



Doctors Must Verify Drug Distributors' Licenses

Foreign pharmacies don't sell FDA-approved medicines to Americans. They ship packages through countries like Canada or the U.K., but the drugs are not from those countries' official drug supplies. No one can guarantee the drugs are safe or contain the correct amount of active ingredient. Never put savings over patient safety.



Doctors who have treated patients with medicines purchased from unlicensed sellers have been prosecuted. It is crucial to verify that a wholesale drug distributor is licensed in the U.S. before buying their products.

The FDA keeps a list of state licensing agencies, most of whom will verify distributors online:

<http://safedr.org/fdalicense>

To check your seller, find your state's agency and search by business name, license number, city and state. Be sure to check your suppliers' licenses at least twice a year!



If you have patients who struggle to afford their medications, teach them to lower their costs safely:
<http://safedr.org/safepatients>

DOCTORS PROSECUTED for ENDANGERING THEIR PATIENTS

Treating patients with black market medicine risks patient health and also risks your career. **Doctors have served federal prison sentences, lost licenses, paid fines and penalties, and been debarred by the U.S. FDA.**

Between 2005 and mid-2018, over 3,000 doctors were warned by the FDA, 59 were prosecuted, 57 were fined a combined total of \$37.5 million and 16 received prison sentences. For example:



Dr. William Ralph Kincaid of Johnson City, TN received a 24-month prison sentence and paid over \$2.5 million for purchasing misbranded oncology medicines. When nurses expressed concerns about the non-FDA approved drugs, Kincaid hid illegal shipments at a different address.



Dr. Randall King of Owensboro, KY received probation and paid \$69,000 after he purchased and implanted non-FDA approved intrauterine devices (IUDs) in his patients. One 22-year-old had a hysterectomy after she developed complications from an IUD that King inserted in her.



Dr. Bach McComb of Broward County, FL received a 36-month prison sentence after he injected himself and three others with a type of Botox not meant for use in human beings. The other three were hospitalized, paralyzed for months while ventilators breathed for them.

For more information on doctor prosecutions go to <https://safedr.org/doctor-cases>