

FAQ: Understanding Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) Dosing Data on KASPER Reports

This FAQ is designed to help providers interpret NTP data on KASPER reports and avoid misinterpretation when caring for patients enrolled in treatment programs.

1. Why do patient doses appear on the KASPER report so frequently at times?

Patients in NTPs may receive daily dosing during treatment. This is why you may see multiple entries close together. Some patients may be given take-home doses or not as many doses, resulting in fewer entries. Take-home medication decisions are determined by a variety of factors unique to each patient.

2. Why does the dose sometimes increase or decrease?

Dose adjustments are a routine part of individualized treatment. They are based on clinical decisions to support recovery. There are many factors that can influence these changes, and they are not necessarily a cause for concern.

3. How is NTP dosing different from pharmacy prescriptions?

The main difference is that in NTPs, patients often take their medication on-site under supervision. Take-home medication decisions are determined by a variety of factors unique to each patient. Otherwise, NTP medications function like any other treatment for a medical condition.

4. What if I have questions about a patient's medication or dose?

If you have clinical questions or need clarification about a specific patient's dosing, please call the NTP directly.

5. Where can I learn more about MOUD?

For more information about MOUD, visit:

- **SAMHSA:** [Medications for Substance Use Disorder Information](#)
- **University of Kentucky/CECentral:** [Educational Presentation "Bridging Data and Recovery"](#)