Controlled Substance Process When Aberrant Behavior Suspected

- **A Problem Is Suspected**
  - If not already in office, bring the patient in to evaluate.
  - Schedule office visit. Perform and update as needed. Drug screen, Pill Count, and OARRS

- **Is the urine drug screen abnormal?**
  - Yes: Document results of all findings.
  - No: Does screen indicate presence of controlled substances not prescribed by provider or illegal substance (excluding medical marijuana)?
    - Yes: Send urine for confirmatory drug screen.
    - No: Explain to patient they must discontinue illegal use. Assess for addiction.
  - No: Is the OARRS report abnormal?
    - Yes: Report indicates the presence of substances ordered by another prescriber including medical marijuana?
      - Yes: Is this medical MJ?
        - Yes: Is prescriber going to continue prescribing?
          - Yes: Interview the patient to assess drug dependence or illegal activity.
          - No: Discontinue drug therapy and take appropriate actions based on findings. Consider dismissal from the practice.
        - No: Do you suspect misuse or diversion?
          - Yes: Offer referral to pain management or addiction specialist
          - No: Do you suspect addiction or patient admits addiction?
            - Yes: Perform drug screen, pill count, and OARRS 1x month for 3 months.
            - No: Is the pill count abnormal?
              - Yes: Low pill count/med not present in confirmatory urine drug screen
              - No: Consider discontinuing drug therapy. If continuing to prescribe, perform drug screen, pill count, and OARRS 1x mo for 3 months.
  - No: Is the prescribed med present in confirmatory test?
    - Yes: Does screen indicate presence of prescribed med?
      - Yes: Assess if patient is weaning or hoarding.
      - No: Consider discontinuing drug therapy. If continuing to prescribe, consider referral to pain management.
    - No: Is there a presence of illegal substance in the drug screen?
      - Yes: Consider discontinuing drug therapy. If continuing to prescribe, perform drug screen, pill count, and OARRS 1x month for 3 months.

**End**

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***If patient refuses drug screen, office visit, referral to specialist for SBIRT or monitoring, stop prescribing and consider dismissal***

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**All OARRS reports should be run to include contiguous states or other residential states**