Methamphetamine and the CMEA

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The purpose of the CMEA is to limit the domestic manufacture of methamphetamine by placing restrictions on the sale of Pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine at retail outlets.

True or False
Question #2

Someone who buys small quantities of ingredients (e.g., PSE, ice packs, lithium, matches, iodine), from several different locations, in order to manufacture, or more likely, assist in the manufacture of methamphetamine is called a ________.

a. Kentucky Wildcat
b. Louisville Cardinal
c. Smurf
d. Trifecta
Methamphetamine Facts

Schedule II controlled substance

Methamphetamine is the most widely abused, domestically produced synthetic drug in the United States.

It is used across all genders, ages, and socio-economic levels.

Has a high rate of addiction, a low rate of sustained recovery, and is relatively inexpensive to manufacture.
The U.S. methamphetamine threat is a two prong problem:

- Methamphetamine manufactured by Mexican Trafficking Organizations (large "Super Labs" in Mexico & the U.S.)
- Small Capacity Production Labs (SCPLs) (based in the U.S.)
I'M MAKING METH
Foreign vs. Domestic Methamphetamine
Methamphetamine from foreign trafficking organizations
P2P vs. PSE/EPH

The chart illustrates the percentage of samples for both P2P Method and Phosphorus-Iodine Method across different quarters from 1Q-2007 to 4Q-2011. The data shows a significant variation in the percentage of samples over time for both methods.
P2P Route Affects Potency

• Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine-based routes always produce “potent” meth (d-meth only)
  – Predominant method prior to 2006
  – Still used today in small, domestic labs (one pot, Smurfing)

• P2P-based routes form “less-potent” methamphetamine
  – Half of the sample is d-meth and half is l-meth
  – l-meth 2 to 10 times less potent than the d-isomer
  – At high doses, l-meth stimulant effects are similar to d-meth but are short lived (therefore, l-meth not preferred by users)*

Methamphetamine Seizures Along the U.S. SW Border (Kilograms)

Source: NSS-EPIC
Query Date: January 29, 2013

Statistics are for Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.
Domestic Methamphetamine
Domestic Meth

- The New Methamphetamine
  - 3 to 4 times easier to make and 3 to 4 times more potent than the old drug
  - Common chemicals purchased over the counter
  - 1 to 4 hours to cook a batch (old method took 20 hours)
  - Accounts for 98% of all reported clandestine labs. EPIC 2004
Why do we have the CMEA?
Domestic Chemical Trafficking
What is the purpose of the CMEA?

To limit the domestic manufacture of methamphetamine by placing restrictions on the sale of Pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine at retail outlets.
What information must be in the logbook?

• You must keep a logbook which contains a written or electronic list of sales of drug products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

• You must write or enter in the logbook the name of the drug product and the quantity sold.

• Your customer must write or enter in the logbook their name and address, and the date and time of the sale.

• Your customer must also sign the logbook (signature).
Identification and Verification

• Your customer must show you a photo identification issued by a State or the federal government. If your customer does not have a photo identification, ask your supervisor for help.

• You cannot sell Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine to customers unless they present appropriate identification.

• You must verify that your customer’s name on the photo identification matches the name your customer wrote in the logbook.

• You must verify that the date and time of the sale that your customer wrote in the logbook are correct.
When is my customer NOT required to sign the logbook?

• If your customer buys a single package containing not more than 60 milligrams of pseudoephedrine* (one 60 mg tablet or two 30 mg tablets)
  – Your customer does not have to sign the logbook.
  – Your customer does not have to show identification.

* Note: does not apply to ephedrine or phenylpropanolamine
Who can see the logbook information?

• You must keep the logbook secure.
• You may share information in the logbook:
  – To comply with the law; and
  – For a product recall.
• Logbook information may only be shown to local, state and federal law enforcement.
• Information in the logbook may be copied, inspected only, or turned over entirely.
• Ask your supervisor for further information about sharing information.
How do I store these drug products?

