



# **Future of Controlled Substances – A Perspective from Pharmacy Regulators**

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# Prescription Drug Epidemic

## Driven by:

- Indiscriminate Prescribing
- Criminal Activity

## Scope

- One death every 12.45 minutes, approximately 41,200 people
- Prescription Drugs attributed for 23,000 lives
  - 17,000 associated with opioids



# Controlled Substances Crisis



**More than 50% of people aged 12 and older who abused prescription drugs got them from friends or family for free.**



# Corresponding Responsibility

## **21 C.F.R. § 1306.04(a)**

**A prescription for a controlled substance to be effective must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his professional practice.**



# Corresponding Responsibility

**The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.**



# Corresponding Responsibility

**An order purporting to be a prescription issued not in the usual course of professional treatment or in legitimate and authorized research is not a prescription within the meaning and intent of section 309 of the Act (21 U.S.C. 829) and the person knowingly filling such a purported prescription, as well as the person issuing it, shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of the provisions of law relating to controlled substances.”**



# **Controlled Substances**

**NABP Stakeholder**

**Coalition**

**Consensus Statement**

**Red Flags**

**Next Steps**



# Controlled Substances Stakeholder Coalition

**Impetus**

**Organizations**

**Desired Outcomes**





# Controlled Substances Stakeholder Coalition

## **Patient Care Issues**

- Drug abuse and impairment**
- Access**
- Pain management**

## **Practice and Operational Issues**

- Drug abuse and diversion**
- Corresponding responsibility**
- Practice operations**



# Tools to Manage and Combat

**Practitioner Responsibility**

**PMP**

**Scheduling**



# Future of Controlled Substances



## Questions

