



State Medical Board of Ohio



CTR Physician Annual Report 2020



OVERVIEW

House Bill 523, effective on September 8, 2016, legalized medical marijuana in Ohio. The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program allows patients with certain medical conditions, upon the recommendation of an Ohio-licensed physician certified by the State Medical Board, to purchase and use medical marijuana.

Three state government agencies are responsible for the operation of Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program:

State Medical Board of Ohio

The State Medical Board of Ohio is responsible for certifying physicians to recommend and approving additional qualifying conditions.

Ohio Department of Commerce

The Ohio Department of Commerce is responsible for overseeing medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories.

State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is responsible for overseeing medical marijuana retail dispensaries, the registration of medical marijuana patients and caregivers, the approval of new forms of medical marijuana, and coordinating the Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee.



CERTIFICATE TO RECOMMEND

Physicians who wish to recommend medical marijuana in Ohio must have an active Certificate to Recommend (CTR) from the State Medical Board of Ohio.

Eligibility for a CTR includes:

- Active, unrestricted MD or DO license
- Unprohibited access to Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS)
- Active registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Has not been denied a DEA license because of inappropriate prescribing, personally furnishing, dispensing, administering, supplying or selling a controlled substance or other dangerous drug
- Has not held a DEA or a state license that has been restricted because of inappropriate prescribing
- No disciplinary action by any licensing entity because of inappropriate prescribing
- 2 hours of CME certified by the Ohio State Medical Association or the Ohio Osteopathic Association

Regulatory Requirement

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4731.30 and Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-03, certified physicians must annually submit to the State Medical Board a report that describes the physician's observations regarding the effectiveness of medical marijuana in treating the physician's patients during this year covered by the report, not including any information that identifies the patient.



