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“Safer Prescriptions. Stronger Communities.”

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1.5 hours CME credit per course
5:30-7:00pm EST

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Dr. Debra Barnett
Integrated Pain
Management: Evidence-based Therapies (CME)
Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025



Dr. Colleen Bell
Integrating SUD
Screening &
Diagnosis (CME)
Thursday, Dec 4, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Florida PDMP Foundation completed the first quarter of FY 2025-2026 in September with presentation of two webinars in partnership with the Florida Medical Association. On September 25, Dr. Debra Barnett presented the topic of Integrated Pain Management Evidence Based Therapies. This was followed on September 30 with a course on Integrating SUD Screening and Diagnosis into Your Practice by Dr. Colleen Bell.



The webinars are part of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A), national federal grant awarded to the Florida Department of Health. As a Direct Support Organization to FDOH supporting the state of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (E-FORCSE®) the foundation provides webinars and live courses on topics related to the CDC's opioid prescribing guidelines.

The PDMP Foundation is also offering these two courses for presentation at state health care conferences. For information about offering these courses please contact Dr. Kelli Ferrell, kelli.ferrell@flpdmpfoundation.com.

[Dr. Lee Ann Brown, DO, FAAPMR, currently serves as Acting Chair of the Florida PDMP Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Brown received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree

from West Virginia University and completed her residency at Northwestern University. She is certified in physical medicine and pain management with a private practice in Clearwater. She is past president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.]

Executive Director Update

During the first quarter of FY25-26 the PDMP Foundation staff worked with its auditing firm, the McKenzie Group CPAs, to complete the 2024-2025 audit. In addition, Dr. Kelli Ferrell, Health Educator and OD2A grant manager, coordinated with the Florida Medical Association and the speakers on the presentation of the first two webinars under the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action Grant series. She is currently working on the December webinar presentations with both speakers and the FMA staff.



Maggie Thigpen, PDMP Foundation communication specialist, works closely with MultiView, Dallas, TX, to publish the quarterly newsletter. She is also working with the foundation's IT firm, Integrated Technologies, to upgrade the design of the foundation's website, which is located at www.flpdmpfoundation.com.

The foundation and E-FORCSE® staffs are also preparing to exhibit at 2026 conferences. The first meeting will be the Florida Podiatric Medical Association SAM at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World on January 29-31 and then the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association annual meeting at the Marriott Harbor Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, February 6-7.

[Mr. Macdonald, MS, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and received a master's in health planning and policy from the University of Cincinnati. He served as a consumer member of the Florida Board of Nursing and was a director on the staff of the Florida Dental Association.]

Legal Corner with General Counsel of the PDMP Foundation

Jason D. Winn, Esq. of Lewis Longman & Walker



The Legislative Session is upon us!

The Florida Legislature ended the 2025 legislative session on June 16, 2025, some 45 days after the scheduled May 2 deadline that was extended to finalize the state budget. And just like that, we are back at it with the second of six committee weeks already in the

books! The 2026 Legislative session begins on Tuesday January 13, 2026, and last 60 days till Friday March 13, 2026 – barring any extensions!

The 2026 session is gearing up to be one like no other before – while we had an extended session last year, it was due to the conflicts between the Governor's office and the Florida legislature. This theme is certain to ring true again for 2026 –we have already seen proposals of bills the Governor vetoed last year, especially in tort reform. Last year's bill that would have allowed adult children and certain parents from recovering damages for medical negligence cases resulting in death, that passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor was vetoed. The Governor said that allowing for this bill without any safeguards in place would be a risk for Floridians because it would make the legal landscape ripe for predatory trial attorneys.

Whether you agree with the Governor or not, it is important to remember that all three branches of government play an important and vital role in our governmental system. In another example of the independent branches, the judiciary made a ruling over the summer that changed the landscape of gun rights in Florida. In 2023 the Florida legislature passed a bill banning open carry of firearms, however an appeals court in September of 2025 declared the ban unconstitutional. So, open carry is now legal in Florida – as a healthcare provider, you can set your own limitations on open carry within your business, you have that right!

One bill that passed during the 2025 legislative session and goes into effect January 1, 2026, is SB1808 Refund of Overpayments Made by Patients – the bill requires health care practitioners, facilities, providers, and anyone who accepts payment from insurance for services rendered by health care practitioners, to refund any overpayment made by the patient no later than 30 days after determining that the patient made an overpayment.

The bill authorizes disciplinary action by the applicable board, or the Florida Department of Health if there is no board, if a health care practitioner fails to timely refund an overpayment upon determination that an overpayment was made. Lastly, the bill explicitly excludes overpayments made to health care practitioners by commercial health insurers and health maintenance organizations from its provisions.

The independence of the three branches of government is what makes our system the greatest legal system in the world! Will the session be smooth and end on time with a budget? Or will the session drag on with uncertainty till the last week? Only time will tell, we will have to wait and see how the Governor and legislature work together to achieve their goals during the 2026 session. Whether it's increased funding for healthcare, education or property tax issues, this session is bound to be filled with issues, just how they get resolved is the question.

[Jason Winn is a Senior Attorney and registered lobbyist at Lewis Longman & Walker practicing in the areas of administrative, civil, legislative, and governmental affairs. An accomplished speaker, Winn frequently lectures across Florida on the laws and rules impacting health care practitioners.

He has served as general counsel for the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, Florida Podiatric Medical Association, the Sheriff's Offices in Gadsden and Wakulla, and the Florida Hearing Society of which he is also the Executive Director.]

