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Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is warning the public about the threat of fentanyl combined with extremely potent substances in illicit drugs. Potent substances include xylazine, medetomidine, nitazene, and cychlorphine. The agency warns that naloxone may not reduce the effects of overdoses caused by xylazine and medetomidine, whereas overdoses caused by nitazenes and cychlophrine may require additional naloxone doses.

DEA is urging the public to train on naloxone administration and to call 911 if there is a suspected drug overdose or poisoning.

[View DEA's Public Safety Advisory](#)

NABP's Exam Services Shares Performance Metrics of NAPLEX Advantage and NAPLEX Scores

NABP's Exam Services department has published "The Predictive Utility of NAPLEX Advantage for Forecasting Future NAPLEX Performance" in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*. The report focuses on the performance metrics of students who took the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination[®] (NAPLEX[®]) and NAPLEX Advantage[™] between January 2024 and November 2025. The Exam Services team found that students scored higher on the NAPLEX after taking the NAPLEX Advantage three to eight months prior versus those who took the exams one month apart.

[Compare NAPLEX Advantage With NAPLEX Performance](#)

Operation Pangea XVIII Seizes 6.42 Million Doses of Dangerous Pharmaceuticals

Operation Pangea XVIII seized 6.42 million doses of counterfeit medications, with five countries reporting ivermectin and fenbendazole as the most common substances confiscated. Overall, the most seized products included erectile dysfunction medications, sedatives, analgesics, antibiotics, and anti-smoking products. An initiative led by INTERPOL, Operation Pangea XVIII aimed to combat criminal networks trafficking illicit pharmaceuticals across 90 countries and territories. Between March 10-23, 2026, law enforcement intercepted about 5,700 websites, social media pages, channels, and automated bots that sold counterfeit medications.

[Find Out More About Operation Pangea XVIII](#)

Over 642,000 Pounds of Unneeded Medications Removed During April 2026 Drug Take Back Day

April 25 marked the 30th DEA **[National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#)**, an initiative centered on preventing misuse and accidental ingestion. On this day, the agency removed 642,410 pounds (321 tons) of unneeded medications, including tablets, capsules, patches, and other forms of prescription drugs, at 4,417 collection sites.

Missed DEA's Drug Take Back Day? Pharmacies, hospitals, fire departments, police departments, and municipal buildings provide permanent drug disposal boxes. Consumers can find the nearest collection sites that are open year-round using NABP's Drug Disposal Locator Tool, available on the Association's **[Safe Pharmacy website](#)**.

[Locate a Drug Disposal Site](#)

Innovations: 'Telepharmacy Regulation in Transition: Growing From Sites to Networks'

Telepharmacy is increasingly being reshaped from a limited, site-based service into a broader network of connected pharmacy operations. As states respond to persistent pharmacy deserts, workforce challenges, and advances in technology, boards of pharmacy are reexamining telepharmacy regulations – moving away from geographic requirements toward policies that support coordinated, needs-based models while maintaining patient safety and oversight.

Discover how states are approaching telepharmacy regulation and its impact on point-of-care testing models and prescription drug home delivery in the April/May 2026 issue of *Innovations*[®].

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CDC Develops *Be Ready for Measles* Toolkit for Upcoming Summer Season

As summer vacation getaways are afoot, [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) is expecting a rise in measles cases. The agency [reported](#) 1,952 confirmed measles cases as of May 21, 2026. CDC has developed the *Be Ready for Measles* toolkit, which prepares health care providers on how to alert communities about measles cases and respond to outbreaks.

Download CDC's Measles Preparation Toolkit

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