

Good Medicine, Bad Behavior

A National Symposium on
Pharmaceutical Diversion

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Why This Symposium and Why Now?

A number of recent national studies have indicated an alarming rise in the abuse of controlled substances in the United States. According to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused prescription drugs in 2005, compared with 3.8 million in 2000. This represents a 68% increase in five years.

This first-ever national symposium on pharmaceutical diversion brings together experts in the fields of law enforcement, industry, public policy, science and health, and medical practitioners for a provocative and public discussion on the complex issues surrounding the diversion of pharmaceutical drugs and efforts to combat this growing problem in America today.

The struggle to balance the need to provide medications to improve the quality of life while working to prevent the diversion of those substances and the chemicals used to make them for illegal use has been a long one. Following this symposium, the DEA Museum will open an important new exhibit to the public on November 13, 2007 that presents a look back at the history of prescription drugs and engages visitors in being a part of the solution to this problem.

Good Medicine, Bad Behavior: Drug Diversion in America is an exhibit that will explore the history of prescription drug abuse, drug diversion in the United States and efforts to combat the problem through time. The exhibit will recreate period pharmacies, depictions of significant cases, illustrations of the impact of these substances on the human body and the rise of rogue internet pharmacies. The exhibit will present the science of how these medicines can have therapeutic effects on the body when taken properly, but detrimental effects when misused. A resource area will round out the exhibit where visitors can read more about the issues surrounding prescription drug abuse, interact with key anti-drug abuse websites, and take home literature with more information.

Program

Welcoming Remarks

William Alden

President, DEA Museum Foundation

Michele Leonhart

DEA Deputy Administrator

Remarks

John Walters

Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Opening Remarks

Moderator, Mr. Stephen Pasierb

Partnership for a Drug-Free America

Panelist Remarks

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Questions/Discussion with Panelists and Audience Members

Conclusion and Future Plans

Michele Leonhart

DEA Deputy Administrator

About the DEA Museum

The mission of the DEA Museum is to educate the American public on the history of drugs, drug addiction and drug law enforcement in the United States through engaging and state-of-the-art exhibits, displays, interactive stations and educational outreach programs.

About the DEA Museum Foundation

The DEA Museum Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that supports the work of the DEA Museum through fundraising, advocacy and outreach. The Foundation Board works across the country supporting critical drug education exhibits and displays.

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