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Dear medical professionals,

In keeping with the agency goal of providing world-class services, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Regulatory Services Division (RSD) is proud to provide [Prescription Access in Texas \(PAT\)](#), a secure online prescription monitoring program, which will assist our Texas health care and law enforcement professionals in quickly identifying potential prescription drug abuse. PAT provides controlled substance prescription dispensing history to authorized medical practitioners¹, licensing board investigators² and law enforcement professionals.

We encourage you to search the last 365-days worth of data, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, including:

- Patient prescription history
- Physician's own prescribing information

The Texas Prescription Program was created by the Texas Legislature to monitor Schedule II - V controlled substances. Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 481, restricts access to prescription data to practitioners and pharmacists who are inquiring about their patients, and to various regulatory and law enforcement personnel conducting investigations.

In August 2012, DPS will expand access for authorized pharmacists, podiatrists, dentists, veterinarians and out-of-state practitioners.

DPS continues to take great pride in serving the citizens of Texas by combating terrorism and crime, enhancing public safety, strengthening statewide emergency management and providing world-class services.

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URL: [Prescription Access in Texas \(PAT\)](#) | <https://www.texaspatx.com/Login.aspx>

Press Release: http://www.dps.texas.gov/director_staff/public_information/pr080212.htm

¹ Practitioners includes dentists, physicians, podiatrists, veterinarians, advance practice nurses and physician assistants

² Licensing board investigators includes dental, medical, nursing, pharmaceutical, podiatry and veterinary