



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## News Summary

Week of September 5, 2017

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## Global News

### [BBC Minute: On fighting counterfeit drugs](#)

Sep 05, 2017 - BBC News Northern Ireland

BBC Minute: On fighting **counterfeit drugs** Can you tell the difference between fake medicine and a legitimate batch? In Kenya the 'Uthabiti' app...

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### [Arrested for selling illicit drugs](#)

Sep 04, 2017 - East Day

...for selling illicit drugs A Shanghai citizen has been arrested for selling **counterfeit drugs** at his online store. The suspect, surname Liu, told...

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### [BETTER DATA ON FAKE DRUGS NEEDED TO FIGHT THE SCOURGE](#)

Aug 31, 2017 - European Aids Treatment Group

The problem of fake medicines is a big one. But precisely how big? Many institutions have published jaw-dropping figures on its size. Interpol, the international police organisation, raids dodgy pharmacies and online operations around the world. It reckons that up to 1 per cent of medicines available in the developed world are likely to be counterfeit. This figure rises to 10 per cent globally, but in some areas of Asia, Africa and Latin America counterfeit goods can form up to 30 per cent of the market. In fact, it quotes WHO estimates.

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### [16 Postal Workers Charged After Accepting Bribes to Deliver Drugs, Officials Say](#)

Aug 30, 2017 - Time Magazine

...drug trafficker was working with law enforcement and the packages contained **fake drugs**. "Postal employees are entrusted with a vital function..."

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### [Shrewsbury man pleads guilty in counterfeit steroids case](#)

Aug 28, 2017 - [Telegram.com](#)

BOSTON – A Shrewsbury man pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Boston for his role in a conspiracy to traffic counterfeit steroids, including testosterone and trenbolone, to bodybuilders.

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## **Congress, don't bring Europe's counterfeit drug problem to the US**

*Aug 26, 2017 - The Hill - Blogs*

...drugs are big business. To make matters worse, Canadian **internet pharmacies** have plugged themselves into the EU supply chain. Those companies...

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## **How not to handle the opioid crisis**

*Aug 26, 2017 - Newsday*

...several African countries half of all drugs sold, including antimalarials, are **fake medicines** most made in China or India. In China, the problem...

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## **Online Pharmacies: A Safety Concern?**

*Aug 24, 2017 - Drug Topics - Modern Medicine*

...tightly regulated supply chain also greatly increases the chances of **counterfeit medicines** finding their way to consumers. All this led NABP...

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## **Online Pharmacies: A Safety Concern? The NABP takes a close look at websites claiming to be Canadian.**

*Aug 23, 2017 - Drug Topics*

As drug prices increase in the United States, many patients look elsewhere to buy their drugs. Many patients see websites labeled with a maple leaf and assume that Canadian imports will be cheaper and just as safe as ones they might find in their local pharmacy. But are drug imports actually safe?The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) wrote to Congress in February asking Congress not to pass legislation to allow for the importation of drugs—APhA and NACDS also recently wrote similar letters, along with the previous four FDA commissioners. NABP has done considerable research into the topic. Since 2008, the organization has reviewed nearly 11,700 websites claiming to sell Canadian pharmaceuticals—and its most recent report confirms that the situation is not improving.

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## **Why Cheaper Drugs Can Kill**

*Aug 23, 2017 - US News & World Report*

...Can Kill Easing drug imports would mean more lives lost to **counterfeit medicines**. The Senate is considering a bill that would allow individuals...

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