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### Features

#### Is Drug Diversion the next TSUNAMI?

The headlines are full of natural disasters – hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and more. We diligently heed the warnings whenever possible and prepare for what's coming. So, why don't we prepare better for diversion of controlled substances in our hospitals and health systems? Clearly, prevention and preparedness are critical to preventing and minimizing harm. Greg Burger and Maureen Burger discuss how you can take steps NOW to protect patients, employees and your community from the hazard of drug diversion. [Read about it here.](#)

#### NEW Live Webinar on the latest in Drug

#### Diversion – A + O = D<sup>2</sup>™

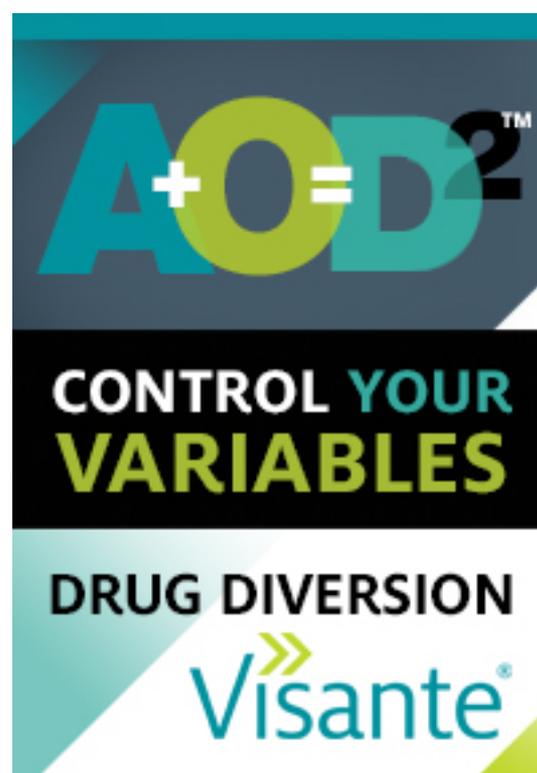
Drug diversion is an equation whereby Access + Opportunity leads to dangerous and destructive diversion. Drug diversion prevention experts Greg Burger and Maureen Burger host a webinar on **November 10 at 12:00 CT** where they will share

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cultural aspects of the organization which may detail efforts to establish a diversion prevention program, and practice considerations to identify and close gaps and risk points. This webinar is free and will include a Q&A session. [Please register early to reserve your spot.](#)

### **2016 NIOSH Hazardous Drug List released – 8 important steps for practice sites**

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published an updated list of Hazardous Drugs for 2016 (the most recent update was 2014). In this update, we see a new process for classifying drugs into three groups. The new classification should assist sites with a better understanding of the risks and assist with developing a strategy for how these drugs should be handled. Expert Fred Massoomi outlines 8 important steps practice sites should take with hazardous drugs and key information about the list. [Read it all here.](#)

### **Technology Trends: Simplify compliance with DSCSA**

Protecting consumers from exposure to medicines that may be counterfeit, stolen, contaminated or otherwise harmful is the goal of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act. But compliance with DSCSA is a challenge for hospitals for a variety of reasons. Visante recently identified a solution that simplifies compliance. It's called "Pedigree Manager" offered by ConsortiEX and you can [learn about it here.](#)

### **Drug prices soar while hospital prices barely move**

According to the Altarum Institute, prescription drug prices grew 6.3% from August 2015 to August 2016, putting them at their highest level since Dec. 2014. In its Oct. 14 report, Altarum says hospital prices are growing at a "remarkably" slow rate. Read the full Altarum article [here.](#) 340B Informed provides additional details in their recent article which you can access [here.](#)

### **NEW Webinar 3-Part Series: 340B Self-audits – Best practices to minimize findings**

Join us for this important and timely webinar series with 340B expert Tony Zappa, PharmD, MBA and VP of Visante. Tony will tackle the challenges of creating an effective self-audit program within 340B

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**Health Care Compliance Association – Oct. 23-25, Phoenix** – Maureen Burger will be on hand to meet with participants to discuss drug diversion programs and 340B program compliance. [Email Maureen here to set up a time to meet.](#)

## **WEBINARS**

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### **Drug Diversion is an Equation – A + O = D<sup>2</sup>™**

Access plus Opportunity leads to dangerous and destructive drug diversion. Our experts in prevention will host a free, LIVE webinar on November 10 at 12:00 CT. Visante VP Greg Burger, RPh, MS, FASHP, and Chief Nursing Officer Maureen Burger, MSN, RN, CPHQ, CPPS, FACHE, will share considerations in establishing a prevention program and identifying and closing gaps and risk points. A short Q&A will follow the presentation. [Register early](#) since space is limited.

### **340B Self-audits – Best Practices to Minimize Findings: A 3-part webinar series**

Tony Zappa, PharmD, MBA, Visante VP, will tackle the challenges of creating an effective self-audit program within 340B compliance. This webinar is important to attend as self-audits move from best practice to requirement. Already conducting self-audits? Learn more about tasks you might overlook and items you could do better. Register once for this 3-part, complimentary webinar series at 1 CT on Nov. 2, 9 and 16. Space is limited so [please register early.](#)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Part 1: What, When and Why: Designing a self-audit program, Nov. 2 at 1 CT.  
Part 2: Designing the right 340B team, Nov. 9 at 1 CT.  
Part 3: Evaluating the right 340B tools, Nov. 16 at 1 CT.

[Register early](#) as space is limited. There is no cost for this webinar.

### **The 2017 CMS Readiness Checklist for Parts C and D Plan Sponsors is now available – best practices are available here!**

It's Autumn! Which means it's time for for the heavy push to complete all the tasks for January, 2017. This year's readiness checklist was published on Oct. 6 and a separate checklist will be sent for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) later this year. CMS is using a more interactive approach this year which allows for better communication between CMS and plan sponsors. Our experts have some best practice suggestions for you and your organization and you can [read about them here](#).

**James Jorgenson, MS, RPh, FASHP**, will present "The Business of Pharmacy" at the Council of Supply Chain Economics on Nov. 10 in Nashville.

**James Stevenson, PharmD, FASHP**, will provide multiple presentations at "Taking Pharmaceutical Care Practice to the Next Level: Optimizing Outcomes, Overcoming Challenges, and Shaping the Future" at a symposium organized by the Pharmaceutical Care Division, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Oct. 25-27 in Jeddah Branch, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

**James Stevenson, PharmD, FASHP**, will provide multiple presentations at the 8th Annual International Conference of the Royal Medical Services on Nov. 15-18 at King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea, Jordan.

**James Jorgenson, MS, RPh, FASHP**, will present "Examining the Latest Therapies and Quality Improvement Strategies for Heart Failure" at the [ASHP Clinical Meeting](#) on Dec. 5 in Las Vegas.

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