

Transcript for "Pill Mill Part 2: Drop Off"

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**Narrator:** 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 take a 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.

**Graphic reads:** "Ask a pharmacist: is it a red flag if multiple people ask for the same medication?"

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**Billy Steele, RPH:** Easily. That's a red flag. Some of them nowadays are- they won't actually come in in a string, but they will maybe hit you 2 or 3 a day.

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

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**Billy Steele, RPH:** If even 2 or 3 people you never seen before come in with a similar type medication from a doctor that might not even be in the area that would clearly be a red flag.

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**Billy Steele, RPH:** As a matter of fact, I had one yesterday that came in just one person with a prescription for one of the ADD medicines for a quantity of 270. Of course, he asked me if I have it in stock, and of course I did. But I told him I didn't because, you know, I have the right not to fill a prescription that doesn't appear to be for legitimate use.

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**Narrator:** Let's examine some more red flags related to multiplicity. The pharmacy usually has long lines and frequent prescriptions presented for controlled substances, especially the following: hydrocodone, alprazolam carisoprodol, and any combination of these drugs.

**Graphic reads:** "Ask a pharmacist: which drug is most commonly asked for?"

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**Billy Steele, RPH:** Its hydrocodone ten 325. And is the yellow one. They come in wanting a specific color- that's what I tell them we don't have it as well.

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**Narrator:** These are some of the drugs most frequently implicated in misuse and abuse cases seen by emergency facilities.

**Graphic reads:** "hydrocodone, alprazolam, carisoprodol, flexeril"

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