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Features

More Hospitals Hit By Drug Diverters

This month yet another hospital reported a massive drug theft scheme. At Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta, two pharmacy employees purportedly diverted more than 1 million doses of controlled drugs. [Read more here](#). In the news this week, Utah Federal authorities are investigating a large drug theft at a VA hospital. [Read about it here](#). Undoubtedly, diversion is a growing concern for U.S. hospitals and needs to be addressed. Visante has a team dedicated to preventing drug diversion with a multidisciplinary approach that has been shown to reduce the risks. [Learn more here](#).

Breaking News: Earlier this week the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) took the unusual step of issuing its first guidelines for dispensing pain killers and other opiates in an effort to combat the nation's prescription painkiller epidemic. Read the *USA Today* article [here](#).

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Drug Diversion Blog Series: Segregating the Buyer and Receiver Duties

In the third installment of our drug diversion prevention blogs, [Greg Burger](#) and Melissa Brentlinger describe the importance of segregating the critical duties of buyer and receiver, which employers often combine into the responsibilities for one individual. This practice can expose the pharmacy to potential theft and fails to protect individual employees from accusation. [Read more here.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER for ALL 340B Facilities

The next enrollment period occurs in just a couple of weeks: April 1-15, 2016. All 340B facilities should consider reviewing important information (listed [here](#) for your convenience) on a quarterly basis to ensure their OPA database entry meets all up-to-date 340B requirements. [Read more here.](#)

Key Takeaways from the Winter 340B Coalition Conference

While the Mega-Guidance is still under review, there were other important issues discussed during the February Conference such as State Medicaid Communications, Medicaid Managed Care and the new "AMP Rule." [Learn more here](#), and you can also access a recording of our Post-Conference webinar [here](#).

Prescription Drug Events (PDEs) a Calculating Challenge

Medicare Part D plan sponsors and Prescription Benefit Managers (PBMs) continue to struggle with PDEs, especially when interpreting calculation formulas for various scenarios. Part of the struggle is to keep on top of the ongoing communications from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). [Read more here.](#)

It's Official USP 800: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs

[NEW WEBINAR on April 19 at 1:00 ET]

The USP approved general chapter 800 "Handling of Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings" on February 1. Now the challenge for hospitals is to prepare for full compliance to these new, complex standards. Visante's expert [Fred Massoomi](#) (PharmD, FASHP) will present a webinar describing what compliance looks like for a comprehensive,



UPCOMING WEBINAR

It's Official, But What is Next?

USP 800: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs Fred Massoomi, PharmD, FASHP, will discuss what compliance looks like for a comprehensive and safe hazardous drug safety program. Dr. Massoomi will also address some of the complexities associated with compliance. [REGISTER HERE](#) for this complimentary, live webinar on Tuesday, April 19, at 1:00 ET. Space is limited.

RECENT WEBINAR RECORDING

Key Takeaways from the 2016 Winter 340B Coalition Conference

[Click here](#) to access this recorded webinar.

UPCOMING EVENT

Look for us at this upcoming event, and let us know if you'd like to schedule a time to get together by [clicking here](#).

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), April 19-22, Moscone West, San Francisco

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Stevenson, PharmD, FASHP, will present on the topic of biosimilars at two separate venues in April:

South Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Rapid City, SD, April 8.

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, April 20, San Francisco.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

"The number of deaths from prescription drug overdoses jumped 242% in less than 20 years, from

safe hazardous drug safety program. Dr. Massoomi will also address some of the associated complexities with the new standards. [Jim Jorgenson, Visante CEO](#), will moderate. [Register here](#) for the complimentary, live webinar on Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 ET.

7,523 in 1999 to more than 25,000 by 2014, according to the National Institutes of Health. The number of opioid prescriptions also rose significantly in the U.S., from 116 million in 1999 to 207 million in 2013, according to figures from IMS Health." Source: [Modern Healthcare](#)

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