

SafeScript

Victoria's Real-Time Prescription Monitoring System

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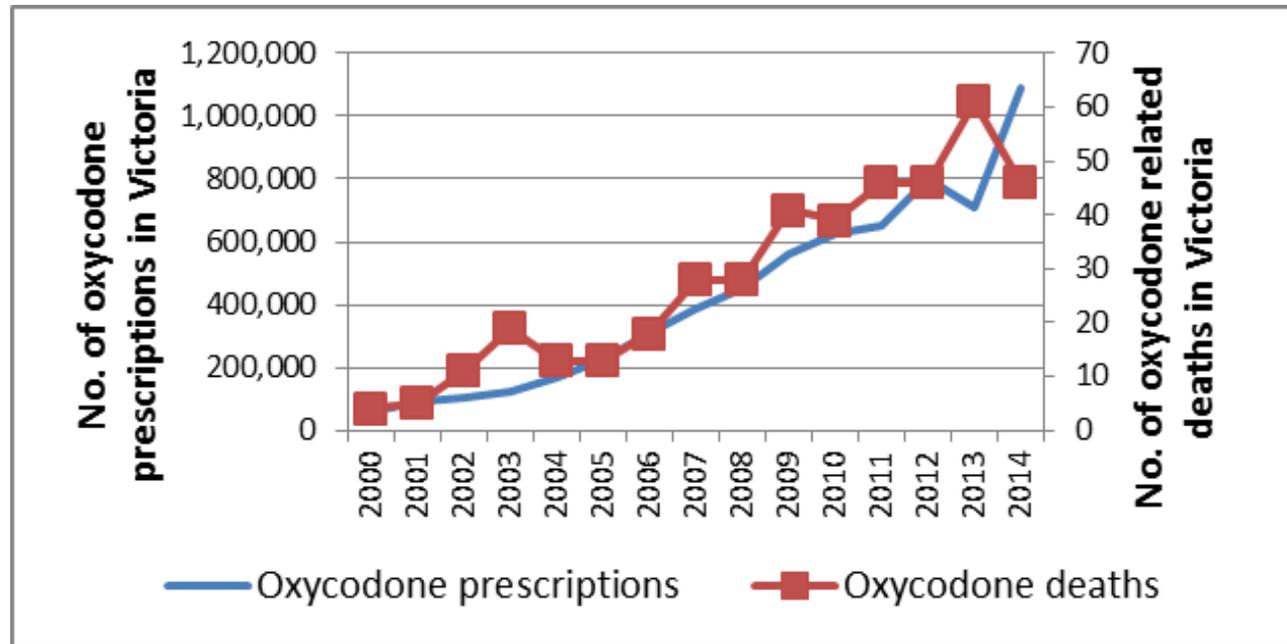
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Why Victoria needs SafeScript

Deaths in Victoria	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Prescription medicines	274	303	312	316	356	381	414
Illicit drugs	150	130	163	164	227	263	271
Road toll	287	282	243	248	252	290	258



- 35 coronial findings since 2012 where Coroners have called for a monitoring system in Victoria.
- All key health and consumer organisations strongly advocate a monitoring system.

What is SafeScript and why is it important

What is SafeScript

- Computer software helping you to identify patients at risk of harm from high-risk medicines
- Quick and easy to use with minimal interruption to clinical workflow
 - Colour-coded pop-ups to your desktop to notify you of information in SafeScript when integrated with clinical software

Why is it important

- Previously doctors and pharmacists had no visibility of their patient's prescription history when it was shared across doctors and/or pharmacies
- The nature of primary care today means that it is not uncommon for patients to see more than one doctor or pharmacist

SafeScript in patient care

- Important that clinicians continue to provide appropriate ongoing care for patients identified as at risk, and seek support from specialist or referral services when necessary

SafeScript statistics on uptake

Over 13,000 clinicians are now registered for SafeScript (35%)

- 59% Pharmacists
- 33% Nurse Practitioners
- 28% Medical Practitioners

Almost 4000 active SafeScript users weekly

- Average of 1392 SafeScript users each weekday

SafeScript detected 9,500 patients on doses over 100mg MED in June

- Assist clinicians in identifying circumstances where patients have been taking high Morphine Equivalent Doses (MED)

