

Steps to implementing the VetPMP at your clinic

1) Management

- a. Determine which patients will be entered into the VetPMP
 - i. Require all controlled drug prescriptions (old and new)
 - ii. Require all new controlled drug prescription, recommend any existing prescriptions
 - iii. Recommend for all controlled drug prescriptions
- b. Determine date by which all DVMs and CVTs need to have an active account with VetPMP
 - i. Individual can sign up or a list of all DVMs and CVTs can be e-mailed to Vpmp@mvma.org
- c. Print copies of the release form or load the form into your electronic medical records system
- d. Optional - Print copies of the client VetPMP handout to help educate your clients on the VetPMP program (available on the www.vetpmp.org website)

2) Meeting with DVMs and team

- a. Discuss why the VetPMP is an important tool
 - i. Helps prevent getting shopped for controlled drugs (both physical prescriptions and written prescriptions)
 - ii. The US Health and Human Service declared a public health emergency in 2017
 - iii. Specifically designed for the veterinary community
- b. Client talking points
 - i. There is currently an opioid epidemic
 - ii. There is increased scrutiny on veterinarians by legislatures and the public to be responsible prescribes.
 - iii. Long term (7 days or more) prescriptions will be entered into the VetPMP which requires a microchip.
- c. Communicate clinic policy on which patients will be required to participate in the VetPMP and which will be recommended to participate in the VetPMP
- d. Communicate deadline for each DVM and CVT to establish an account
- e. Discuss when clients will be enrolled (i.e. next time they refill a prescription or when a new prescription is issued). Effective _____, 2019

3) VetPMP training

- a. Review training videos posted on VetPMP and MVMA
<https://vetpmp.org/resources.php>
- b. Share frequently asked questions resource <https://vetpmp.org/qa.php>