



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3701.25 Parkinson's disease registry.

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(A) As used in sections 3701.25 to 3701.255 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Certified nurse practitioner" and "clinical nurse specialist" have the same meanings as in section 4723.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3722.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Parkinson's disease" means a chronic and progressive neurological disorder resulting from a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine as the consequence of specific degenerative changes in the area of the brain called the basal ganglia. It is characterized by tremor at rest, slow movements, muscle rigidity, stooped posture, and unsteady or shuffling gait.

(4) "Parkinsonisms" means conditions related to Parkinson's disease that cause a combination of the movement abnormalities seen in Parkinson's disease, such as tremor at rest, slow movement, muscle rigidity, impaired speech, or muscle stiffness, which often overlap with and can evolve from what appears to be Parkinson's disease. Examples of Parkinsonisms include:

(a) Multiple system atrophy;

(b) Dementia with Lewy bodies;

(c) Corticobasal degeneration;

(d) Progressive supranuclear palsy.

(5) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.



(6) "Physician assistant" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code to practice as a physician assistant.

(B) Within twenty-four months of the effective date of this section, the director of health shall establish and maintain a Parkinson's disease registry for the collection and monitoring of the incidence of Parkinson's disease in Ohio.

(C) The director shall supervise the registry and the collection and dissemination of data included in the registry. The director may enter into contracts, grants, or other agreements as necessary to maintain the registry, including data sharing contracts with data reporting entities and their associated electronic medical record systems vendors.

(D) Beginning on a date and at intervals determined by the director, each individual case of Parkinson's disease or a Parkinsonism diagnosed on or after the date determined by the director shall be reported to the registry in a format specified by the director by one of the following:

(1) The certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, physician, or physician assistant who diagnosed or treated the individual's Parkinson's disease or Parkinsonism;

(2) The group practice, hospital, or other health care facility that employs or contracts with the medical professional described in division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) Each medical professional or health care facility specified in division (D) of this section shall inform patients diagnosed with Parkinson's disease or a Parkinsonism at the time of diagnosis or treatment of the Parkinson's disease registry.

(F) The director or a representative of a director may inspect upon reasonable notice a representative sample of the medical records of patients with Parkinson's disease diagnosed, treated, or admitted at a group practice, hospital, or other health care facility.

(G) Each medical professional or health care facility specified in division (D) of this section who in good faith submits a Parkinson's disease report to the registry is not liable in any cause of action arising from the submission of the report.



(H) Nothing in sections 3701.25 to 3701.255 of the Revised Code shall be deemed to compel any individual to submit to any medical examination or supervision by the department of health, any of its authorized representatives, or an approved researcher.

(I) Facilities or individuals providing diagnostic or treatment services to patients with Parkinson's disease may maintain separate facility-based Parkinson's disease registries.