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HEALTH EDUCATOR REPORT

PDMP Foundation CE Programs

2025-2026 OD2A-S Grant Year: PDMP Foundation CE Training Programs

For the 2025-2026 OD2A-S grant year, the PDMP Foundation has developed four Continuing Education (CE) training programs focused on the CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, 2020. These programs were created in collaboration with the Florida Medical Association and the Florida PDMP and will be delivered through both live and hybrid webinar formats.



Webinar Kick-Off and Featured Presenters

The first quarter kick-off featured webinars presented by Dr. Debra Barnett and Dr. Colleen Bell. Dr. Barnett's session, "Integrated Pain Management: Evidence-based Therapies," and Dr. Bell's session, "Integrating SUD Screening & Diagnosis," both attracted strong attendance and provided extensive information on opioid screening and prescribing.

Upcoming Presentations

The next presentations in this series will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 4th, with Drs. Barnett and Bell returning as presenters, respectively. Please remember to register at the link in the banner above.

Feedback gathered from these well-received sessions will help guide the development of future educational offerings, ensuring that the programs remain relevant and impactful.

Professional Development Seminar Series

The Foundation has launched Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) – A Professional Development Seminar for Medical Residents, along with a version for healthcare students in Florida's medical, nursing (ARPN), dental, podiatry, and pharmacy schools. The seminar details have been shared with residency programs and school deans across Florida. Promotional materials support outreach, and feedback is being collected to determine the best year for participant involvement.

The inaugural seminar in the series for Medical Residents is scheduled for late February at Lakeland Regional Health. Attendees will include PGY1 to PGY3 residents, along with invited fellows representing multiple specialties.

We are pleased to have Rebecca Poston, BPharm, MHL, and former PDMP Program Manager, as our seminar speaker. Her expertise and insights will benefit all attendees.

[Dr. Kelli W. Ferrell currently serves as the Health Educator for the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Foundation (PDMPF). Dr. Ferrell earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from Florida A&M University (FAMU). She also has a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences with concentrations in Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research, both from FAMU.]

DID YOU KNOW?

Update from The Florida PDMP (E-Force)

We are pleased to inform everyone about an upcoming enhancement to the Florida Prescription Monitoring Program (E-FORCSE) reports that will provide valuable insights into Non-Fatal Overdose Events (NFOD). With a release date targeting mid-June 2025, Florida practitioners will notice a new state indicator on patient reports within the E-FORCSE system.

The image shows a screenshot of the Florida PDMP (E-Force) system interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "State Indicators (1)" contains a red exclamation mark icon and the text: "Patient has experienced a non-fatal overdose event. A history of drug overdose is not reflected in the Overdose Risk Score." Below this is a "Details" button. The main content area is titled "Non-Fatal Drug Overdose Events" and shows a table of events:

Date	Event History	Code
10/24/2023 21:15	Opium - accidental (unintentional)	T400X1A
	Heroin - undetermined	T401X4A
	Other narcotics - accidental (unintentional)	T40691A
	Other drugs - undetermined	T50994A

Furthermore, an additional section titled "Other Health Information" will be available on the patient report through PMP AWARE and PMP Gateway, providing comprehensive details concerning NFOD events.

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Date of Birth: Recent Address: View Linked Records (1) ▾

NarxCare®

Report generated on 04/16/2025. Report Date Range: 04/16/2021 - 04/15/2025

UNINTENTIONAL OVERDOSE RISK SCORE MODEL

Below Average 000

NARX SCORES

MARCOIDS 000 SEDATIVES 000 STIMULANTS 000

KEY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO OVERDOSE RISK SCORE MODEL

History of MOUD use (excluding Buprenorphine dispensations for pain management) No

Number of high-risk dispensations in most recent year 0

Gender most frequently reported by pharmacies is male No

Age most frequently reported by pharmacies 0

Number of pharmacies where narcotics/sedatives were filled in most recent year 0

Benzos - Narcotics overlap 0 Days

State Indicators (2)

Patient has experienced a non-fatal overdose event. A history of drug overdose is not reflected in the Overdose Risk Score.

Details

Other Health Information

Non-Fatal Drug Overdose Events 1 27 ALL

Event History 10/24/2023 21:15

Opium - accidental (unintentional) T400X1A

Heroin - undetermined T401X4A

Other narcotics - accidental (unintentional) T40651A

Other drugs - undetermined T50954A

Resources (2)

Link to Additional Resources

Toggle Event History (Up to 4 Years)

ICD-10 Code

ICD-10 Code Description

Admit Date & Time

State Indicator will appear when a patient has a non-fatal overdose event.

The non-fatal overdose information included in the E-FORCSE report is sourced from the Florida Health Information Exchange. The NFOD event details that will be displayed in the E-FORCSE reports via the "Other Health Information" tile includes:

- Admit Date
- Facility Name
- Facility City
- Zip code
- ICD-10 code
- ICD-10 description

We believe that this enhancement will significantly contribute to the state of Florida patient care and management efforts by providing comprehensive information on NFOD events. The non-fatal drug overdose event indicator is intended to aid, not replace, medical decision making. The information should not be used as the sole justification for providing or not providing medications. For more information about the indicator, please visit to review the quick reference guide: [OD Insights - Non-Fatal Overdose Indicator](#).

FOUNDATION ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM CONTINUES

The Florida PDMP Foundation Annual Giving Program seeks yearly charitable contributions from supporters to help fund upgrades and enhancements for outreach and educational programs for the state PDMP. Tax-deductible contributions can be made directly to the Foundation on its website at: www.flpdmpfoundation.com/donations/.

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