

Pill Mills – Part II: Drop-Off

One of the most common denominators of a pill mill is **multiplicity**—or a crowd. Long lines, multiple people arriving together, and multiple prescriptions for the same home address being filled are just a few examples. Let's look at these in more detail:

Multiple people arrive via the **same vehicle**.

One person picks up prescriptions for **multiple** people.

Multiple consumers have the **same address** and bring in prescriptions from the **same prescriber**.

Multiple consumers have home addresses **far from the pharmacy** and bring in prescriptions for controlled substances from the **same prescriber**.

The pharmacy usually has **long lines** and frequent prescriptions presented for **controlled substances** especially the following: **hydrocodone**, **alprazolam**, and **carisoprodol**, and any **combinations** of these drugs. These are some of the drugs most frequently implicated in misuse and abuse cases seen by emergency facilities.