- You must store drug products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine either behind the counter or in a locked cabinet.
- You must give the drug product directly to the customer who signed the logbook.
How much of these drug products can I sell to each customer per day?

• You cannot sell more than 3.6 grams per day to each customer of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine.
How much of these drug products can my customer buy in a 30-day period?

• Your customer cannot buy more than 9 grams in a 30-day period of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine.
Kentucky More Restrictive

- Reduces monthly limit from 9 grams to 7.2 grams without a prescription
- Annual limit set at 24 grams without a prescription
- Age restriction set---no one under 18 (w/RX)
Kentucky More Restrictive

- Prohibits individuals convicted of offense relating to methamphetamine from possessing or attempting to possess for 5 years after the following dates:
  - date of conviction;
  - discharged from incarceration: or
  - date released from probation or parole
Meth’s Effects
Psychological Effects

- Delusions
- Extreme paranoia
- Hallucinations
- Increased alertness
- Sense of well-being
- Prolonged depression
- Excessive excitation and talking
- Panic

- Anxiousness and nervousness
- Moodiness and irritability
Meth Addiction

- When compared to Alcohol and Cocaine:
  - A group of 100 people given a drink of alcohol every day for 3 weeks, **8 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - A group of 100 people given meth or cocaine orally or as snuff every day for 3 weeks, **14 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - A group of 100 people given meth by smoking or injection just 2 times, **90 of the 100** will become addicted.
  - If a recovering meth addict, who has been clean for 11 months, has a hit of meth in placed in front of them, the desire to use it will cause the addict to use it, **100%** of the time.

Dr. S. Alex Stalcup MD, New Leaf Treatment Center
“Every day we beat our heads against the wall, dealing with these people,” said Kim Hayes, a registered nurse and case manager at the burn unit. “Right now, there are no consequences for these people. You blow yourself up in a meth lab. You get free health care because we are going to take care of you. We’re going to give you everything you need. You’re going to go out. You’re going to do it again and then we’ll give you everything for free again.”

www.tennessean.com September 5, 2011
An individual suffering from "crank bugs", a condition sometimes seen in cases of heavy methamphetamine abuse. A similar condition, called "coke bugs" or "snow bugs", is also seen in heavy cocaine users. This is a drug induced hallucination or sensation that bugs are crawling on or under the skin. The abuser picks at the skin in an attempt to remove the bugs. The individual pictured had similar marks on his legs, face, chest and back.
Clandestine Lab
POSSIBLE LAB LOCATIONS

Campers

Cars

Trailers

Motels
Mobile Meth Lab found inside of truck during a traffic stop.
Mobile Lab Counter Measure
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Endangering our Communities
Florida & Alabama

“Meth lab explodes inside South Jacksonville apartment”

“Janitor finds meth lab in Walmart bathroom”

August 17, 2011 The Florida Times Union

WHNT April 11, 2012 Boaz, Alabama
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Endangering our Communities
Washington, D.C & Nation

“Meth Lab Explosion Rocks Luxury Apartment in Dupont Apartment”

“AP Exclusive: National Meth Labs Busts up in 2011”

February 2, 2012
Inthecapital.com

February 22, 2012
Associated Press
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Being Found At & Near Our Schools
Indiana & Michigan

“Two meth labs found at Elementary School”

“Meth Lab Next to Elementary School”

ABC57news April 4, 2012
Plymouth, Indiana

9 & 10 News April 2, 2012
Luther, Michigan
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Being Found Near & At Schools
Georgia

"Police bust meth lab next to elementary school"

"Meth lab found in truck at South Effingham Middle School"

"Lawrence Lanier, 34, had two small children in his truck within arm’s reach of a meth lab when he was arrested at South Effingham Middle School, Effingham County Sheriff’s Office spokesman David Ehsanipoor said."

WTOC.com March 29, 2012
Kingsland, Georgia

Savannahnow.com April 10, 2012
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Environment
Tennessee & Kentucky

“Man Dumped Meth Waste Into Trout Stream.”