Current priorities of SafeScript with health services

- Work is in progress with hospital pharmacy software vendors PharmHos (Merlin) and DXC (iPharmacy)
 - Connecting to Prescription Exchange Service (PES), allowing discharge and outpatient data from hospital pharmacies to be transmitted into SafeScript
 - Working on integrated workflow for pharmacists in hospitals, featuring pop-up notifications, assisting clinicians to identify alerts in SafeScript
- SafeScript integration with Electronic Medical Records (EMR)

Communications assisting clinicians in using SafeScript

SafeScript podcasts

- Partnership with Dr Lynn Weekes and NPS MedicineWise to develop a series of SafeScript podcasts
- Will be used as a platform to:
 - Build confidence in using information in SafeScript to intervene when patients are at risk of harm
 - Reinforce knowledge about evidence-based practice
 - Extend education from the SafeScript training
- Featuring guest interviews with GPs, pharmacists and specialists in the fields of pain, addiction and psychiatry
- Provide real examples and case studies



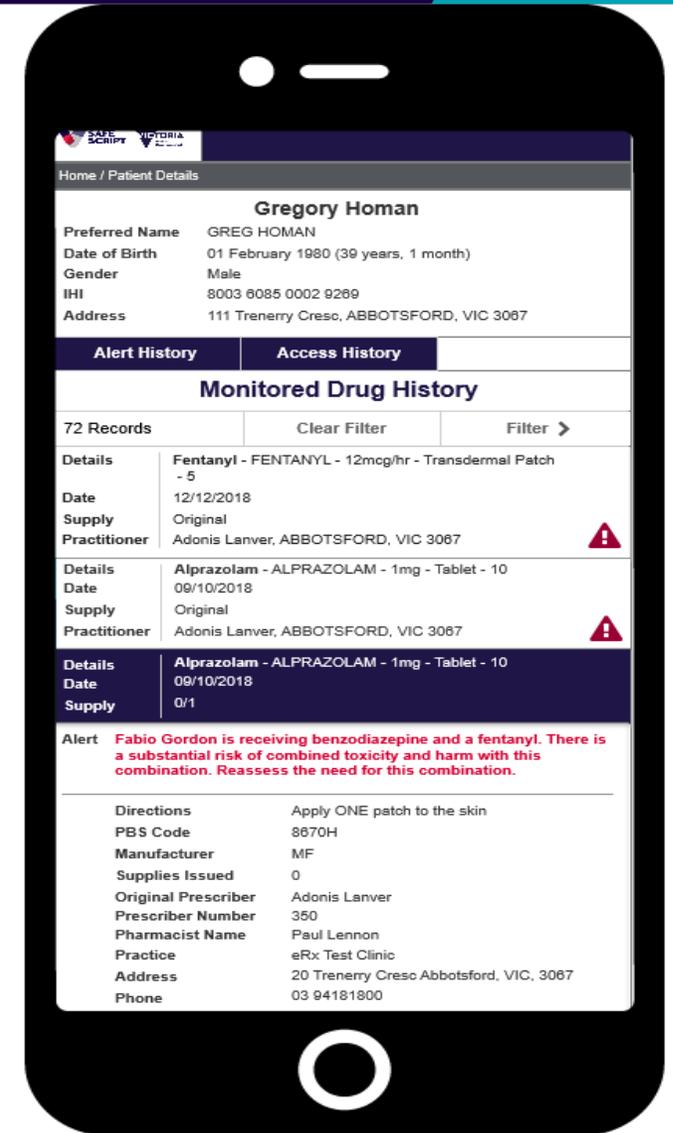
Other developments improving ease of use

SafeScript is now mobile

- Clinicians can now access SafeScript on their mobile device: mobile.safescript.vic.gov.au
 - Includes prescription history, alerts and prescriber and pharmacy details
- Particularly useful when a desktop computer is not available

User feedback enhancement

- Listened to feedback from prescribers to make the supply column even easier to interpret



Commonwealth and other states update on RTPM

Commonwealth - National Data Exchange

- Commonwealth and States and Territories committed to a national system, National Data Exchange (NDE), developed by Fred IT and based on SafeScript's design
- Victoria is working with the Commonwealth and other states on data sharing between jurisdictions

For more information



Access SafeScript now at: www.safescript.vic.gov.au

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