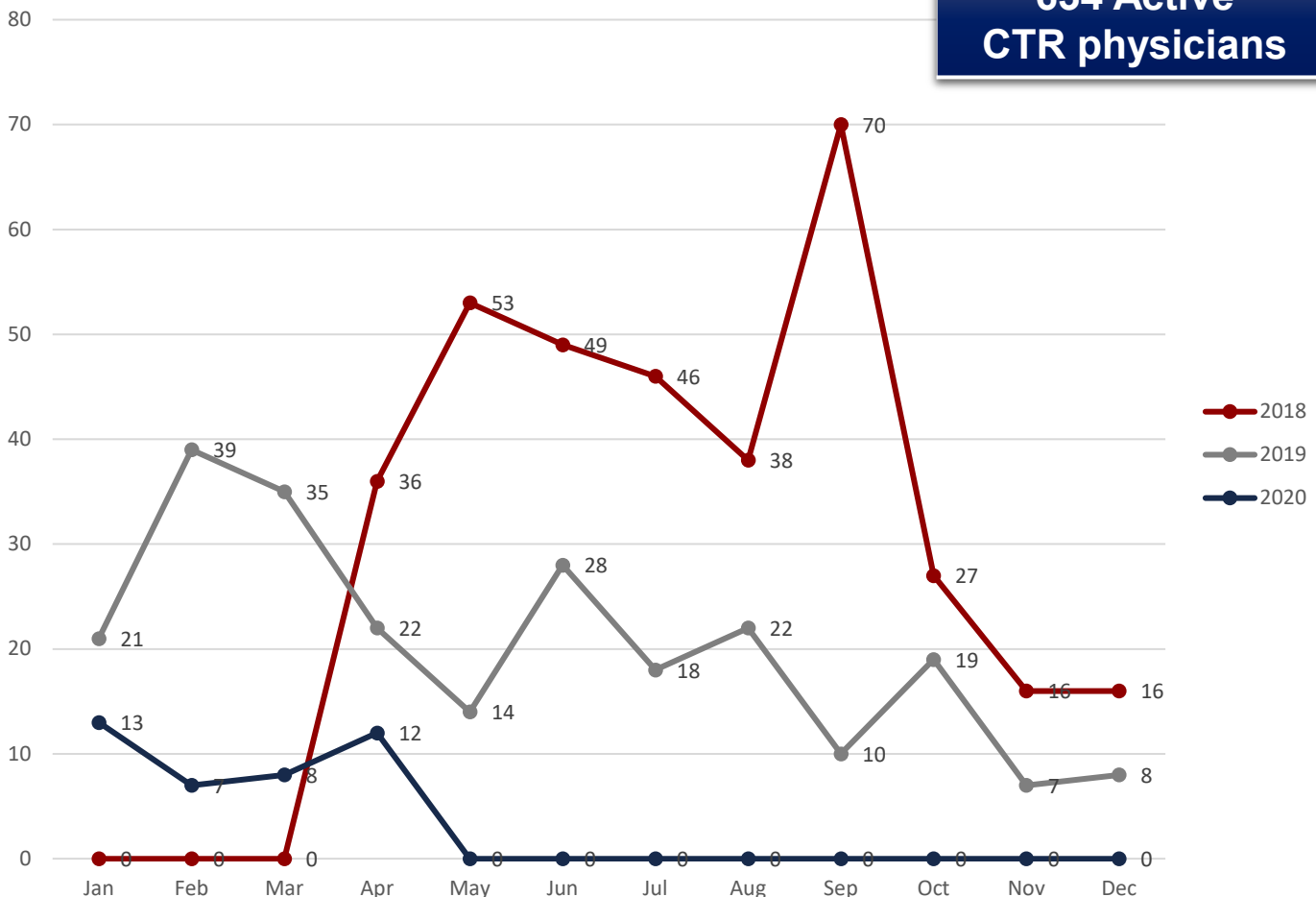
CERTIFICATE TO RECOMMEND

The State Medical Board of Ohio began issuing CTRs as part of the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program on April 11, 2018. Initially, an affirmative vote of at least six members of the board was necessary to grant a license to an applicant. This limited the issuance of CTRs to once a month.

In October 2019, Ohio's biennium budget (HB 166) became effective. One of the statutory policy changes eliminated the requirement of an affirmative vote of at least six members of the board to approve an application. With this change, the board's Secretary and Supervising Member were given the authority to approve CTR applications which allows the Licensure department to issue CTRs at a faster pace.

As of April 27, 2020, 634 physicians hold an active CTR.

Certificates to Recommend Issued by Month





SURVEY

To satisfy the statutory and rule requirement of an annual report, the Medical Board created an online survey that asked about the observed effectiveness of medical marijuana on patients. Between March 4 and April 22, 2020, the Medical Board emailed the survey to each physician with an active CTR. A link to the survey was also included in the March and April CTR newsletters.

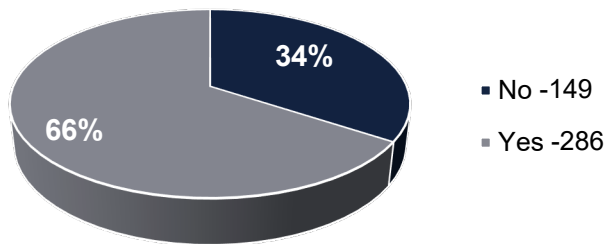
In total, 435 physicians with a CTR responded.

***Please note: Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Medical Board recognized physicians' ability to provide a timely response may be impacted and did not penalize physicians who did not complete the survey.**

