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The Latest Drug Overdose Reporting News and Announcements

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DOR Newsletter Survey

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Tennessee Department of Health's (TDH) Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR) program, and for continuing to work with TDH to meet your DOR obligation. Your sustained reporting efforts have allowed us to continue providing vital information to leaders, decision-makers, and others around the state working to end the drug overdose crisis in our communities.

Our Trading Partners are the reason that we created the "On Par with DOR" newsletter to help improve DOR for all Trading Partners. The "On Par with DOR" newsletter contains valuable current information regarding DOR including tips, tricks, frequently asked questions, and reminders that we share with DOR trading partners once a quarter.

We have put together this survey so that you (our Trading Partners) can provide us with feedback regarding your satisfaction with our "On Par with DOR" Newsletter and to provide an opportunity to share your ideas for future content. Your feedback is extremely important to us and it will only take approximately 5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and effort to complete the survey.

As always, we appreciate your commitment and continued support to TDH's DOR program.

Please click on the link below to take the brief survey!

On Par with DOR Newsletter Survey

Meet Our New Staff Member



Allison Sierocki

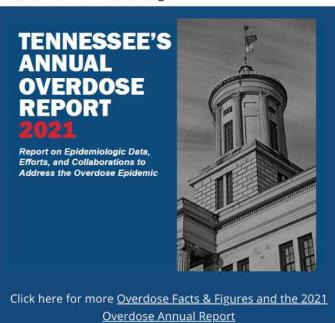
Allison joined the OIA team as our new DOR Epidemiologist in January. She received her Master of Public Health from Saint Louis University and prior to moving to TN spent four years working at both local and state health departments in Texas. Over the last three years, Allison served as an Epidemiologist for the Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program with the TN Department of Health. She is looking forward to using her epidemiological skills to further DOR capabilities and increase public health partner awareness. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors and hanging out with her two-year-old nephew.

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Reporting Tips

- When submitting files via SFTP, the naming convention MUST BE in the following format: DOR_Trading Partner_ID_DateTime (DateTime format YYYY-MM-DD-HHMMSS).
- TDH strongly encourages all Trading Partners have a backup person set up in SFTP to report for DOR in case the primary point of contact is unable to submit to avoid missing weeks of submission.
- Each facility within an organization MUST report a "Zero Submission Record" when there are no patient records that meet the selection criteria for drug overdose during the submission period.
- When opening the Data Validation Detail File TDH recommends using Notepad or Notepad ++ as opposed to Microsoft Excel. This is because Microsoft Excel will change your file's formatting and may cause issues when resubmitting records to TDH.

*If you have questions or see anything that may be problematic or hinder you from submitting successfully please contact <u>TDH.Informatics@tn.gov</u>.



Useful Resources

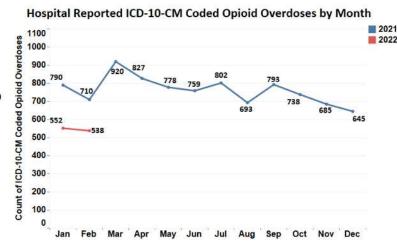
DOR Manual

DOR Reporting Website
The Error Handling Guide

Reportable Diseases Rules and Regulations



ICD-10 Coded Opioid Overdoses



Accurate and timely public health reporting from DOR partners helps our office to provide TDH leadership with data and information to support the development of overdose programs. The visualization above shows the number of nonfatal opioid overdoses reported to Drug Overdose Reporting (DOR) System by month of admission. In 2021, Tennessee hospitals reported 9,140 nonfatal opioid overdoses to the DOR system. From the peak in March 2021, overdoses generally declined through the rest of the year. So far in 2022, both January and February had lower counts of nonfatal opioid overdose than any month in 2021.

To view monthly nonfatal opioid overdose reports, navigate to <u>Hospital Reported Nonfatal Opioid Overdose</u> and select the month of interest. For more information or questions related to this report please email TDH.Analytics@tn.gov.



Reminders



We would like to remind you that at the start of 2021 we updated our <u>diagnosis code list</u> for DOR to include opioids, stimulants, benzodiazepines, and muscle relaxants. Then at the start of 2021, we updated our diagnosis code list to include more opioid codes. We ask you to double-check to ensure you are using the most up-to-date code list which would include both updates. The most up-to-date diagnosis code list for DOR is available on our website. If you find that you have not been using the most up-to-date diagnosis code list for your DOR submissions, please contact <u>TDH.Informatics@tn.gov</u> for guidance.

Additionally, we would like to remind you to keep an eye on the DOR summary Report emails you receive each week, and to be sure that you are not missing any weeks for the facility/facilities you report for. Any missing weeks will appear in your DOR Summary Report in red with a blank table detailing which facility/facilities needs to be reported for during that week. If you see any missing weeks on your DOR Summary Report, we ask you to please go back and submit those weeks with your next weekly submission.