

The DPV provides authorized users with secure access to the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) claims histories of ODB recipients. The ODB program provides coverage to Ontarians who are:

- 65 years of age or older
- receiving social assistance or disability benefits
- Trillium Drug Program recipients (coverage for those who have high drug costs relative to their incomes)
- residents of Long-Term Care and Homes for Special Care; or
- receiving professional services under the Home Care Program

The DPV data provides a foundation for the Best Possible Medication History, which can be developed with the patient or his / her Substitute Decision Maker (SDM).

The data in DPV is **not** a complete medication history because:

- it has not been validated (e.g. with the patient or dispenser)
- it does not reflect changes or discontinuations to drug therapy
- dose, frequency and instructions for use are not included
- the patient may not be taking their medications as prescribed
- the patient may be taking other medications (e.g. paid by other provincial or federal programs^o, paid by other insurers, paid by the client or samples)
- it does not include hospital pharmacy dispenses (e.g. inpatient or clozapine via SDP)
- the patient or their SDM, may have withdrawn consent to some or all of their claims
- It only reflects what was submitted for reimbursement under the ODB program

^o Other Provincial: Special Drugs Program (SDP), Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), and Federal: First Nations and Inuit Non-Insured Health Benefits, Military and Veterans, RCMP and Federal inmates.

Warning not as obvious in print

Sample Report:

Warning: May not reflect all medications, limited to available ODB claims						
#	Dispense Date	Generic Name, Strength & Dosage Form	Qty	Brand Name	Est. Days Supply	Claims
1	21 May 2014	VERAPAMIL HCL 240 MG LA Tab	30	Apo-Verap SR	30	1
		CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS HYPOTENSIVE DRUGS	O'NEIL, WILLIAM EARL AGENCY- RETAIL PHARM	4162547815 4169923485		
2	14 May 2014	METOPROLOL TARTRATE 50 MG Tab	90	Apo-Metoprolol	30	1
		CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS CARDIAC DRUGS	CHEN, THOMAS AGENCY- RETAIL PHARM	9056533433 9057892334		
May not reflect all medications, limited to available ODB claims Drug History As At 12 Jun 2014 Hospital Facility: XYZ General					Record 1 to 2 of 2 Period: 12 Jun 2014 – 12 Jun 2013	

Prescriber and Dispenser contact information

Key Interpretation Notes from Sample Report:

Caution extrapolating frequency from Qty and Est. Days Supply; 90 tabs of metoprolol 50 mg was filled for an est. 30 day supply. (Qty / Est. Days Supply) = 3 tabs per day. The instructions may have been 75 mg (1.5 tabs) 2 x day, 50 mg (1 tab) 3 x day or another variation.

DPV does not differentiate active or inactive medications; Instructions may have been to take both Metoprolol and Verapamil, stop one and continue other, or stop both.

Changes to medication therapy are not known; Client may have been advised alternate dosing (e.g. to decrease Metoprolol dose to 25 mg (0.5 tab) 3 x day).

Dispense Date is the date the prescription was processed at the pharmacy; it does not indicate if the medication was picked up or when/if the patient started it.
Strength is the amount of active ingredient in the drug; for topical and liquid medication it may be shown as a percentage or ratio.
Quantity may be items dispensed; for example for topical and liquid medication (e.g. methadone) it may refer to total weight or total volume of medication dispensed.
Estimated Days Supply is the estimated days of treatment based on the prescription instructions, ODB requirements and the dispenser's judgment on usage. Estimating usage accurately may not be possible for some prescriptions (e.g. PRN). Contact the dispensing pharmacy for clarification.
Claims are the number of times a prescription for the same generic drug name, strength and dosage form has been dispensed.