

## Opioid Prescription in Part-D Medicare 2014 by Specialty.

Specialty	Opioid Claim Count	Number of Practitioners	Avg. Opioid Prescribing Rate	Avg. Opioid Rx per Specialist
Family Practice	21,583,541	106,429	6.0%	203
Internal Medicine	18,695,882	130,803	5.1%	143
Nurse Practitioner	6,406,456	109,138	9.0%	59
Physician Assistant	4,768,477	74,902	18.9%	64
Orthopedic Surgery	3,427,511	21,346	50.5%	161
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	2,921,082	8,083	33.3%	361
Anesthesiology	2,578,446	7,798	29.4%	331
Emergency Medicine	2,525,493	44,973	23.8%	56
Interventional Pain Management	2,403,269	1,906	53.8%	1,261
Pain Management	1,801,365	1,687	51.6%	1,068
General Practice	1,534,794	10,767	6.8%	143
Rheumatology	1,460,455	4,417	10.8%	331
Dentist	1,111,648	127,435	17.5%	9
Neurology	1,070,282	13,233	4.6%	81
General Surgery	968,485	23,330	37.5%	42
Hematology/Oncology	824,396	8,014	12.5%	103
Geriatric Medicine	517,141	1,898	5.3%	272
Urology	466,222	10,711	5.5%	44
Neurosurgery	402,767	4,085	43.5%	99
Podiatry	377,165	15,079	15.2%	25
Oral Surgery (dentists only)	367,944	5,597	35.6%	66
Cardiology	321,942	22,766	0.8%	14
Nephrology	307,693	8,084	2.4%	38
Student in an Organized Health Care Education/Training F	269,348	45,329	13.8%	6
Medical Oncology	250,088	2,823	12.7%	89
Obstetrics/Gynecology	170,714	36,025	4.3%	5
Pulmonary Disease	195,843	9,007	1.4%	22
Otolaryngology	191,729	10,308	8.9%	19
Psychiatry	174,325	25,858	0.6%	7
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	155,825	4,634	37.0%	34
Gastroenterology	138,553	12,916	1.5%	11
Infectious Disease	134,453	4,980	2.3%	27
Vascular Surgery	127,084	2,782	25.9%	46
Pediatric Medicine	106,378	13,734	1.9%	8
Dermatology	104,519	12,537	2.6%	8
Hand Surgery	114,282	1,254	60.1%	91
Ophthalmology	93,483	19,587	1.6%	5
Maxillofacial Surgery	101,413	1,217	37.0%	83
Radiation Oncology	92,229	4,398	22.3%	21
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine	78,956	680	18.4%	116
Endocrinology	62,553	5,446	0.5%	11
Specialist	52,424	4,081	4.9%	13
Thoracic Surgery	54,180	1,819	29.0%	30
Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	51,622	2,654	5.1%	19
Colorectal Surgery (formerly proctology)	48,406	1,333	23.4%	36
Orthopaedic Surgery	45,999	2,575	39.0%	18
Sports Medicine	45,641	622	38.7%	73
Hospice and Palliative Care	45,378	522	31.3%	87
Preventive Medicine	44,467	1,183	7.6%	38
Hematology	43,758	706	12.1%	62
Psychiatry & Neurology	29,395	13,632	0.6%	2
Cardiac Surgery	41,046	1,330	22.5%	31
Gynecological/Oncology	34,942	948	19.7%	37