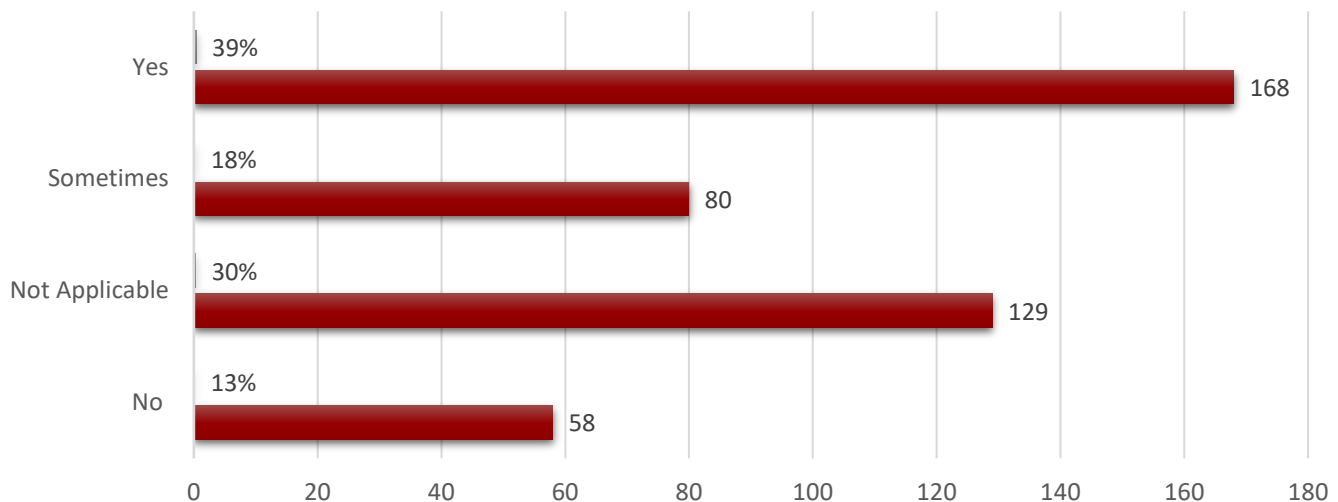


SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1) Have you made any medical marijuana recommendations?



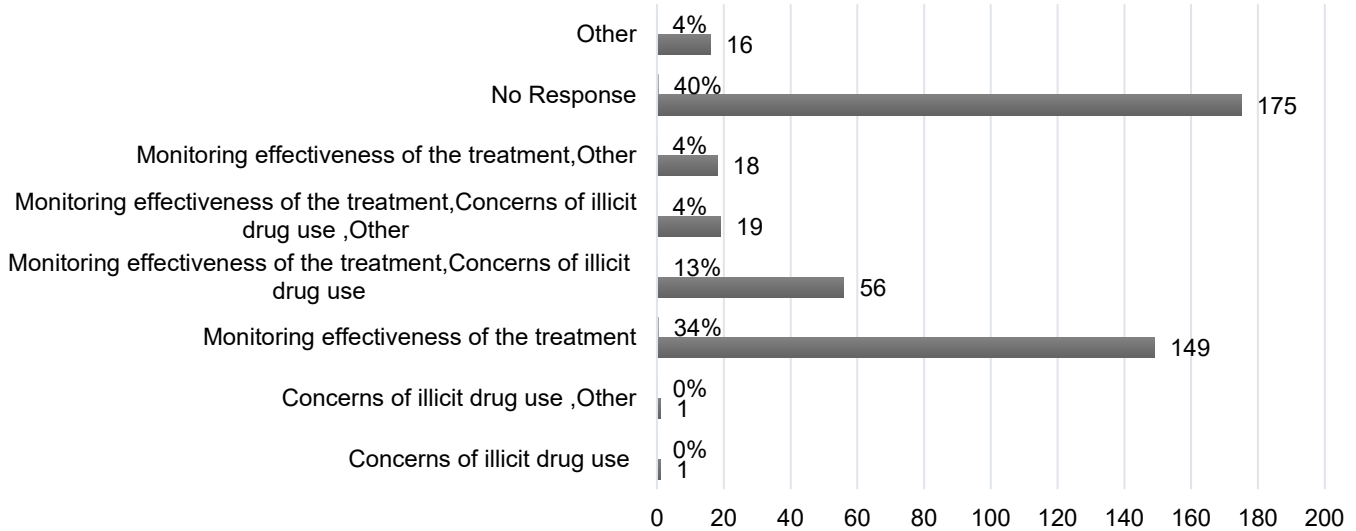
Question 2) Ohio Administrative Code 4731-32-03(E) states that the physician recommending treatment with medical marijuana shall be available to provide follow-up care and treatment to the patient, including physical examinations relevant to the patient's condition. Do you require your medical marijuana patients to have an in-person appointment more than once per year?