“Dumping meth labs – Materials pose threat to environment, including water supply, fish and wildlife”

“My concern is this is a trout stream, there are kids that fish this area,” said Sheriff Hensley”

April 25, 2012 WCYB.com

“The bad news is for the public Loving said, because the chemicals left behind are now in the river where people fish and swim.”

BG DailyNews.com August 19, 2011
Meth labs are Dangerous
“Two men plead guilty in meth lab-lab fire that heavily damaged Kalamazoo apartment building”

Kalamazoo Gazette March 31, 2010
One Pot Gone Wild
Calendar Year 2004
Total: 23,829

Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents
Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center
(EPIC)National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 29, 2013
Calendar Year 2005
Total: 17,619

Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents
Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 29, 2013
Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents
Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Calendar Year 2006
Total: 9,177

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 29, 2013
Calendar Year 2007
Total: 6,858

Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents
Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 29, 2013
Calendar Year 2008
Total: 8,810

Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date: January 29, 2013
Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents
Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Calendar Year 2009
Total: 12,851

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)
National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 29, 2013
Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Calendar Year 2010
Total: 15,196

Source: El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) National Seizure System (NSS)
Query Date January 27, 2013
Total of All Meth Clandestine Laboratory Incidents Including Labs, Dumpsites, Chem/Glass/Equipment

Calendar Year 2011
Total: 13,390

*Due to the exhaustion of Federal funds provided by the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, to the DEA, for cleaning up methamphetamine laboratories, the number of methamphetamine labs that have been reported to EPIC does not necessarily reflect the total number of labs that have been discovered/seized, by law enforcement.
## Clan Lab Clean Up Costs

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Why Pseudoephedrine or Ephedrine to Make Methamphetamine?
What’s the big deal with Pseudoephedrine? The answer is basically One Oxygen Molecule. The molecular similarity of pseudo to meth is so close that using today’s common methamphetamine manufacturing methods (“Shake & Bake” Red-Phosphorus or Anhydrous / Nazi method) simply reduce the molecular structure of pseudoephedrine/ ephedrine by one Oxygen molecule to create Methamphetamine.
One Pot Meth Production

• Combine
  • PSE tablets – whole or ground up
  • Solvent – ether, camp fuel
  • Lithium (Batteries)
  • Sodium Hydroxide
  • Ammonium Nitrate (cold packs)
  • Water

• Exothermic Reaction
  • Filter off liquid
  • Use HCl generator to crash out Meth
Extremely Dangerous One-Pot labs

- 2005 – 2009
- One-Pot labs newest trend extremely Dangerous
- Clan lab stats increase in many states
- Reactive to water/moisture
- Meth labs catching fire at a higher rate
- 50% Failure (if it hasn’t – it will catch fire
AVAILABILITY OF MANUFACTURING MATERIALS!!!!!!!!!!
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&
“Cyber Monday”
“Tweaker Tuesday”
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Impact of One Meth Lab - $350,000

- Child Welfare $12,000
- Mental Health $20,000
- Treatment $54,000
- Health Care $Unknown
- School $Unknown
- Unborn Children $Unknown
- Jobs $50,000
- Property Damage $17,000
- Toxic Waste Cleanup $3,500
- Law Enforcement $5,000
- Court $5,000
- Corrections $252,000

* Using a model developed by John Duncan, PhD, Chief Agent, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics
*Total Costs: $23.4 BILLION

And it all begins with Smurfing!!

*2009 Rand Study
What is a Smurf?

