

NABP Webinars Highlight Research on Advancing Pharmacy Practice

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NABP Offers CPE Home Study Webinars on USP Compounding Chapters and Poster Presentations

NABP has added two webinars for continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit:

- **USP Compounding Chapters: Understanding the Latest Revisions.** The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) published updates to the USP General Chapters <795> and <797> on compounding nonsterile and sterile preparations that became official on November 1, 2023. This webinar includes a brief presentation and then provides an opportunity for participants to hear questions regarding the compounding General Chapter revisions answered by members of the USP Compounding Expert Committee.
- **Poster Presentations: Framing a New Practice Mindset.** Board of pharmacy and college of pharmacy representatives share findings from projects and research related to their visions to advance pharmacy practice in furtherance of protecting the public health. Rising insulin prices, drug interactions associated with cannabis, analysis of medication errors in community pharmacies, and perspectives on pharmacist-prescribed hormonal contraceptives in South Carolina are some of the topics addressed.

Explore NABP's Webinars

CDC Program Will Test International Air Traveler Samples for Flu, RSV, and Other Respiratory Viruses

Amid the busy holiday travel season, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has expanded its **Traveler-based Genomic Surveillance program** to track different pathogens at **four major United States airports**. The infectious disease surveillance program will collect nasal swab samples from arriving international travelers at Boston Logan International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC, and John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. The samples that test positive for

SARS-CoV-2 variants, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and other respiratory viruses will be sequenced and uploaded to public databases to provide valuable information for public health officials. Participation in the program is voluntary and anonymous.

[Read the Article](#)

DEA Outlines Steps to Minimize Future Prescription Stimulant Shortages

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a letter outlining the actions the agency is taking to prevent potential prescription stimulant shortages and resolve them more quickly. Even though the agency does not manufacture drugs and cannot force a pharmaceutical company to develop a drug, increase production, or change the distribution of a drug, it can establish limits (quotas) on the amount of the drugs produced. Drug manufacturers will be required to inform DEA of their medications' production timelines prior to receiving their quota allotments, apply for quota allotments on a quarterly basis, and provide monthly digital reporting on the number of drugs being produced and shipped. They will also be asked to identify if their quota allotment is for domestic production or export production so DEA can track how much of a drug is available to Americans.

[View DEA's Letter](#)

FIP Shares Recommendations for Supporting Mental Health and Well-Being of Community Pharmacists

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has developed a report that examines the challenges community pharmacists face and lists policy and practice recommendations to improve and support the well-being of pharmacists. The *Workforce sustainability and supporting positive practice in community pharmacy* report's data are based on survey results from 768 participants worldwide who expressed that "inadequate staffing," "long working hours," "lack of work-life balance," and "increased financial pressures" are among the factors that negatively impact their mental health. While 62% of participants acknowledged having experienced burnout or other mental health concerns, most respondents (55%) reported that their region did not have any policies or programs in place that addressed workplace pressures. Taking into consideration the suggestions provided by pharmacists, FIP recommends establishing strategies to monitor mental health policies and initiatives, recognizing pharmacists as health care specialists, educating consumers on the responsibilities and roles of pharmacists, and more.

[View the Report](#)

ISMP Survey Notes Medication, Supply, and Equipment Shortages Negatively Impacting Patient Care

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and other health care professionals have reported that medication, supply, and equipment shortages have compromised patient care, according to the Institute for Safe Medication Practices' (ISMP's) July 2023 survey. Out of nearly 200 respondents, 74% of respondents indicated that the ongoing shortages affected surgery and anesthetics, 64% reported it affected emergency care, and 52% reported it affected pain management. ISMP highlighted that these shortages have caused interruptions or delays in chemotherapy regimens, distribution of incorrect medication dosage instructions to

patients, administration of more opioid analgesia due to lidocaine shortages, and cancellation or postponement of surgeries.

