

MYTH: “WE ARE GETTING THE SAME DRUGS CANADIANS TAKE.”

Testing proves Americans are not getting the same medicine. They are risking ineffective and dangerous drugs from other countries.

From 2013 until 2015, Maine law allowed the importation of foreign prescription drugs from online "pharmacies" associated with licensed retail pharmacies in Canada, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand, exclusively.

However, the cost savings came with some surprising results.

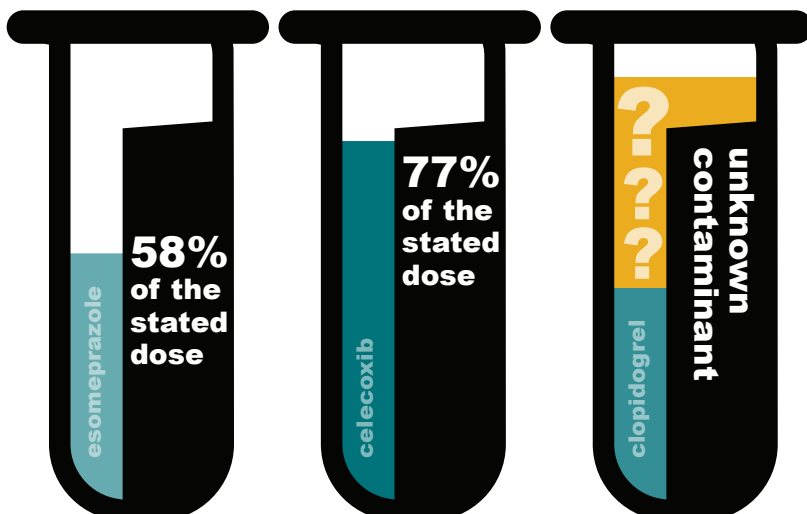
University of New England Professor Kenneth McCall tested three widely used medications from one of these pharmacy websites. He ordered drugs that are available in brand name and generic in the U.S., and received:

- A non-FDA approved generic of Nexium, esomeprazole (which treats acid reflux disease)
- A non-FDA approved generic of Celebrex, celecoxib (an anti-inflammatory)
- A non-FDA approved generic of Plavix, clopidogrel (a blood thinner)



The medicines McCall received came from India, Mauritius and Turkey and none of them were approved medicines in the U.S. or Canada.

ON TESTING THEM, HE FOUND:



Portland's WGME News performed the same experiment with similar results.

- ⚠️ The online “pharmacy” was NOT licensed and did NOT dispense prescriptions to Canadians.
- ⚠️ None of the 3 prescriptions were manufactured, approved for use, or filled in Canada.
- ⚠️ All 3 prescriptions were non-FDA approved products.
- ⚠️ Patients have no legal protection when they receive dangerous or ineffective drugs from foreign sources.