

ASHP

Restricted Drug Distribution System Survey

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Methodology



- Administered via an email invitation, linking participants to an online survey instrument.
- Sent to 3,389 ASHP members (who are also primary members of the sections for Pharmacy Practice Managers Section or the Informatics Section).
- Fielded February 27, 2007 through March 5, 2007 (with one reminder to nonrespondents).
- 521 responses received; response rate is 15%.



Results

Please indicate which of the RDDS program drugs listed below are prescribed for patients seen at your hospital or health-system. Please check all that apply. Check "NONE" if appropriate.

Answer	Percentage
Clozaril (<i>clozapine</i>): Clozaril National Registry Program	66%
Thalomid (<i>thalidomide</i>): S.T.E.P.S. Program	46%
Tikosyn (<i>dofetilide</i>): T.I.P.S. Program	45%
Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Sotret (<i>isotretinoin</i>): iPLEDGE Program	30%
Aralast, Prolastin, Zemaira (<i>alpha-1-proteinase inhibitor</i>)	29%
Fosamax (<i>alendronate</i>): Paget's Patient Support Program	29%
Tysabri (<i>nataluzimab</i>): TOUCH Prescribing Program	26%
Tracleer (<i>bosentan</i>): Tracleer Access Program (TAP)	25%
Suboxone (<i>buprenorphine</i>)	17%
Iressa (<i>gefitinis</i>): Iressa Access Program	16%
Lotronex (<i>alose tron</i>): Prescribing Program	10%
Mifeprex (<i>mifepristone</i>)	8%
Exjade (<i>deferasirox</i>): EPASS Program	8%
Revlimid (<i>lenalidomide</i>): RevAssist Program	8%
Nexavar (<i>sorafenib</i>): REACH Program	6%
Ventavis (<i>iloprost</i>)	5%
Plenaxis (<i>abarelix</i>): Plenaxis Plus Program	4%
Xyrem (<i>sodium oxybate</i>): Xyrem Success Program	2%
Cystadane (<i>betaine</i>)	1%
Other	3%
None	14%
Total Responses: 521	

Overall, how often are these drugs prescribed in your hospital or health-system?	
Answer	Percentage
A few times a year or less	42%
At least two times a month	36%
One time per week or more	22%
Total Responses : 445	

Is your hospital or health-system pharmacy (inpatient or outpatient) registered to dispense products for one or more RDDS programs?		
Answer	Bar	Percentage
Yes		75%
No		25%
Total Responses: 512		

Do you believe that RDDS programs are necessary in some circumstances in order to protect patients from risk?		
Answer	Bar	Percentage
Yes		68%
No		32%
Total Responses: 375		

Do any of the RDDS programs you encounter compromise timely patient access to the drug?	
Answer	Percentage
Never	10%
Occasionally	67%
Frequently	23%
Total Responses : 374	

Do any of the RDDS programs you encounter compromise continuity of care?	
Answer	Percentage
Never	18%
Occasionally	62%
Frequently	20%
Total Responses : 375	

Do you think it is possible to simplify and improve RDDS programs?	
Answer	Percentage
Yes	56%
No	4%
Don't know	40%
Total Responses : 471	

Do you think it is possible to standardize some aspects of RDDS programs in order to reduce burden and simplify administration of such programs?	
Answer	Percentage
Yes	67%
No	5%
Don't know	28%
Total Responses : 465	

Do you believe practicing hospital and health-system pharmacists' input into the development of RDDS programs would yield better programs?	
Answer	Percentage
Yes	79%
No	2%
Don't know	18%
Total Responses : 467	

What is the average daily census at your organization?	
Daily census	Percentage
not applicable	4%
less than 50 beds	15%
51 to 99 beds	14%
100 to 199 beds	22%
200 to 299 beds	16%
300 to 399 beds	10%
400 to 499 beds	6%
500 or more beds	13%
Total Responses: 467	

What is your primary practice setting?	
Answer	Percentage
Community Hospital – non-teaching	51%
Community Hospital – teaching	25%
Academic/University Medical Center	10%
Government Hospital (State, County, Federal)	4%
Pediatric Hospital (any type)	2%
Other	9%
Total Responses: 467	