

The Deadly Counterfeit Drug Trade Thrives in Indiana

**May 2017:
DEA agents in
Indianapolis seized
970 counterfeit
oxycodone pills that
contained fentanyl
or carfentanil.**

The country has seen an upsurge in counterfeit prescription pills masquerading as painkillers and Xanax. Disguised as real medications but made with deadly **fentanyl or its even deadlier variants**, and even **a fraction of a single pill can mean death in less than 30 minutes** of ingesting it.

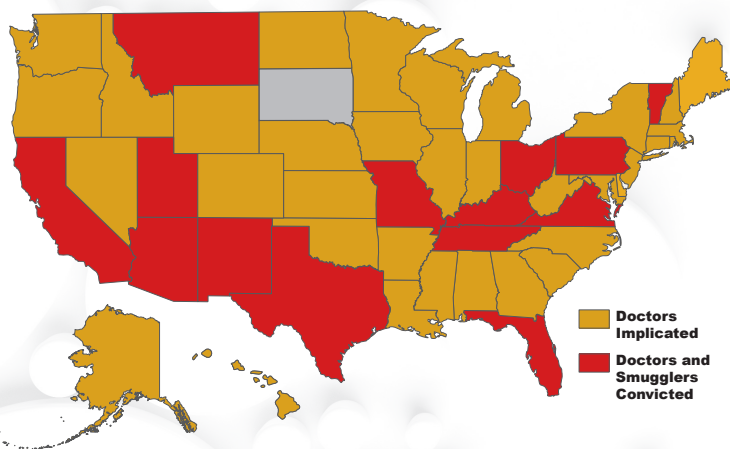
Fentanyl is a serious threat to Indianans. In April 2016, police arrested two individuals for selling counterfeit Xanax that contained fentanyl at a high school in Fort Wayne. Just the previous month, two young men, ages 19 and 20, died from taking similar pills.

38 Indiana Doctors Linked to Fake Drug Rings

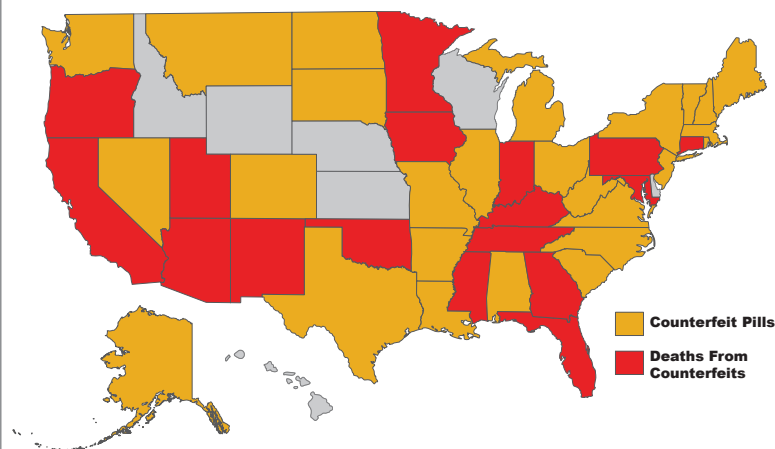
Counterfeit cancer drugs have touched Indiana as well. **38 different medical practices in Indiana have been implicated in various black market supply chains** associated with counterfeit cancer treatments and other therapies. Families who have lost relatives to cancer will never know if their loved ones were given real medication or fake, and if they died from a lack of treatment.

Opening the U.S.'s closed drug supply chain puts Indiana lives at risk of serious injury or death.

Fake Cancer Drug Crisis



Fentanyl-Laced Counterfeits & Related Deaths



Counterfeit and Black Market Drug Investigations in Indiana (2012–2017)

Based on reported investigations.

Note that each investigation could have affected hundreds of Indiana residents.

Fentanyl and Counterfeit Pills Containing Fentanyl

December 2017: Three EMS workers and a police officer were sent to the hospital after a potential fentanyl exposure after a man allegedly dumped an unknown white powder onto the floor of an ambulance.¹

November 2017: Allen County Sheriff David Gladieux reported that 11 corrections officers had to be treated with Narcan after being exposed to smoke that contained fentanyl.²

May 2017: DEA agents in Indianapolis arrested five armed felons and seized approximately 970 pills that looked like oxycodone. Analysis of the pills showed that some contained fentanyl while other pills contained carfentanil.³

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Black Market and Counterfeit Cancer Drugs

April 2015: The FDA warned seven Indiana medical practices and more than 270 nationwide to stop buying drugs from Gallant Pharmaceuticals, which sold more than 39 non-FDA approved medications.⁵

May 2013: The FDA warned 780 medical practices, 11 in Indiana, to stop doing business with unlicensed drug seller Medical Device King, which had sold 31 non-FDA approved medications, including counterfeit Avastin.⁶

2012–2013: The FDA warned more than 500 medical practices across the country—five in Indiana—to stop buying from CanadaDrugs.com subsidiaries that had sold American doctors counterfeit Avastin.⁷

Misbranded and Counterfeit Botox

March 2016: The FDA warned 12 Indiana doctors and more than 1,200 nationwide to stop buying from Canadian distributor TC Medical, which sold 22 different kinds of non-FDA approved medications, including counterfeit Botox.⁸

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