



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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South Dakota Board Welcomes Newly Registered Pharmacists and Pharmacies

Congratulations to the following nine candidates who recently met licensure requirements and were licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Daniel Gwynn, Erica Hanson, Vaibhav Kadakia, Kristin Klarenbeek, Amber Minton, April Reed, Robert Seefried, and Kristen Verderber. Seven of these were reciprocal licenses. There was one new South Dakota full-time pharmacy license issued: Avera McKennan, dba Avera Long-Term Care Aberdeen, License #100-2079, Aberdeen, SD. There were six South Dakota part-time pharmacy licenses issued during the period: Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Milbank Avantara, License #200-1742, Milbank, SD; Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Palisades Healthcare Center, License #200-1743, Garretson, SD; Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Wheatcrest Healthcare Center, License #200-1744, Britton, SD; Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Riverview Healthcare Center, License #200-1746, Flandreau, SD; and Pharmacy Corporation of America, dba Firesteel Healthcare Center, License #200-1747, Mitchell, SD. In the quarter, there was one new South Dakota domiciled wholesale license issued: JRX Solutions LLC, License #600-3400, Mobridge, SD.

Board Congratulates Lewis Drug on 80 Years of Pharmacy

Lewis Drug, headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD, began its operations in 1942! The medium-sized chain currently owns 58 stores in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota, and has seven more in various phases of development. Mark Griffin owns the company that his father started in 1942 and has made it a very family-focused, family-oriented successful company. Each pharmacy has provided an opportunity for offering services that are unique to communities and patients. Innovation has been key to the company's success. They have five pharmacists embedded in health clinics, which is a fantastic service and a differentiator in the industry. This is not only significant

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to excellent patient care but also shows clinicians the value of pharmacists. They also administered approximately 100,000 vaccinations for the coronavirus disease 2019 in locations in many communities. For more information on Lewis Drug's 80th birthday, please see the [Pharmacy Times](#) interview with Bill Ladwig, senior vice president of professional services at Lewis Drug.

Medication Repository Program Update

During this year's South Dakota Legislative Session, [House Bill 1086](#) was introduced by Representative Marli Wiese of Madison, SD. This bill was passed by both the House and Senate unanimously, and when enacted will establish a [prescription repository program](#) for South Dakota patients. The South Dakota State Board of Pharmacy will be tasked with development and rulemaking of this program. The Board will also be required to set up and maintain an electronic database for prescribers and pharmacies to search for available inventory that has been donated to the program and has been verified by a pharmacist. According to the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#), South Dakota is one of 40 states plus Washington, DC, and Guam that have laws establishing drug repository programs. As of fall 2021, 27 states and Washington, DC, have operational programs. These programs have proven to help patients obtain their (generally, prior authorization) medications more quickly, reduce the amount of medication waste, and save millions of dollars in prescription costs. The Board was thrilled to support this bill. In 2019, Avera Specialty Pharmacy came before the Board asking to start a pilot program for donated medications. All Board members agreed that this was a great program. The Board is excited to be able to expand this program to all South Dakota pharmacies wishing to participate and looks forward to seeing how it will further benefit South Dakota patients.

Pharmacist Burnout Impacts Patient Safety

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) is beginning to focus on [pharmacist burnout](#), which has become a significant patient safety issue around the nation. Patients are being impacted in many ways, like errors and long wait times for prescriptions, vaccines, and testing. The unknown is how many errors occur due to minimal staffing, large prescription volume, long hours, and performance metric pressure. When we think about the mental health of health care providers, we know it is not optimal. This has clearly been exacerbated by the pandemic in multiple ways. Pharmacists have been on the front line providing committed patient care with testing, immunizing, and treating. Pharmacists need additional resources and realistic expectations to continue at this pace and to ensure patient safety. APhA and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations have developed the [Pharmacy Workplace and Well-being Reporting](#) portal. It is a place where a pharmacist may submit confidential and anonymous reports of pharmacy workplace experiences, which are presented as an aggregate report on burnout and other concerns. Please access it and report as needed!

