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Features

Understanding the economic impact of the Orphan Drug Exclusion

The true economic impact of HRSA's Orphan Drug exclusion, first published in 2013 and disputed by PhRMA, is very small for most affected hospitals. According to anecdotal evidence from a recent 340B summit meeting, many hospitals continue to receive 340B pricing on Orphan Drugs. Tony Zappa explains more about these complex issues [here](#).

Drug Diversion Blog Series: From Prince to a pauper

Fentanyl, implicated in the recent death of pop star Prince, is the most recent drug to gain notoriety in the growing opioid addiction epidemic. Hospitals nationwide can help put a stop to opioid drug diversion by first identifying controlled substance sources and then engaging in a thorough examination of waste disposal practices. [Learn more here](#) about best practices that can help put a stop to diversion in hospitals.

ICYMI: Drug Diversion in your hospital? Not IF, but WHEN

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During a recent webinar, our expert panel addressed how hospitals can prevent drug diversion of controlled substances. Visante's Greg Burger and Maureen Burger, along with special guest Chris Fortier, Chief Pharmacy Officer at Massachusetts General Hospital, provided important and timely information and guidance on how to handle diversion with valuable insight into how hospitals can take important action to put a stop to diversion activities. You can access the webinar and associated materials [here](#).

The importance of FDR oversight – evaluate yours today

Although it's half way through 2016, it's not too late to evaluate whether your First Tier, Downstream or Related Entity (FDR) Oversight Program is fully functional and meeting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. As a reminder, Plan Sponsors are fully responsible for fulfilling the terms and conditions of their CMS contracts and meeting each of the Medicare program requirements. If a Plan Sponsor delegates Medicare services to another entity, it is also responsible for the oversight of that entity for both operational and compliance requirements. [Read here](#) about key components of a successful FDR Oversight Program and evaluate yours today.

See us at the ASHP Summer Meeting – June 11-15 in Baltimore

The [ASHP summer meeting](#) is around the corner! We're looking forward to hearing from colleagues about experiences and best practices in medication safety, ambulatory care practices and much more. [Email us here](#) if you'd like to get together with Visante executives Jim Jorgenson or Jim Stevenson during the conference.

RECENT WEBINAR

Drug Diversion: Not IF, but WHEN.

The presenters discussed key factors in hospital drug diversion readiness and a proactive response. Visante's own drug diversion experts Greg Burger and Maureen Burger were joined by Chris Fortier, Chief Pharmacy Officer at Massachusetts General Hospital, to discuss his organization's experience with drug diversion and the DEA. [Click here](#) to access the webinar and associated materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for us at these upcoming events, and let us know if you'd like to schedule a time to get together by [clicking here](#).

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, June 11-15, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore

CMS 2016 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Audit & Enforcement Conference, June 16, CMS Auditorium, Baltimore

20th Annual 340B Coalition Summer Conference, July 11-13, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C.

PRESENTATIONS

Kristin Fox-Smith, MPA, will present "The Many Adventures of Prescription Drug Benefits" at the Transplant Financial Coordinators Association (TFCA) meeting in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The meeting runs from September 12-14.



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