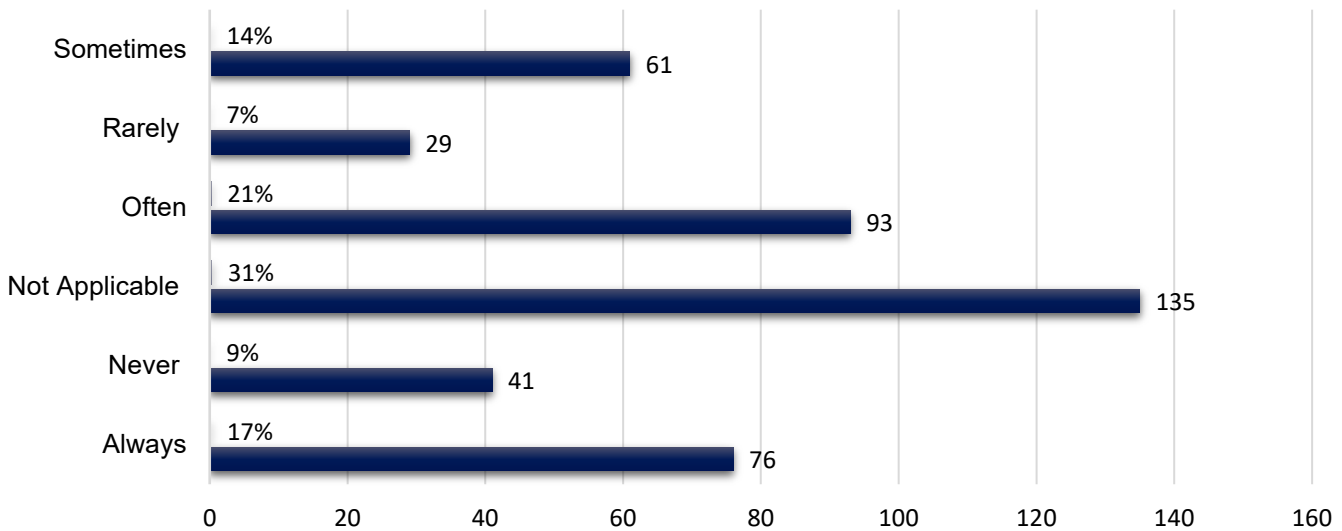
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Question 3) If you answered "Yes" or "Sometimes" to question 2, please select the reason below. Check all that apply.



*All fields left blank by respondent were categorized as "No Response."

Question 4) According to 4731-32-03 (B) (11) a physician may confirm a previously diagnosed qualifying condition made by an Ohio licensed physician, if certain conditions are met. How often do you make a recommendation based on a confirmed diagnosis of a qualifying condition made by another physician instead of making the original diagnosis?





SURVEY RESULTS

Questions 5 – 25) In your observations, how satisfied are you with the effectiveness of medical marijuana in treating [qualifying condition]?

The percentages below represent the combined ratings of the physician’s responses. Response options included satisfied, very satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, very dissatisfied and not applicable.

