

## MD Snapshot-Prescribing Overview

**MD Snapshot-Prescribing** is your customized prescribing profile, generated using data for medications monitored by the [Tracked Prescription Program \(TPP\) Alberta](#) and received from Netcare/Pharmaceutical Information Network (PIN). The Snapshot is a tool for self-reflection and education, with the dual purpose of increasing your prescribing awareness and supporting you in optimizing care for your patients.

The benchmarks used in MD Snapshot-Prescribing are informed by guidelines, evidence of risk and best-practice recommendations. **MD Snapshot-Prescribing is not a comment or judgement on your prescribing practices.** We recognize there are wide variations in practices and patient complexities (even within peer groupings).

MD Snapshot-Prescribing now covers four categories of prescribing:

- Antibiotics
- Benzodiazepine/Z-drugs
- Opioids
- Opioid New Starts (formerly opioid-naïve)

Each category includes:

- Summaries (comparator group information is available)
- Details on patients considered higher-risk (e.g., multiple prescribers)
- Breakdowns by ingredients prescribed (excluding Opioid New Starts)
- Prescribing trends over several quarters (excluding Opioid New Starts)

### Resources

In addition to your prescribing profile, supporting resources provided with your MD Snapshot-Prescribing include:

- [MD Snapshot-Prescribing Manual](#)
- [Glossary of Terms](#)
- [An OME/DDD reference](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Comparator group information](#)
- [Continuing Medical Education information](#)

We also provide [Prescribing Companions](#), a tailored educational resources on timely prescribing topics.

Links to guidelines, clinical practice tools and further educational resources are available through CPSA's [Prescribing Tools & Resources](#) page. Additionally, TPP Alberta's Tracked Prescription Program Alberta Drug Utilization Atlas provides more details on these drug categories. Find the online atlas at [tppanalytics.ca](http://tppanalytics.ca).

For more information and updates, visit the Physician Prescribing Practices' [MD Snapshot-Prescribing](#) webpage.

Don't forget to claim Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for reviewing your Prescribing Snapshot. Your Prescribing Snapshot can be used as a source of data, as part of a [practice-driven quality improvement \(QI\) activity](#), under CPSA's Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP).

## MD Snapshot-Prescribing feedback

MD Snapshot-Prescribing is an educational resource physicians can use to improve the care they provide and is not intended as a judgement on prescribing practices.

If you have any questions about your Prescribing Snapshot, please contact us by:

- Using the secure "Report an Issue" function under the Analytics tab.
- Sending an email to [AIR.Inquiries@cpsa.ab.ca](mailto:AIR.Inquiries@cpsa.ab.ca). Please note that for privacy reasons, patient-specific details should not be included in any emails.
- Calling 780-969-4935 or 1-800-561-3899 (extension 4935).