[Find Out More](#)

Happy Thanksgiving From NABP



SAMHSA Updates Recovery Housing Guidance

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has updated its 2018 Best Practices for Recovery Housing



November Is National Diabetes Month

Observed annually in November, National Diabetes Month highlights the importance of monitoring blood glucose, blood pressure, and

resource to include guidelines for implementing and operating recovery housing. The document is intended to aid governing bodies, states, and other organizations in improving the quality of housing programs, reducing the rates of overdoses, and supporting long-term recovery from substance use.

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cholesterol levels to prevent diabetes and diabetes-related health problems. CDC has created an [Action Guide for Pharmacists](#) to help pharmacists work with patients who are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

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FIP's Regulatory Self-Assessment Tool Helps Countries Identify Gaps in Supply Chain

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CDC Releases Additional Doses of Beyfortus to Physicians and Hospitals

More than 77,000 additional doses of Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab-alip (100 mg)) have been released, announced the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC). The long-acting monoclonal antibody is intended to protect infants against severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and will be distributed to physicians and hospitals through the Vaccines for Children program and commercial channels. CDC has previously encouraged health care professionals to prioritize nirsevimab-alip for infants at highest risk for RSV during this time.

[Read the Article](#)

FIP's Regulatory Self-Assessment Tool Helps Countries Identify Gaps in Supply Chain

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has created a regulatory self-assessment tool to help countries detect, quarantine, and remove substandard or falsified medical products from the pharmaceutical supply chain. This tool is intended for governmental regulatory bodies, ministries of health, pharmacists, and pharmacy staff to use in identifying weaknesses and gaps in regulations of the medical product supply chain. Procedures for reporting and conducting an investigation of a medical product and educating the public about the risks are some of the objectives discussed in FIP's document.

[Explore FIP's Regulatory Self-Assessment Tool](#)

Operation Pangea XVI Seizes \$7 Million in Counterfeit Drugs

During Operation Pangea XVI, more than \$7 million worth of dangerous pharmaceuticals were seized; 1,300 criminal websites were closed; and 72 suspects were arrested. An initiative led by INTERPOL, Operation Pangea XVI aimed to combat global trafficking of counterfeit medications across 89 countries. During the weeklong investigation in October, law enforcement reported that erectile dysfunction medications continue to be the most seized medication, followed by psychotherapeutic agents such as antidepressants, anti-anxiety medications, and stimulants.

[Learn About Operation Pangea XVI](#)

FDA Shares Healthy Holiday Tips to Keep Pets Safe This Season

This holiday season, Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Center for Veterinary Medicine is sharing tips for keeping pets safe around the holidays. Holiday hazards, such as salt-dough ornaments and human food like chocolate and mints, should be kept away from pets, as they can lead to potentially life-threatening illnesses. FDA also recommends collecting ribbon and string from unwrapped gifts to prevent pets from ingesting the items and securely wrapping up table scraps and disposing of them in a trash bin away from pets. Pet owners who are concerned about their pet's health are advised to call their veterinarian.

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Nominate an Inspiring Pharmacy Colleague



NOMINATIONS OPEN

Deadline: December 31, 2023

Recognize the contributions of outstanding visionaries, architects, and role models in pharmacy practice regulation by nominating them for one of the 2024 NABP Leadership Awards.

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Raise Awareness About the Dangers of Fake Medicines During Fight the Fakes Week

Fight the Fakes Week will be held December 4-10, 2023. This year, the Fight the Fakes Alliance is focusing its attention on the impact of fake and substandard medications in Africa.

[Participate in the Cause >](#)



National Influenza Vaccination Week Is December 4-8, 2023

National Influenza Vaccination Week is observed from December 4-8, 2023, and CDC notes that everyone ages six months and older is eligible to get a flu vaccine this season. As part of the agency's new campaign "Wild to Mild," CDC is encouraging health care professionals to remind patients that a flu vaccine can minimize flu symptoms if they get sick.

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