

BROWARD COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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(2) Your Grand Jury recommends that the Legislature change the statute's reporting requirement time from 15 days to a time that makes the program effective in eliminating doctor shopping.

(3) Your Grand Jury recommends that the Florida Legislature, the Florida Board of Medicine and/or the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine require all doctors who work at pain clinics to access and view patients' databases prior to prescribing and dispensing medication to patients.

(4) Your Grand Jury recommends that prescription drugs be prohibited from being dispensed at pain clinics, unless there is no pharmacy within 10 miles of the pain clinic.

(5) In the alternative to recommendation (4) Your Grand Jury recommends that a pain clinic be allowed to dispense only a 3 day supply of prescription drugs to patients instead of a 30 day supply.

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(8) Your Grand Jury recommends that the Legislature consider whether it is appropriate for nonphysicians to own pain clinics and whether owners of pain clinics should be physicians.

(9) Your Grand Jury recommends that a Medical Director for a pain clinic be Board Certified in pain medicine.

(10) Your Grand Jury recommends that only doctors Board Certified in Pain Medicine be allowed to dispense drugs from a pain clinic.

(11) Your Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine establish minimum qualifications and training for physicians working at pain clinics.

(12) Your Grand Jury recommends that background checks be undertaken of all owners, doctors and employees at pain clinics.

(13) Your Grand Jury recommends that pain clinics not be owned in whole or part by a person who has been convicted of or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to an offense that constitutes a felony.

(14) Your Grand Jury recommends that pain clinics not be owned, either in whole or in part, by or have any contractual relationship, whether through employment or by independent contract, with a physician who during the course of his practice has been denied the privilege of prescribing, dispensing, administering, supplying, or selling any controlled substance and who has, during the course of his practice, had board action taken against his medical license as a result of dependency on drugs or alcohol.

(15) Your Grand Jury recommends that pain clinics not be owned in whole or in part by a person who has been convicted of or who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to an offense that constitutes a misdemeanor, the facts of which relate to the distribution or illegal prescription of any narcotic.

(16) Your Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine establish standards of care for doctors employed at pain clinics that limit the number of active patients a doctor can medically treat to 100 to ensure that all patients are receiving the proper care and follow up care at the facility for their ailments.

(17) Your Grand Jury recommends that pain clinics be allowed to treat only a certain small percentage of patients residing from out of state.

(18) Your Grand Jury recommends that a future Broward County Grand Jury be empanelled prior to the March 2012 Spring Term and prior to the Program Implementation and Oversight Task Force's presentation of its final report in July 2012, to review the status of Pill Mills in South Florida, the status and effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and the rules and regulations the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine enact to regulate the pain clinics.

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