PDMP Update

The year 2022 began with the statutory, annual South Dakota Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (SD PDMP) report on the monitoring and use of prescription opioids to the 2022 South Dakota Legislature's Senate and House standing committees for health and human services. The report included the following:

Figure 1: Prescription Count, Quantity Dispensed, and Total Days of Supply From 2019-2021

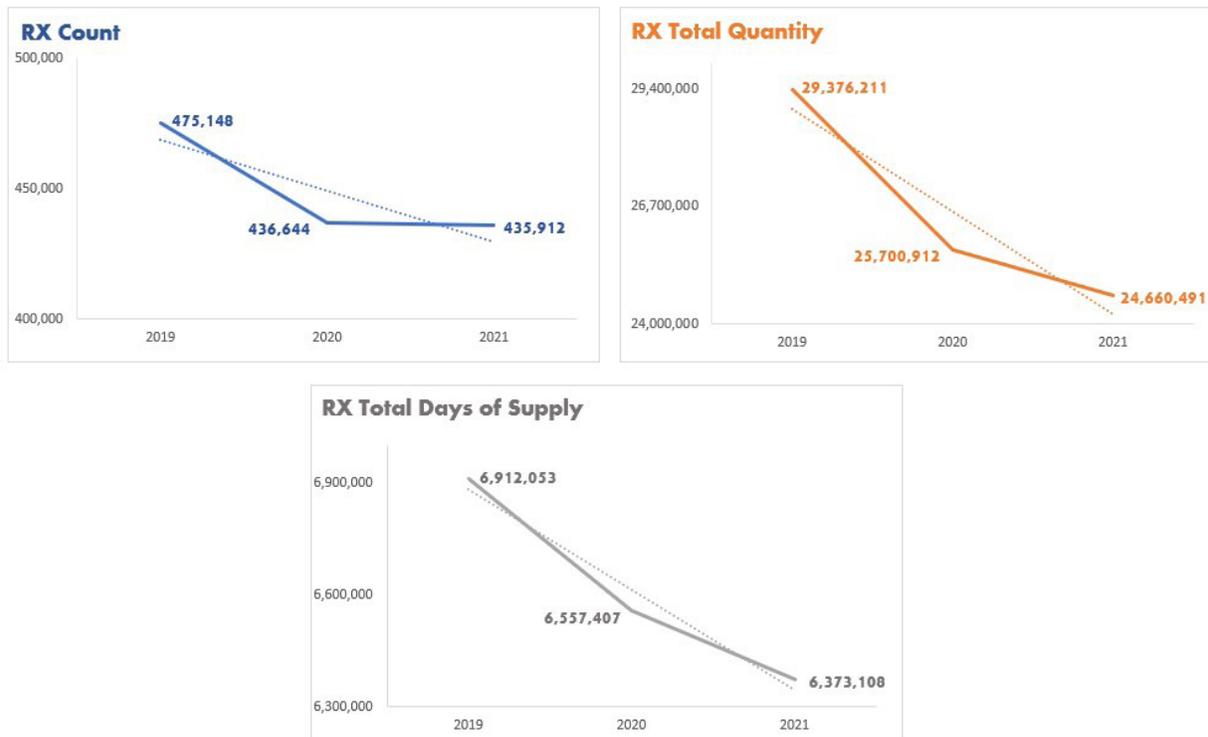


Figure 1 shows the three-year trends (2019 to 2021) for the three metrics measured for opioid prescriptions dispensed to South Dakota patients: prescription count, prescription total quantity dispensed, and prescription total days of supply.

