Does Florida have a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program?

Yes. The Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, known as E-FORCSE, encourages safer prescribing of controlled substances and one of its goals is to reduce drug abuse and diversion within the state of Florida. The database collects and stores prescribing and dispensing data for controlled substances in Schedules II, III, and IV. The purpose of the PDMP is to provide the information that is collected in the database to health care practitioners to guide their decisions in prescribing and dispensing these highly abused prescription drugs.

Florida law requires health care practitioners to report to the PDMP each time a controlled substance is dispensed to an individual.

Does Florida have a Pain Clinic Registration Act? Are there specific standards for pain clinics on drug testing?

Yes. Florida has a Pain Clinic Registration Act, which requires registration, inspection, and accreditation of all pain clinics. Both the Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine publish a set of standards for the registration of pain clinics. These Boards each have a set of specific standards associated with prescribing controlled substances to treat pain, and these standards refer generally to the role of clinical drug testing in pain management. Both Boards also have their own training requirement for those practicing in pain clinics, mandating education on drug testing and its role in management this patient population.

Does Florida have guidance on Office Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction? Do these materials make reference to drug testing as part of the patient treatment plan?

Yes. The Florida E-FORCSE website contains a link to the FSMB Model Policy on the Office Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction. This document contains several references to the role of clinical drug testing in the treatment of opioid addiction. The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine publishes a specific standard using the FSMB Model Policy on Opioid Addiction as a basis for the same.

Quick Links & Resources

Florida Materials
Florida Prescription Monitoring Program (E-FORCSE)
http://www.floridahealth.gov/reports-and-data/e-forcse/

Link to laws and rules governing E-FORCSE
https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=64K-1

Quick Reference Guide (Registration)

Quick Reference Guide (Using Reports)

Florida Board of Medicine
http://flboardofmedicine.gov/

Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine
http://floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/

Link on E-FORCSE site to American Medical Association CME program on evaluating risk associated with controlled substance prescribing (Free program)

Link on E-FORCSE site to Massachusetts Medical Society to CME Programs

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On the Horizon

Florida is a volatile state for pain-related legislation. While no pain-related legislation is pending currently in Florida, practitioners should check the Medical Board’s website periodically to ensure they remain current with changes to pain management rules and regulations.
Role of Clinical Drug Testing in the Management of Patients on Chronic Opioid Therapy

Brief Summary
Florida has long faced a battle with prescription drug abuse and diversion, and its professional licensing boards, as well as law enforcement community and other state agencies, work together to address the problem. Florida’s E-FORCSE prescription data monitoring program is robust, and the E-FORCSE website contains a great deal of useful information for Florida practitioners, including links to outside education on the use of controlled substances to treat pain and risk mitigation in this patient population. Florida practitioners may wish to use the educational links on the E-FORCSE website to obtain necessary continuing medical education credits on pain treatment and controlled substance risk management, including the role of clinical drug testing.

Specific References to Clinical Drug Testing
Both the Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine each have three separate sets of standards impacting the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain, pain clinic registration, and professional training associated with practice in a pain clinic. The table below illustrates the references within these standards to clinical drug testing.

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