



# **DRUGS, DRUGS, & MORE DRUGS**

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# Duties of the Ohio Board of Pharmacy

- **Licensing/Administrative Agency**
- **Law Enforcement Agency**

## **Enforcement Responsibility – ORC Chapters**

**2925. – Criminal Drug Laws**

**3715. – Food & Drug Laws**

**3719. – Controlled Substance Laws**

**4729. – Pharmacy/Dangerous Drug Laws**



# PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss R.Ph. duties & responsibilities when presented with an RX for dispensing
2. Discuss the problem with drugs from an individual state perspective



# PRE-TEST ?????? #1

1. A Pharmacist must:
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## PRE-TEST ?????? #2

2. A prescription for oxycodone 30mg #240 written yesterday in Los Angeles for a patient from Indio who drove to San Diego to pick up the RX is obviously for a legitimate medical purpose and should not be questioned:
  - a. True
  - b. False



# PRE-TEST ?????? #3

3. There is a legitimate medical reason for the combination of an opiate, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol to be prescribed to one person

- a. True
- b. False





# PHARMACY'S TWO MOST IMPORTANT RULES FOR PRACTICE



**MOST IMPORTANT RULE FOR  
PRACTICE**

**ALWAYS, ALWAYS,  
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THE BEST  
INTERESTS OF  
YOUR PATIENT**



**AND RULE #2 IS?**

# **4729-5-21 OAC & 1306.04 CFR**

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# CASE STUDY ON CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY

**IS THERE A  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
PROBLEM?**

**YOU BE THE JUDGE -**



**The 16,651 opiate overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2010 is equivalent to an MD80 aircraft carrying 140 passengers crashing **EVERY DAY** for 4 straight months!**





# WHAT ABOUT THE “TRINITY”

- Is there any legitimate reason to prescribe/dispense an opiate, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol to one individual?
- Not if you know their indications and metabolism, there isn't!



# PILL MILLS –OHIO

CASE STUDY ABOUT AN OHIO  
DOCTOR:





# HOSPITAL PHARMACY DIVERSION

CASE STUDY ABOUT AN OHIO  
PHARMACIST STEALING DRUGS  
FROM THE PHARMACY



# FINAL COMMENTS

- **Even a trusted staff member can be vulnerable to drugs.**
- **TRUST BUT VERIFY**
- **Suggestion – 2 people to assign access to secure programs & locations**
- **2 people to witness destruction & returns**
- **Routinely monitor.**



# FINAL COMMENTS

- **Nurses and physicians are equally likely to be involved in diversion from floor stock supplies.**
- **In fact, if you think there isn't any diversion in your hospital, you are sadly mistaken.**
- **The same 2 person & monitoring suggestions apply here as well.**



# WHO DECIDES THE VALIDITY OF PRESCRIPTIONS?

**DISPENSING PHARMACISTS NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THEY, NOT THEIR DISTRICT SUPERVISORS OR MANAGERS, HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE “CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY”!!!**

# HOW CAN I GET MORE INFO?

- IF THE PATIENT IS NOT FROM YOUR AREA, QUESTION WHY THEY ARE THERE. IT MAY BE LEGITIMATE – BUT.....
- TALK TO THE PATIENT
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
- USE YOUR STATE PMP– AND MAYBE THERE WILL BE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR YOUR USE FROM NABP.

