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NABP Collaborates to Launch Pulse by NABP Pilot in South Africa

NABP is collaborating with Prosper Africa’s Tech for Trade Alliance, the United States Agency for International Development, and IBM Consulting to launch Pulse by NABP™ in South Africa. Pulse will connect US and global pharmaceutical companies with African distributors and pharmacies in this market to improve communication between trading partners and implement security measures to the supply chain through identifying and tracing medications. Despite market opportunities, the African pharmaceutical market encounters significant challenges, such as poor infrastructure, fragmented supply chain, and varying regulations across countries.

[Read the News Release](#)

The 2024 National Pharmacy Workforce Study Is Live!

The Pharmacy Workforce Center, Inc (PWC) sponsors a survey designed to collect information about the characteristics of pharmacists, the work they do, and how their work impacts them. Using a random sample, the survey was sent to nearly 200,000 licensed pharmacists. Check your inbox for an email with the survey link, and if you were included in the sample, complete the survey today. Your responses will be anonymous. The deadline to complete the survey is November 22, 2024. Visit the [PWC website](#) to learn how the results from previous National Pharmacist Workforce Study surveys have been used to describe the pharmacist workforce.

Visit the PWC Website

FDA's OA REMS Program to Allow Pharmacies to Request Mail-Back Envelopes for Opioid Analgesics

Beginning March 31, 2025, outpatient pharmacies and other opioid analgesics dispensers will now be able to request pre-paid drug mail-back envelopes from companies participating in the [Opioid Analgesic Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy \(OA REMS\) program](#). Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that each mail-back envelope will include a new Patient Education Sheet that explains the risks of using opioid analgesics and describes safe disposal methods. Manufacturers have updated the Patient Guide for health care providers to aid in counseling patients about safe disposal.

NABP encourages consumers to visit the Association's consumer website, [safe.pharmacy](#), to learn about other ways to safely dispose of unused or expired medication.

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ISMP Publishes Guidance for Imported Fluid Products

Following [FDA's approval](#) of a temporary importation list for fluid products in response to Hurricane Helene, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) has released guidelines to help health care organizations evaluate safety and assess potential risks when using these imported products. ISMP's *Imported Fluid Product Checklist* outlines factors that should be considered when reviewing potential risks with imported products, such as lacking a scannable barcode on a medication or fluid. ISMP also encourages organizations to visit the [Baxter Medical Education page](#) to view the list of products currently approved for importation.

Download ISMP's Guide

LAPPA Publishes Model Language Related to Pharmacist Management of Overdose Reversal Medications

The Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association (LAPPA) has published model legislation that would eliminate any state restrictions preventing authorized health care providers from prescribing or dispensing overdose reversal medications. The *Model Overdose Reversal Agents Act* includes language that mandates storing overdose reversal medications at specified locations for use by anyone, free of charge. The model law also includes immunity and “good Samaritan” protections for health care providers who, in good faith, prescribe these medications.

[View the Act](#)

US Antibiotic Awareness Week Is November 18-24

“Fighting Antimicrobial Resistance Takes All of Us” is the theme of this year’s US Antibiotic Awareness Week. Celebrated annually from November 18-24, US Antibiotic Awareness Week is a movement to call attention to the threat of antimicrobial resistance and promotes best practices to reduce the spread and emergence of drug-resistant infections. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a [toolkit](#) with marketing materials to raise awareness and educate on the appropriate antibiotic and antifungal use to minimize antimicrobial resistance.

[Raise Awareness](#)



‘Take Charge of Tomorrow’ During National Diabetes Month

“Take Charge of Tomorrow: Preventing Diabetes Health Problems” is the theme of National Diabetes Month. This initiative highlights the importance of monitoring blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels to prevent diabetes and diabetes-related problems. CDC has created a [toolkit](#) for how pharmacists can help patients manage diabetes.

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