Diagnostic Radiology	27,760	4,993	5.8%	6
Optometry	2,529	26,761	0.1%	0
Allergy/Immunology	20,781	3,941	0.5%	5
Addiction Medicine	24,334	167	14.8%	146
Pharmacist	18,665	5,848	0.8%	3
Registered Nurse	22,394	1,199	4.7%	19
Family Medicine	22,241	628	6.6%	35
Surgical Oncology	20,234	709	39.2%	29
Critical Care (Intensivists)	19,278	1,379	6.6%	14
Cardiac Electrophysiology	15,644	1,510	1.7%	10
CRNA	15,678	621	7.2%	25
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	15,722	310	35.3%	51
Neuropsychiatry	13,559	2,307	0.8%	6
Multispecialty Clinic/Group Practice	10,301	80	14.2%	129
Interventional Radiology	8,696	586	19.0%	15
Neurological Surgery	8,429	570	22.7%	15
Plastic Surgery	8,025	945	24.8%	8
Clinic/Center	6,621	286	4.4%	23
Pathology	4,865	1,348	1.9%	4
Hospitalist	5,185	633	4.1%	8
Legal Medicine	4,516	242	4.3%	19
Certified Nurse Midwife	2,481	2,208	0.5%	1
Unknown Physician Specialty Code	4,165	103	15.1%	40
Naturopath	3,277	674	3.9%	5
Chiropractic	2,971	502	2.0%	6
Surgery	2,547	322	22.6%	8
Nuclear Medicine	2,634	204	2.0%	13
Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, Sports Medicine	2,611	69	11.5%	38
Personal Emergency Response Attendant	2,384	122	6.9%	20
Licensed Practical Nurse	2,091	163	1.2%	13
General Acute Care Hospital	1,718	403	7.5%	4
Physical Therapist	1,578	372	3.0%	4
Counselor	747	725	1.5%	1
Thoracic Surgery (Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery)	1,124	309	7.5%	4
Peripheral Vascular Disease	1,275	66	11.0%	19
Medical Genetics, Ph.D. Medical Genetics	1,258	54	3.0%	23
Rehabilitation Agency	1,173	30	6.0%	39
Sleep Medicine	953	185	1.5%	5
Case Manager/Care Coordinator	906	83	1.8%	11
Driver	633	2	1.0%	317
Obstetrics & Gynecology	758	117	11.3%	6
Psychologist (billing independently)	505	335	1.4%	2
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	405	344	1.8%	1
Health Maintenance Organization	684	22	0.9%	31
Colon & Rectal Surgery	602	83	22.8%	7
Independent Medical Examiner	471	43	5.8%	11
Acupuncturist	349	157	2.2%	2
Geriatric Psychiatry	320	176	0.2%	2
Clinical Psychologist	282	212	2.7%	1
Point of Service	396	5	4.8%	79
Speech Language Pathologist	301	124	2.7%	2
Psychologist	178	200	1.8%	1
Midwife	133	186	0.1%	1
Hospital (Dmercs Only)	183	107	1.0%	2
Community Health Worker	244	28	0.1%	9
Clinical Pharmacology	242	15	1.6%	16
Rehabilitation Practitioner	216	47	5.7%	5
Contractor	190	46	0.5%	4

Radiology	80	135	1.4%	1
Military Health Care Provider	164	48	13.4%	3
Chronic Disease Hospital	188	14	4.1%	13
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	155	26	16.9%	6
Clinical Neuropsychologist	158	16	3.4%	10
Interventional Cardiology	33	145	0.1%	0
Nursing Facility, Other (Dmercs Only)	124	3	23.9%	41
Marriage & Family Therapist	64	103	0.9%	1
Unknown Supplier/Provider	139	19	3.3%	7
Occupational therapist	21	143	0.3%	0
Preferred Provider Organization	121	17	9.2%	7
Denturist	114	5	47.7%	23
Religious Nonmedical Nursing Personnel	116	7	6.0%	17
Registered Dietician/Nutrition Professional	68	68	4.1%	1
Homeopath	88	13	9.7%	7
Social Worker	23	82	1.3%	0
Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate	80	6	11.1%	13
Assistant, Podiatric	73	5	56.0%	15
Audiologist (billing independently)	46	45	2.7%	1
Behavioral Analyst	48	32	2.8%	2
Ambulatory Surgical Center	54	23	15.1%	2
Emergency Medical Technician, Basic	54	20	7.5%	3
Military Hospital	60	9	8.6%	7
Psychoanalyst	13	62	0.1%	0
Slide Preparation Facility	52	12	2.7%	4
Specialist/Technologist	32	30	4.2%	1
Dental Hygienist	35	22	1.4%	2
Respite Care	36	2	0.2%	18
Spec/Tech, Cardiovascular	27	1	8.9%	27
Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	41	8	4.1%	5
Massage Therapist	17	33	1.9%	1
Optician	35	11	4.9%	3
Specialist/Technologist, Other	13	32	3.2%	0
Health Educator	24	9	3.7%	3
Anesthesiologist Assistants	13	22	4.4%	1
Technician/Technologist	21	10	1.7%	2
Electrodiagnostic Medicine	21	4	2.2%	5
Exclusive Provider Organization	19	8	5.8%	2
Pharmacy	12	14	1.4%	1
Rehabilitation Counselor	13	5	5.2%	3
Grand Total	80,282,426	1,072,576	12.1%	75

Data from Medicare.

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