Figure 2: Top Patient Counties by Opioid Prescription Count

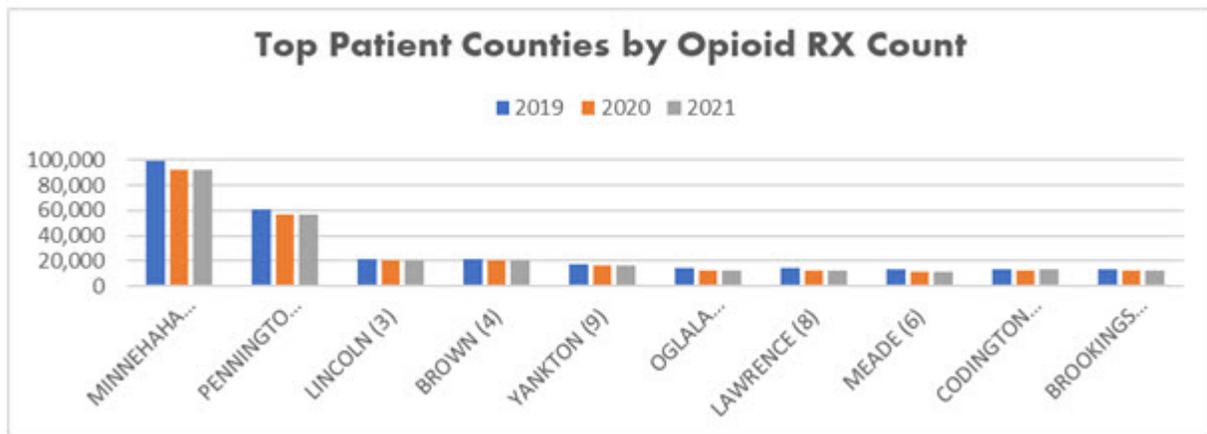


Figure 2 shows the top 10 South Dakota counties based on patient zip code for the number of opioid prescriptions dispensed. Note: Five counties decreased each year from 2019 to 2021: Pennington, Brown, Yankton, Oglala Lakota, and Lawrence; and five counties decreased from 2019 to 2020 and had just slight increases from 2020 to 2021: Minnehaha, Lincoln, Meade, Codington, and Brookings.

Figure 3: PharmaDrop Drug Take-Back Program Progress From 2017-2021

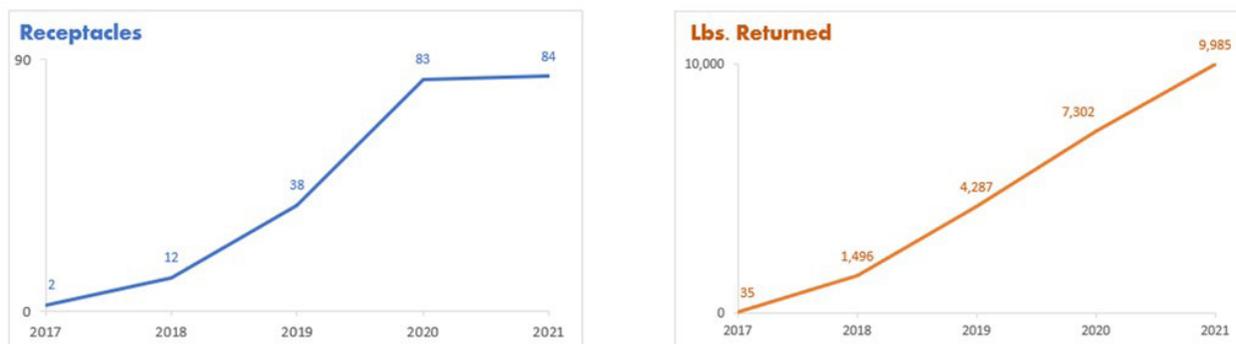


Figure 3 shows the Board’s PharmaDrop (formerly MedDrop) drug take-back program’s progress from inception in 2017 through 2021. The availability of drug take-back receptacles is key in reducing the avenue of diversion created by unused, unwanted, and expired drugs in an individual’s medicine cabinet. This program continues to provide an option for the safe disposal of an individual’s non-prescription and prescription drugs, including controlled substances, and is a key component in South Dakota’s strategy to address the state’s misuse, abuse, and diversion of controlled prescription drugs. Visit [Avoid Opioid SD’s Take Back Sites](#) to find a list of participating pharmacies. If your pharmacy would like to become a collector site, please send an email to melissa.denoon@state.sd.us.

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