

**The Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) External Registries Management team collaborates with other VA clinical program offices and Public Health Registries to send/receive VA Patient electronic health information between federal and state/jurisdictional registries via national gateway platforms. This allows VA to report to and/or query public health registries including the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), Immunization (IZ) Gateway Program, Syndromic Surveillance Reporting (SSR) and Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR). These programs provide a more complete understanding of the patient's health status which gives VA and non-VA providers the ability to provide better patient care coordination.**

\*NOTE: The VHIE Program Office is a Business Facilitator for the IZ Gateway program and supports the PDMP query program. The Business Owner for the IZ Gateway Program is the Office of Population Health. The Business Owner for the PDMP query program is Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and PDMP (PMOP).

### **VHA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**

The VA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) works with state/jurisdictional PDMP databases to reduce prescription misuse and improve communication between the VA Patient and their care team.

### **Immunization (IZ) Gateway Program**

The Immunization (IZ) Gateway Program facilitates the timely exchange of VA Patient immunization data between VA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state/jurisdictional immunization registries to support improved VA Patient care coordination, consolidation of records, provider efficiency and patient safety.

### **Syndromic Surveillance Reporting (SSR)**

Syndromic Surveillance Reporting (SSR) transmits information to the CDC National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) for use by public health officials to detect and monitor health events that affect various population groups.

### **Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR)**

Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) enables VA to electronically report mandated lab data for communicable/reportable diseases to state and local public health authorities for public health monitoring. Receiving timely, accurate, complete, and consistent laboratory reports can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of public health responses to pandemic outbreaks or other large scale health events.

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