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Features

Making Sense of 340B Rumors Re: Discharge Rxs

There is great concern in the 340B community about a rumor that HRSA no longer allows 340B drugs to be used to fill discharge prescriptions. HRSA was not the source of this misinformation, but it spread quickly throughout the community, becoming viral in less than 48 hours. Visante's 340B consulting team encountered this disconnect several times in recent audit support assignments and would like to share what we have learned thus far. [Read about it here.](#)

Drug Diversion Blog Series: Drug Diversion and Opioid Addiction are a Public Health Emergency

Drug Diversion is a direct corollary to opioid addiction, which is a national epidemic. And yet, while hospitals react to public health concerns, they have yet to take equally strong stances against drug diversion. The opioid epidemic has been brewing for years, and we

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

still have no cohesive strategy in our hospitals today.
[Read more here.](#)

5 Things Hospital CEOs Need to Know NOW about Drug Diversion

Published in *Becker's Hospital Review* this week, Greg Burger's article provides a quick primer for hospital CEOs and leadership on the important issues surrounding drug diversion. Get caught up quickly on what you need to know NOW by reading the *Becker* article available [HERE](#).

Establishing Outpatient Pharmacy in Rural Maine

For as long as they can remember, residents of rural Maine have found getting prescriptions filled on weekends and after regular business hours to be a challenge. Towns in this beautiful area are few and far between, and sometimes this means access to healthcare can be difficult. Thankfully, Katahdin Valley Health Center is led by a group of dedicated, innovative people who have a vision to expand access to healthcare to meet the needs of northern Maine. [Read more here](#) about how KVHC is serving its community's pharmacy and healthcare needs.

Enforcement Actions Imposed on Medicare Plans Skyrocketed in 2015

In 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) unleashed a fury of enforcement actions on Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plans. CMS has dramatically increased their use of enforcement actions, having imposed an excess of \$13 million in fines on Medicare plans in 2015, more than the previous five years combined. [Read more here.](#)

CMS Audit Universes: Five Preparation Strategies for Plans

The CMS audit season is underway and it's time for MAPD and PDP plans to ramp up their audit preparation activities. Through mock audits with our clients, we find that plans often struggle with the critical step of universe creation. During a CMS audit, plans have a maximum of three attempts to submit accurate and timely universes or else they will be cited for an Invalid Data Submission (IDS) condition for each audit element that cannot be tested, grouped by the type of case. [Read more here](#) on how to reduce the risk of receiving findings on universe creation.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: It's Official USP 800:

It's Official, But What's 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.

Drug Diversion: Not IF, but WHEN.

During this webinar, the presenters will discuss key factors in hospital readiness and a proactive response. Visante will also be joined by Chris Fortier, Chief Pharmacy Officer at Mass General, to discuss his organization's experience with drug diversion and the DEA. [Register here](#) for the complimentary, live webinar on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:00 ET. *Space is limited so please register early.*

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) Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy Annual Meeting 2016, April 19-22, Moscone West, San Francisco

PRESENTATIONS

James Stevenson, PharmD, FASHP, will present on the topic of biosimilars at the AMCP annual meeting.

David Kvancz, MS, RPh, FASHP, will present at the

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 with these new, complex standards. Visante's expert [Fred Massoomi \(PharmD, FASHP\)](#) will present a webinar describing what compliance looks like for a comprehensive, 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 this complimentary, live webinar on Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 ET. *Please note that this webinar is nearing capacity. Plan to arrive early to claim your spot.*

AMCP annual meeting as part of a panel of key opinion leaders. The presentation is titled "Leveraging HEOR to Inform Formulary Decision Making."



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