

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

News Summary

Week of October 18, 2017

The ASOP Global Foundation is pleased to provide a bi-weekly newsletter that includes news stories about illegal online pharmacies, counterfeit medicines and efforts to make the Internet safe for consumers worldwide. Feel free to share the newsletters with anyone who you think might benefit from the information they provide.

Global News

[Opioids killed more Americans in 2016 than in the entire 19-year Vietnam War, staggering new report shows - as experts warn we haven't seen the worst of it](#)

Oct 17, 2017 - Mail On Sunday

...threshold is four times higher than cocaine) Find better ways to investigate and track **online drug** dealing By Mia De Graaf For [Dailymail.com](#)

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[DOJ indicts Chinese fentanyl distributors selling to Americans online](#)

Oct 17, 2017 - Ars Technica

...three months after AlphaBay, one of the world's largest **online drug** websites, was seized and shuttered. Numerous prosecutions stemming from AlphaBay's...

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[Business Booming for Illegal Online Pharmacies](#)

Oct 16, 2017 - Pain News Network

One of the many unintended consequences of efforts to reduce opioid prescribing is that they may be fueling the growth of illegal online pharmacies. According to one estimate, as many as 35,000 online pharmacies are in operation worldwide. Over 90 percent are not in compliance with federal and state laws, many do not require a prescription, and about half are selling counterfeit painkillers and other fake medications. About 20 illegal online pharmacies are launched every day. "There is no sign that this is slowing down," says Libby Baney, Executive Director of the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP), an industry supported non-profit.

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Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global) Announces the 2017 Global Patient Safety Champions

Oct 16, 2017 - PRWeb

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, MD (R-TX-26), the Honorable Eugene Green (D-TX-29) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) have been named the 2017 Global Patient Safety Champions by the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global), it was announced today. At a reception in Washington, DC, ASOP Global Executive Director Libby Baney presented the awards to the 2017 award recipients.

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A wider drug threat Don't be numb to the effects of Pennsylvania's opioid crisis

Oct 15, 2017 - Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette

Eighteen SWAT team members recently raided a Pittsburgh home, aiming to confiscate bags of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, and arrest its dealers. During the raid, the team knocked over a table covered with the drug, sending a plume of it into the air. Simply by breathing the infected air, the SWAT team members became dizzy and numb — the first signs of overdose.

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U.S. Medical Product Integrity: Protecting Older Adults

Oct 13, 2017 - [USPharmacist.com](#)

...marketplace.³ Depending on the region of the world, the trafficking of **counterfeit medicines** is reported to be either a crime of opportunism or a global...

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“Shutting them down is almost impossible”: Fighting the deep web's drug market

Oct 12, 2017 - La Stampa

...any trace. What are we doing here? We are fighting a war against **online drug** trafficker. But I also like to think that today my mission is also...

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Buying Pet Medicines Online: Ensuring Products are Safe

Oct 12, 2017 - [FDA.gov](#)

If you're purchasing medications for your pet online to save money or for convenience, there are Internet sites that represent legitimate pharmacies. But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found that there are others that sell unapproved pet drugs and counterfeit pet products, make fraudulent claims, dispense prescription drugs without requiring a prescription, and sell expired drugs. Any of these practices could mean that the products you are buying could be unsafe or ineffective for your pet.

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Prescription drug importation is dangerous for Alaskans

Oct 10, 2017 - Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (AP)

...foreign drug importation exists to protect Americans from dangerous **counterfeit medicines**. Lifting the prohibition might save some patients a...

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[Facing down America's fentanyl epidemic](#)

Oct 10, 2017 - Washington Examiner

Facing down America's fentanyl epidemic **Counterfeit drugs** shipped from China and routed through Canada and Mexico are increasingly being intercepted...

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[Are prescription drugs the next target for Amazon?](#)

Oct 09, 2017 - Money.com

Are pharmacies and the health care business next? Two analysts at Leerink, a boutique investment firm that focuses on the health care industry, said in a report Friday that Amazon (AMZN, Tech30) will "almost certainly" get into the prescription drug distribution business within the next two years.

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[Extradition hearing date set for Canadian fake drug case](#)

Oct 05, 2017 - SecuringIndustry.com

...in prison, battles US extradition US seeks extradition in **fake medicines** case Kamath pleads not guilty in **fake medicines** lawsuit PharmacyChecker...

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