9 New Hampshire Doctors Linked to Fake Drug Rings

Counterfeit cancer drugs have touched New Hampshire as well. 9 different medical practices in New Hampshire 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.

The country has seen an upsurge in counterfeit prescription pills masquerading as painkillers and Xanax.

These pills are 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 New Hampshire. In April 2018, 15 New Hampshire residents were among the more than 270 doctors warned nationwide about buying counterfeit cancer treatments from an illicit supplier.

April 2015: Two New Hampshire doctors were among the more than 270 doctors warned nationwide about buying counterfeit cancer treatments from an illicit supplier.

New Ipswich, April 2018: Couple sentenced for selling millions of misbranded pills imported from India to online customers.

Rochester, August 2018: Man pleaded guilty to selling counterfeit oxycodone pills made with fentanyl.

Opening the U.S.’s closed drug supply chain puts New Hampshire lives at risk of serious injury or death.

Fake Cancer Drug Crisis

Fentanyl-Laced Counterfeits & Related Deaths
FENTANYL AND COUNTERFEIT PILLS MADE WITH FENTANYL

January 2019: Investigators seized over 27 kilograms of fentanyl and arrested 45 people affiliated with a Massachusetts-based drug ring that was bringing fentanyl into New Hampshire.¹

August 2018: Rochester resident Andrew Lynch pleaded guilty to selling 190 counterfeit pills made to look like 30-milligram oxycodone pills to an undercover DEA agent. Testing showed that the pills contained fentanyl and heroin.²

April 2018: 15 New Hampshire residents were among 45 indicted for fentanyl trafficking. Law enforcement seized over 30 kilograms of suspected fentanyl while executing arrest and search warrants.³

April 2018: State officials announced that 483 people died in New Hampshire from drug overdoses in 2017 and fentanyl was a contributing factor in 350 of those deaths.⁴

February 2018: A St. Johnsbury, Vermont resident died after ingesting a fentanyl-laced counterfeit pill that investigators alleged was supplied by a pair of drug traffickers in Littleton.⁵

August 2017: Bryan Franklin of Penacook received a ten-year federal prison sentence after he was found with over 750 grams of fentanyl.⁶

August 2017: State police issued a public warning after seizing large quantities of counterfeit oxycodone made with fentanyl.⁷

February 2017: A ten-year prison sentence was handed down to Jeannette Hardy of Manchester for drug distribution.⁸ Law enforcement seized 1.8 kilograms of fentanyl from her apartment in June 2015. Also charged in this case was Zakee Stuart-Holt. He received a sentence of over 17 years in November 2016.⁹

August 2016: Derry man Anthony Barth arrested after he attempted to sell approximately 500 grams of fentanyl to a confidential informant. In January 2018, he received a 14-year prison sentence.¹⁰

BLACK MARKET AND COUNTERFEIT CANCER DRUGS

April 2015: The FDA sent warning letters to two New Hampshire doctors and more than 270 nationwide to stop buying drugs from Gallant Pharmaceuticals, which sold more than 39 non-FDA approved medications.¹¹

May 2013: The FDA warned 780 medical practices, including one doctor’s office in New Hampshire, to stop doing business with unlicensed drug seller Medical Device King, which had sold 31 non-FDA approved medications, including counterfeit Avastin.¹²

MISBRANDED AND COUNTERFEIT BOTOX

March 2016: The FDA warned five New Hampshire 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.¹³

July 2013: The FDA warned one medical practice in New Hampshire to stop purchasing fraudulent versions of Botox sold by Online Botox Pharmacy, Onlinebotox.com, and Onlinebotox.¹⁴

OTHER COUNTERFEIT DRUGS AND DEVICES

April 2018: A New Ipswich couple received sentences for their roles in distributing millions of misbranded drugs to customers. Pills the couple sold included hydrocodone, Percocet, Valium, Xanax, Adderall, Ritalin, Ativan, Ambien, tramadol, Soma, sildenafil, and tadalafil.¹⁵

August 2015: Safety officials sent out a statewide alert after discovering suspected counterfeit tourniquets being used by emergency responders in North County. One tourniquet broke as it was being used on a motorcycle accident victim.¹⁶


