

DEA Publishes Guidance for Pharmacies Affected by a Cyberattack

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DEA Publishes Guidance for Pharmacies Dispensing CS During a Cyberattack

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has published a guidance reminding pharmacies that they can dispense medication pursuant to a paper prescription or facsimile if needed due to a cyberattack. This

guidance was published in response to the recent cyberattack on a health care organization that led to the organization shutting down its electronic prescribing system. As of March 2024, the impacted health care organization has launched a new iteration of its electronic prescribing service, which is operational, and “prescriptions (controlled and non-controlled) are being transmitted electronically with minimal issues.” However, DEA notes that electronic prescribing of controlled substances (CS) is not required. Prescribing practitioners can still provide oral, paper-based, and facsimile prescriptions according to the CS schedule.

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NABP Hosts Webinar on Evolving Pharmacy Practice

NABP will be hosting the live webinar, *Poster Presentations: Evolving Pharmacy Practice to Protect the Public Health*, tomorrow on July 18, from 1-2:30 PM. Board of pharmacy and college of pharmacy representatives will share findings from projects and research related to their vision to evolve pharmacy practice in furtherance of protecting the public health. Topics include the following:

- evolution of pharmacy technician product verification;
- patient access to primary care;
- prescription adaptation and refill prescribing to ensure continuity of care;
- how to implement a “standard of care” regulatory model for pharmacy;
- supporting the care of people using overdose prevention centers;
- state policies that allow medication for pharmacists with substance use disorders;
- public health implications of incompetency to stand trial; and

- impacts of active learning in a pharmaceutical calculations course.

The webinar is free and eligible for continuing pharmacy education credit. However, please note that the webinar capacity is 1,000 participants.

Registration does not guarantee entry. Those who are unable to join the meeting may purchase the webinar recording when it becomes available.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

FDA Scheduled to Host Its Fifth ‘Online Controlled Substance Summit’ in July

The fifth “Online Controlled Substance Summit” hosted by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Reagan-Udall Foundation will be held on July 25-26, 2024. In the free public session on July 25, 2024, FDA leaders will discuss the impact and gradual development of online purchases of CS, as well as analyze the progress that was made since last year’s summit.

An invitation-only working session is expected to be held on July 26, 2024, when social media, internet, technology, and CS experts will plan and assess immediate implementable actions and long-term strategies to disrupt the sales of illegal CS.

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FDA Releases Guidance on Misinformation About Medical Products

FDA has released the revised draft guidance, *Addressing Misinformation About Medical Devices and Prescription Drugs: Questions and Answers*. The guidance document explains FDA's recommendations for organizations considering addressing false or inaccurate information spread or created by independent third parties regarding FDA-approved or -cleared medical products. FDA notes that this guidance is not final and is currently not in effect. Individuals are encouraged to submit electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by September 9, 2024.

[Download the Draft Guidance](#)

NIH Devises Plan to Tackle H5N1 Concerns

Highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus concerns are on the rise since the **first human infection** was discovered in a worker who had contact with presumably infected cattle. To tackle the ongoing concerns, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has devised a plan focused on advancing H5N1 influenza basic research and converting those findings into strategies and interventions. NIH's plan is comprised of four objectives:

- increasing understanding of the biology of H5N1 viruses and the factors that influence their ability to transmit and cause disease;
- developing and evaluating prevention strategies, such as vaccines;
- advancing existing and novel treatments, including antivirals and monoclonal antibodies; and
- supporting strategies for detecting H5N1 viruses.

[Explore NIH's Agenda](#)

More Than 115 Million Illicit Fentanyl Pills Seized in 2023

For the past several years, seizures of illicit fentanyl have significantly grown. Law enforcement seized 115,562,603 fentanyl pills in 2023 alone compared to 49,657 pills in 2017, according to an **NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse study**. In particular, fentanyl pills accounted for 49% of illicit fentanyl seizures in 2023, while totaling 10% of seizures in 2017. Researchers stress the importance of knowing that pills purchased from any place other than a pharmacy can be potentially dangerous.

NABP encourages consumers purchasing products online to only buy medications from verified, licensed pharmacy websites that comply with applicable laws and NABP patient safety and pharmacy standards. Verify before you buy using the Safe Site Search Tool at [safe.pharmacy](#).

[Access the Study](#)

Nova Scotia Pharmacists Help Open 25 Primary Care Clinics

The Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia partnered with the Government of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Health to open **25 new primary care clinics** that offer more care services at no charge to people with a valid Nova Scotia Health Card. These new services allow pharmacists to assess and prescribe for strep throat, pink eye, urinary tract infections, chronic disease management (such as diabetes, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), prescription renewals for all medications, and more. Also, publicly funded vaccines for adults and children and medical injections are available; however, fees may apply. These clinics hope to relieve stress from the health care system, keep patients out of the emergency room, and allow physicians and hospitals more time to treat other conditions.

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