Effective January 1, 2013, all prescribers in TN are required to register in the State Controlled Substance Monitoring Database (CSMD). Since residents and fellows (unless you moonlight) do not have a DEA number or an unrestricted medical license, you are to register as a resident/fellow, use the hospital DEA and your NPI number. Below are a few of the most relevant frequently asked questions. Below that is the link to register and the link to the complete frequently asked questions guide.

Frequently Asked Questions About The Controlled Substance Monitoring Database (CSMD)

Q. Who is required to check the CSMD?
A. Any licensed prescriber before prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine as a new course of treatment lasting more than 7 days – and at least annually when said controlled substance remains a part of the treatment.

Q. Are there any exceptions for checking the data base?
A. Yes, you do not have to check it if:
   • The drug is administered directly to the patient.
   • The prescription is for a hospice patient.
   • The drug is part of a narcotic treatment program (e.g. a methadone treatment program) registered by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and is subject to the recordkeeping provision of 21 CFR 1304.24.
   • The drug is dispensed by a licensed healthcare facility, providing the quantity is limited to an amount adequate to treat the patient for a maximum of 48 hours.
   • It is a sample drug.
   • The prescription is non-refillable and is for a patient undergoing a surgical procedure at a licensed healthcare facility.
   • There is a period of time when use of the CSMD is suspended or the Internet is not operational.
   • The drug is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, providing the quantity is limited to an amount adequate to treat the non-human patient for a maximum of 48 hours.
   • The Controlled Substance Database Advisory Committee determines a particular controlled substance presents low potential for abuse.

Q. When must I start using the database?
A. Prescribers are encouraged to start as soon as possible helping to improve patient safety more quickly. The law, however, specifies some key dates.
   • Prescribers who are required by law to register (those who have a DEA number and provide direct care to patients in Tennessee for more than 15 calendar days per year) must do so by January 1, 2013. The requirement to check the data base goes into effect April 1, 2013.
   • After Jan. 1, 2013, new prescribers must register within 30 days of notification of licensure.
   • After Jan. 1, 2012, dispensers must begin reporting prescriptions to the CSMD every 7 days for their controlled substances dispensed within the previous 7 days.

Q. Where do I register?
A. www.tncsmd.com

Q. Who do I contact for problems encountered?
A. The HELP desk 1-615-253-1305

CSMD Registration

CSMD FAQ
http://health.state.tn.us/boards/Controlledsubstance/faq.shtml