptions

3 Bind your EPCS authentication token to your identity

4 Gain "access" to use your EHR or e-prescribing solution for EPCS (this is required by the DEA)

Remember...

✔ You must bind your token once before signing an EPCS prescription

✔ Have your personal financial details on hand during the identity proofing process or be ID proofed by your hospital's credentialing office

✔ Always have more than one token–mobile app or key fob–so you have a backup if one gets lost or broken

✔ Check your state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) before prescribing controlled substances

It's easy to get started!

EPCS Gold enables you to breeze through identity proofing and two-factor authentication so you can seemlessly send electronic prescriptions for controlled substances to retail or mail order pharmacies within your existinge-prescribe workflow.

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