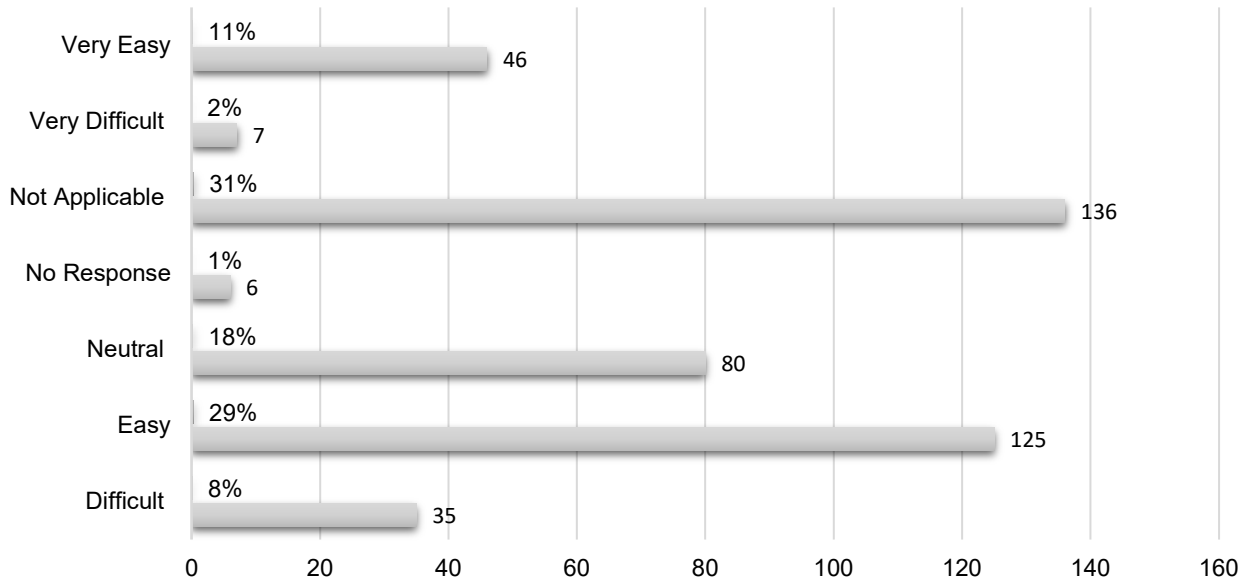
Qualifying Condition	Satisfied/ Very Satisfied	Dissatisfied/ Very Dissatisfied
Pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable	61%	1%
Fibromyalgia	52%	2%
Cancer	50%	1%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	49%	<1%
Inflammatory bowel disease	41%	1%
Multiple sclerosis	40%	1%
Crohn’s disease	39%	1%
Ulcerative colitis	39%	<1%
Spinal cord disease or injury	38%	1%
Epilepsy or another seizure disorder	37%	1%
Traumatic brain injury	33%	1%
Parkinson’s disease	30%	<1%
Hepatitis C	24%	1%
Glaucoma	21%	2%
Alzheimer’s disease	20%	2%
Chronic traumatic encephalopathy	20%	2%
Tourette’s syndrome	20%	<1%
Positive status for HIV	18%	1%
AIDS	17%	2%
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	11%	1%
Sickle cell anemia	11%	<1%

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Question 26) How would you describe the level of difficulty of navigating the Patient & Caregiver Registry?



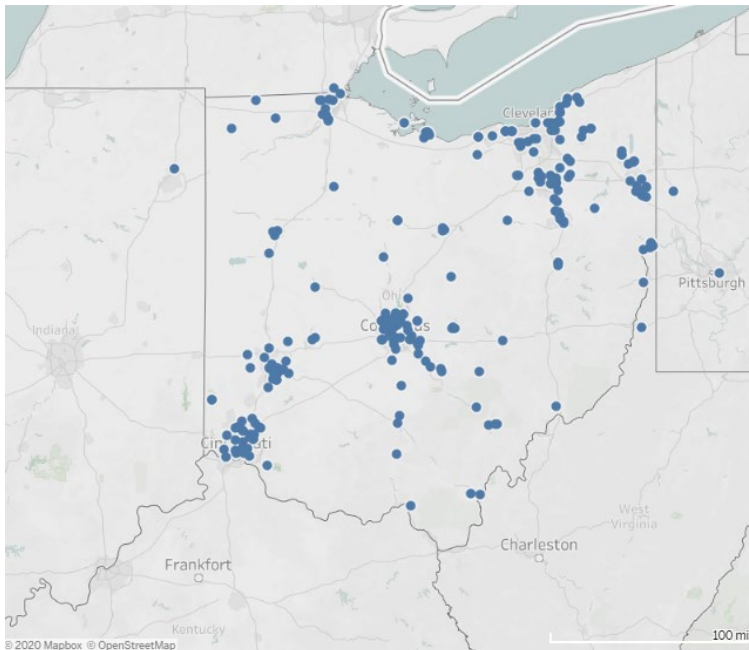
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RESOURCES

Physicians with an Active Certificate to Recommend Medical Marijuana

The search map feature is the primary resource for locating the physicians with a CTR because each physician on the map has indicated they are actively making recommendations and provided their preferred practice address in the survey. The search map feature can be found at med.ohio.gov/Publications/CTR-Search.



Contact Information

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program is committed to operating a program that ensures the safety of the public and access to a safe medical product. For more information on the program, visit: medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov.

If you have questions regarding physicians with a certificate to recommend or qualifying conditions, email the Medical Board at medicalmarijuana@med.ohio.gov.

The Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program Toll-Free Helpline responds to inquiries from patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals regarding adverse reactions to medical marijuana and provides information about available services. To contact the helpline, please dial: 1-833-4OH-MMCP (1-833-464-6627).