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## **Welcome to the HIT Commons Quarterly Newsletter, February 2021**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to teach us the value of collaboration and nowhere is this more true than the need for collaboration between Public Health, health care providers and payers. HIT Commons, from its inception, has focused on improving access to the State's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data through integration with EDIE and directly to Electronic Health Records. The pandemic has caused us to broaden our mission and increase our focus on the delivery of public health data to providers and care coordinators. Here are a few achievements and activities underway:

- COVID positive case status is now available to Emergency Departments via EDIE
- Supporting HB 3057 which would make COVID positive data available to all users of the Collective Platform
- Preliminary discussions with public health around the ability to present COVID vaccine administration data within the Collective Platform

While we all hope the pandemic ends as quickly as possible, we also hope that this focus on using public health data as a tool to improve patient care continues to accelerate and continues long after the current crisis.

As always, please let us know of any suggestions for how we can better serve our members.

Mark Hetz, Executive Director, HIT Commons

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## What Have We Been Doing?

### **COVID-19 Support**

#### **Collective Platform Use Case Development with Stakeholders:**

- Resources for using the Collective Platform for COVID-19 continue to be posted [here](#)
- As of January 18, 2021, OHA and Collective Medical have initiated a daily file transfer which reports on COVID-19 positive cases statewide in Oregon and provides the data to ED providers in 63 hospitals via EDIE notifications. The data from OHA come directly from the Oregon Pandemic Emergency Response Application (Opera), the state's COVID-19 case investigation system, and indicates those individuals who have received a confirmed positive COVID-19 lab result within the past 42 days. More information can be found [here](#)
- With the support of Rep. Andrea Salinas, HB 3057 has been introduced this legislative session that would allow COVID-19 positive case data to flow to all connected organizations using the Collective Platform, including CCOs, health plans, clinics and others. We will keep you posted on the progress of that bill.
- Preliminary discussions are underway with OHA/PHD to flow vaccine status information into the Collective Platform to support vaccine administration.

For questions please contact Liz Whitworth at [liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)

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## EDIE

- **Quarterly Webinar Series:** HIT Commons will again offer quarterly webinars to support the use of the Collective Platform. The first webinar will be focused on SMART on FHIR integration via Collective Platform. Registration information will be available soon.
- **Quarterly Apprise Dashboards:** The most recent data reporting through Q2 2020 show a sharp decrease in ED utilization primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. See reports highlights below and all quarterly reports are posted [here](#)
- **EDIE Steering Committee** will reconvene for 2021 in late February to guide statewide efforts on this initiative. 2021 EDIE Steering Priorities are posted [here](#)
- **December 4: CCO Learning Collaborative** was held virtually with 44 professionals from 16 organizations to discuss prioritization of 2021 Collective Medical wish list. Materials are available to review [here](#).

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## PDMP Integration

- We have completed a **PDMP Evaluation** project, with support from OHA, in which we interviewed 13 clinics and hospitals to identify opportunities for improvement and best practice in the use and integration of PDMP. A comprehensive detailing of findings can be found [here](#).
- **November 17: Oral Health Learning Collaborative** attracted 40+ attendees from over 20 DCO and CCO organizations who came together to discuss strategies to share PDMP information with dental practices within their network. Roundtable discussion topics led to development of communication tools for sharing. Materials available [here](#).
- Several new entities are newly live with PDMP integration in this quarter including:

Jefferson County Public Health  
Alpha Care Family Medicine  
Integrity Women's Health & Wellness, LLC  
Siletz Community Health Clinic  
Comprehensive Neurosurgical Consultants  
Oregon Heart Center PC  
ROC Orthopedics  
Childhood Health Associates  
Western Psychological & Counseling

CHI St. Anthony Hospital  
Ashland Family Health Care. PC  
Avalon Natural Medicine  
Facial and Oral Surgery Center LLC  
Gresham Family Care Inc, DBA Care Plus You  
Holy Family Catholic Clinic85  
Quillin Family Medicine  
Wimahl Family Clinic

- If you know of a clinic or pharmacy that could benefit from PDMP Integration please let us know at [pdmp@hitcommons.org](mailto:pdmp@hitcommons.org)

## Community Information Exchange (CIE)

The HIT Commons team and OHA developed a report summarizing the 2019/2020 work of the CIE Advisory Group and outlining future areas for exploration. The report is posted [click here](#)

Future work for HIT Commons in Community Information Exchange will be discussed and prioritized with input from the HIT Governance Board and informed by CIE early adopter efforts, such as [Connect Oregon](#) and others.

## What Are The Results?

### ED Utilization Reports from Apprise



- **QUARTERLY EDIE ANALYTICS DASHBOARDS For the Period: Q3 2019 - Q2 2020**  
The most recent data reporting through Q2 2020 show a sharp decrease in ED utilization primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - The total number of ED visits decreased by 7.0%
  - The number of High Utilizer visits decreased by 8.2%
  - Co-morbid Mental Health related visits increased by 0.9%
  - Co-morbid Substance Use Disorder related visits decreased by 3.8%
  - Potentially Avoidable visits from High Utilizers decreased by 11.6%
  - Visits decreased by 33% in the 90 days following an initial care guideline
  - HIT Commons will be monitoring these data points as COVID-19 recovery continues.

**PDMP Quarterly Dashboard (Q2 2020-Q3 2020)**

- Increase from 79.5% to 87.2% of top 2,000 prescribers queried PDMP in Q3
- Integrated users have increased over the past year across all clinical groups, including 110% increase in MDs, DOs, and PAs
- Prescription trends for opioids were mixed, with prescriptions for hydrocodone, tramadol and alprazolam decreasing this quarter.

Opiates	% change – 3Q 2020*
Hydrocodone	-3.1%
Oxycodone	+3.0%
Tramadol	-1.2%
Benzodiazepines	% change – 2Q 2020*
Lorazepam	+3.4%
Alprazolam	-2.5%
Clonazepam	+2.0%

[Click here for more information](#)

## What Is The Impact?

Regarding PMDP integration: *"It is just so, so much better. I can't even tell you. It's beautiful. It saves time and is much more efficient. You know you need to do it, but boy, getting it done is a struggle sometimes especially under the time constraints. So, the fact that this is simplifying and streamlining it makes it so much easier".*

-Brenda McNaughton, NP, Yakima Valley Farm Workers' Clinic

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## How To Get Involved

- **PDMP Integration Steering Committee** is seeking board members. PDMP Steering meets quarterly at OMA and has a call-in option available. Please contact Mark Hetz for more information [Mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:Mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)
- **Integration outreach** continues in a virtual format. If you haven't done so, complete and submit your PDMP Integration form today. For registration and additional information, please visit [www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/pdmpintegration](http://www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/pdmpintegration).

