

DEAR PATIENT,

Our office participates in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for controlled dangerous substances (CDS), and has access to your medical records through the CRISP portal.



Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients, or CRISP, is a HIPAA compliant regional health information exchange (HIE) service operating in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Health Information Exchange, or HIE, is a way of instantly and securely sharing health information among approved doctors' offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, and other health organizations. HIE allows delivery of health information to authorized users, providing safer, more timely, efficient, patient-centered care.

The CRISP HIE allows the doctors and nurses treating you in a hospital or doctor's office to access your medical history. For example, doctors can review recent lab results whether the test was conducted at your primary care provider, at the hospital, or at participating labs across the State (participant Maryland and DC facilities only).

If you choose to opt-out of participation in the HIE, treating providers will not be able to search your health information via CRISP.

CRISP also provides access to prescription information from participating prescribers and dispensers as part of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Please note that public health reporting, in accordance with the law, as well as controlled dangerous substances, as part of the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring program, will continue to be available through the HIE to licensed providers if you decide to opt-out.

You can choose to opt-out of the HIE in several ways:

1. Go to: <https://connect.crisphealth.org/> to opt-out on CRISP secure website
2. Call 1-877-952-7477
3. Fax your completed form to 443-817-9587 (to download form go to: https://crisphealth.org/Portals/0/Optout%20Form%20English%201_16.pdf)
4. Mail your completed form to: CRISP
7160 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

The Metropolitan Neurosurgery Group
1010 Wayne Avenue, Ste. 420, Silver Spring, MD 20910
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Dear patient, please note that:

In alignment with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) administered by Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA), CDS (controlled dangerous substances) dispensers, including pharmacies and healthcare practitioners, are now required to electronically report information on drugs dispensed to patients in Maryland through CRISP.

PDMP is applied nationwide and CRISP registration became mandatory in Maryland effective October 2016.

Accordingly, going forward, our office will implement the following when prescribing drugs containing CDS schedule II-V (including but not limited to narcotics and benzodiazepines):

1. Prescriptions for the above class of medications require a concomitant and comprehensive assessment done by the prescribing physician, thus it can only be issued during IN PERSON office visits. No prescriptions can be mailed, faxed, or called in to pharmacy or prescribed over the phone.
2. To ensure that it will be captured by CRISP, we ask all our out of state patients to please fill in prescriptions issued by our office in the state of Maryland. No prescription will be written for out of state use.
3. Proper documentation requiring patient's signature will be obtained and kept on record for each such prescription.
4. In case long term treatment is anticipated, initial prescriptions will be followed by referrals to specialists who can take over long term management (e.g. pain management physicians, neurologists, PCP, etc).

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,
Metropolitan Neurosurgery Group*

Patient's Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____