



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## News Summary

Week of October 31, 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

### **New Peer-Reviewed Study Finds Illegal Online Pharmacies are Using Twitter to Illegally Sell Percocet®, Fentanyl, Vicodin®, Oxycotin®, and Other Highly Addictive Opiods To U.S. Consumers**

Oct 26, 2017 - [PharmaVOICE.com](http://PharmaVOICE.com)

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### **Big data analytics spot illegal opioid sales on Twitter**

Oct 26, 2017 - [Securing Industry](http://Securing Industry)

Rogue pharmacies using Twitter to peddle powerful painkillers and counterfeit drugs can be identified by big data analytics, a new study has revealed. Due to be published in the November issue of the American Journal of Public Health, the study by researchers at the University of California San Diego successfully used a methodology that identified tweets with specific keywords that were advertising the sale of opioid drugs directly to consumers in violation of US federal law.

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### **Global coalition in the fight against falsified medicines meets in Brussels as it welcomes its 35th partner**

Oct 25, 2017 - [IFPMA.org](http://IFPMA.org)

Wednesday, 25 October 2017, Brussels – Fight the Fakes campaign partners representing healthcare professionals, academia, NGOs, the generic and research-based pharmaceutical industry, healthcare distributors, and consumer protection organizations met this week to work on their future plans to raise awareness of the widespread sale and use of falsified medicines across the world and the dangers associated with these fake products.

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## Illegal online drug peddlers being rounded up by new computer technology

Oct 25, 2017 - *The Washington Times*

Illegal **online drug** peddlers being rounded up by new computer technology Drug dealers advertising their products on social media are being rounded...

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## What India can learn from online pharmacies policy in the United States

Oct 25, 2017 - *MediaNama*

...drugs for personal usage. More on that here. As mentioned above, all **Internet**-based pharmacies need to be licensed at the state-level. Note that...

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## Man Shipped Fake Oxycodone From NYC Apartment, Gave Buyers Tracking Numbers: Feds

Oct 24, 2017 - *NBC New York*

...federal authorities. Pfizer has worked tirelessly over the years to combat **counterfeit medicines**, he said. Because of the risk that these pose...

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## Justice Department Announces First Ever Indictments Against Designated Chinese Manufacturers of Deadly Fentanyl and Other Opiate Substances

Oct 17, 2017 - *Department of Justice*

The Justice Department announced today that federal grand juries in the Southern District of Mississippi and the District of North Dakota returned indictments, unsealed yesterday, against two Chinese nationals and their North American based traffickers and distributors for separate conspiracies to distribute large quantities of fentanyl and fentanyl analogues and other opiate substances in the United States. The Chinese nationals are the first manufacturers and distributors of fentanyl and other opiate substances to be designated as Consolidated Priority Organization Targets (CPOTs). CPOT designations are those who have “command and control” elements of the most prolific international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations.

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