

Practitioners Educational Resources

Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP): The Drug Effectiveness Review Project (DERP) is a collaboration of organizations, including the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services that have joined together to obtain the best available evidence on effectiveness and safety comparisons between drugs in the same class, and to apply the information to public policy and decision making in local settings. The DERP product is a series of comprehensive, updated and unbiased systematic reviews. The purpose of the DERP reports is to make available information regarding the comparative effectiveness and safety profiles of different drugs within pharmaceutical classes. Reports are not usage guidelines, nor should they be read as an endorsement of, or recommendation for, any particular drug, use or approach. Oregon Health & Science University does not recommend or endorse any guideline or recommendation developed by users of these reports.

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Access to Pharmacy Services and Pharmaceuticals in Montana:

In 2005, Senate Bill 324, Section 2.2, directed the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to determine the status, needs, and trends of pharmaceutical use in the state. Because pharmacy services may now include clinical monitoring and treatment services in addition to dispensing services, the evaluation was expanded to include this information.

The process used to evaluate pharmacy services status, needs, and trends involved secondary analysis of existing data from individual,

state, and federal sources. Extra effort was made to identify subpopulations or areas where gaps between needs and access are most likely to occur now or in the near future. Information in the report can be divided into several categories: demographic data related to healthcare access or use, common chronic diseases, pharmaceuticals, and clinical pharmacy services not related to dispensing.

- [Access to Pharmacy Services and Pharmaceuticals in Montana](#)
- [Appendix A County Tables](#)
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Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs: Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs is a public education project of Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports. Consumers Union is an expert, independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just, and safe marketplace and to empower consumers as they buy products and services. The mission of the Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs project is to provide consumers and their doctors with information to help guide prescription drug choices—based on effectiveness, a drug's track record, safety and price.

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