

## Top Opioid Prescriber in Each Specialty– Kentucky and Indiana

Specialty	Kentucky		Indiana		Difference KY – IN
	Prescriber with Highest # Rx	City	Prescriber with Highest # Rx	City	
Allergy/Immunology	855	Ashland	142	Lafayette	713
Anesthesiology	13,382	Lexington	5,026	South Bend	8356
Cardiac Electrophysiology	98	Pikeville	46	Crown Point	52
Cardiac Surgery	99	Lexington	203	Fort Wayne	104
Cardiology	920	Bowling Green	468	Indianapolis	452
Certified Nurse Specialist	134	Whitley City	2,058	Mishawaka	1924
Colorectal Surgery	104	Lexington	157	Indianapolis	53
Critical Care/ Intensivist	19	Louisville	389	Valparaiso	370
Dentist	222	McDowell	155	South Bend	67
Dermatology	383	Lexington	367	Carmel	16
Diagnostic Radiology	44	Lexington	180	Carmel	136
Emergency Medicine	3,115	Somerset	1,063	Indianapolis	2052
Endocrinology	339	Benton	120	Munster	219
Family Medicine	240	Louisville	42	Michigan City	198
Family Practice	7,596	Lexington	3,037	Sullivan	4559
Gastroenterology	699	Barbourville	309	Indianapolis	390
General Practice	4,595	Hazard	1,048	Greentown	3547
General Surgery	515	Pineville	274	South Bend	241
Geriatric Medicine	1,810	Shepherdsville	1,839	Indianapolis	29
Gynecology/Oncology	104	Louisville	166	Mishawaka	62
Hand Surgery	306	Lexington	270	Indianapolis	36
Hematology	246	Crestview Hills	188	Muncie	58
Hematology/Oncology	718	Hazard	918	Indianapolis	200
Hospice & Palliative Care	636	Louisville	73	Indianapolis	563
Infectious Disease	178	Pikeville	236	Bloomington	58
Internal Medicine	5,170	Louisville	5,749	Beech Grove	579
Interventional Pain Mngmt.	12,850	Louisville	5,378	Evansville	7472
Maxillofacial Surgery	276	Mt. Sterling	253	Fort Wayne	23
Medical Oncology	434	Lexington	328	Mishawaka	106
Nephrology	254	Louisville	393	Bedford	139
Neurological Surgery	40	Lexington			40
Neurology	2,071	Hopkinsville	1,526	Lebanon	545
Neuropsychiatry	19	Louisville	275	Lafayette	256
Neurosurgery	3,745	Lexington	549	Fort Wayne	3196
Nurse Practitioner	3,248	Prestonsburg	3,868	Fort Wayne	620
Obstetrics/Gynecology	274	Grethel	74	Hobart	200
Ophthalmology	143	Lexington	284	Indianapolis	141

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Optometry	19	Morehead	11	Salem	8
Oral & Maxofacial Surgery	91	Henderson	117	Elkhart	26
Oral Surgery	358	Bowling Green	413	Bloomington	55
Orthopedic Surgery	1,246	Lexington	1,149	Columbus	97
Orthopedic Surgery	111	Lexington	158	Evansville	47
Osteopathic Medicine	1,098	Monticello	451	Orleans	647
Otolaryngology	326	Campbellsville	443	Michigan City	117
Pain Management	10,136	Louisville	6,246	Lafayette	3890
Pathology	17	Bowling Green			17
Pediatric Medicine	575	Middlesboro	1,137	Indianapolis	562
Physical Medicine & Rehab.	4,616	Lexington	4,107	Indianapolis	509
Physician Assistant	520	Owensboro	1,933	Mishawaka	1413
Plastic & Reconstruct. Surg.	121	Louisville	3,585	Bunker Hill	3464
Plastic Surgery	21	Lexington	50	Carmel	29
Podiatry	341	Crestview Hills	308	Terre Haute	33
Preventive Medicine	989	Beaver Dam	167	Butler	822
Psychiartry & Neurology	194	Louisville	71	Anderson	123
Psychiatry	59	Henderson	718	Carmel	659
Pulmonary Disease	1,067	Jackson	572	Lawrenceburg	495
Radiation Oncology	110	Louisville	91	Lafayette	19
Rheumatology	1,957	Crestview Hills	3,162	Indianapolis	1205
Sports Medicine	282	Louisville	119	Elkhart	163
Student	66	Louisville	195	Indianapolis	129
Surgical Oncology	128	Louisville	16	Goshen	112
Thoracic Surgery	182	Lexington	202	Fort Wayne	20
Urology	405	Lexington	354	Indianapolis	51
Vascular Surgery	394	Bowling Green	233	Indianapolis	161

**Comments:**

- The number of opioid prescriptions by the highest prescriber in each Medicare-designated specialty is listed for each state. Green highlight indicates top-10.
- All opioids with the strings \*cod\*, \*morph\*, fentanyl, and meperidine are included.
- Tramadol not included.
- The absolute difference in the specialty maximums between the two states is a measure of practice variation, largely due to a small number of prescribers. Red highlight indicates top-10.
- Data from Medicare Part-D Database for 2013
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