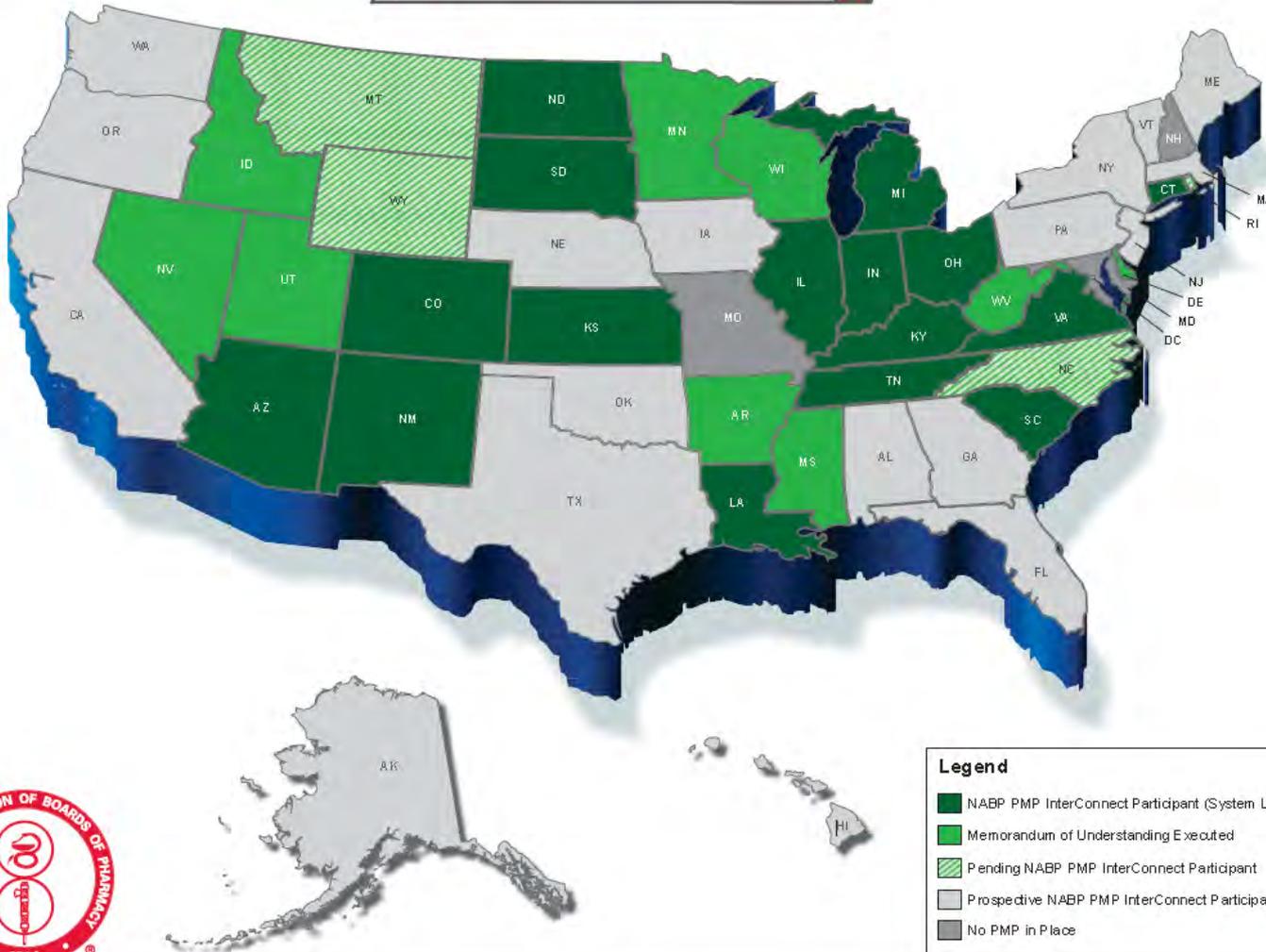


***PMP*** INTERCONNECT<sup>SM</sup>



- 16 PMPs are actively sharing data: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia
- 9 PMPs have executed agreements to participate: Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

# PMP INTERCONNECT®



**Legend**

- NABP PMP InterConnect Participant (System Live)
- Memorandum of Understanding Executed
- Pending NABP PMP InterConnect Participant
- Prospective NABP PMP InterConnect Participant
- No PMP in Place

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**FINAL  
REMINDER-**

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# I'M DONE!