• A smurf is someone who buys small quantities of ingredients (e.g., PSE, ice packs, lithium, matches, iodine), from several different locations, in order to manufacture, or more likely, assist in the manufacture of methamphetamine.
The Source for Pseudoephedrine –”Smurfing”

Pseudoephedrine blister packs

Provided by: Shelby County Sheriff’s Office
Tracking vs. Scheduling
Tracking

- Logbooks electronically connected to database
- Database determines if individual can make purchase
- Permanent electronic record of purchase
- Stop sale ability
- Helps LE identify smurfers
- Leads to identification of lab operators and labs
- More arrests and seizures . . . . maybe
- Great tool for LE . . . . If all retail outlets are involved and the database is not corrupted by false IDs
- In Place - KY, MO*, AR*, CA*, +++++++++++
Schedule III Prescription Only

- PSE and EPH can only be obtained pursuant to prescription from a physician or practitioner
- Cannot freely purchase from retail outlets - ends unrestricted availability and smurfing
- If a CS, PDMP may be utilized for tracking purposes (if authorized by state law or regulation)
- In place in Oregon – 96% lab seizure reduction
- In place in Mississippi – 67% reduction
- Decrease in labs leads to a decrease in resources expended – LE and local/city/state funds (OT, lab cleanups, environmental issues, children/defs/citizens/cops health care, foster care etc)
- LE can restructure resources to handle other LE issues instead of providing cleanup service and chasing smurfers
- Prevents labs – is not a reactive tool, but a preventative measure
What will the lobbyists tell you?

Parade of Horribles...

- Public outcry
- Inconvenience
- Medicaid costs
- Impact on poor
- Won’t work
- Electronic tracking will reduce labs
- Tracking is free
- Tracking stops smurfs
DISCLOSURE – NEITHER of these Systems will have ANY impact on Methamphetamine Availability in the United States!!!!!!!!
OREGON METH LAB INCIDENTS

* 2005: Oregon law requiring placement behind the counter, photo ID, and logging effective May 14, 2005.

* Oregon prescription only law became effective 7/1/2006.
What happened when Oregon rescheduled PSE...

- Appx. 80 other over the counter cold and allergy medications are available for purchase
- Legitimate users can still get medication when needed
- Most MDs are willing to call in scrip rather than require an office visit
- Price of PSE did not go up
- Oregon Medicaid’s increase due to PSE = $7,780
- Violent crime has decreased 10.6%
- Property crime has decreased 6.9%
  - 2007 to 2008 FBI stats, The Oregonian 9-14-09
- Eliminated smurfing
- Near elimination of labs
- All drug arrests are down
- Mississippi passed CIII in their 2010 session
- Cities and Counties in Missouri are passing CIII local ordinances
Oregon vs. Kentucky

Meth Lab Incidents*
Comparing Oregon and Kentucky trend lines

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* Per EPIC for 2000-2008. 2009 is directly from Oregon and Kentucky. NOTE: The Kentucky number may go higher due to late reporting.
Kentucky
Meth Lab Seizures by Year
Electronic Tracking

Meth Check Implemented
June 1, 2008

428
741
1,078
1,233

2008 2009 2010 2011
Meth Lab Costs by Year to Kentucky Taxpayers

- 2008: $149,800,000
- 2009: $259,350,000
- 2010: $377,300,000
- 2011: $431,550,000

Meth Check Implemented
June 1, 2008
After just six months, a new law requiring a prescription for cold and sinus medicines containing pseudoephedrine has proved to be an effective deterrent to methamphetamine production in Mississippi.

“Early results show a nearly **70 percent reduction in meth-related cases statewide**. Now when we find pseudoephedrine at meth labs, it was purchased in surrounding states,” explained Director Fisher.

Figures from the MBN indicate officers worked **124** meth labs from July to December 2010, a **68 percent reduction** from the **389** meth labs they worked from July to December 2009.

Officials removed **19** children from meth lab sites July to December 2010, a **76 percent reduction** from the **80** children removed from meth labs sites July to December 2009.

“Other states are looking to follow Mississippi’s lead and pass the same law. This works; I hope they do,” Director Fisher said.
(Associated Press) “Analysis Finds Meth Flourishes Despite Tracking Laws”

“Electronic systems that track sales of the cold medicine used to make methamphetamine have failed to curb the drug trade and instead created a vast, highly lucrative market for profiteers to buy over-the-counter pills and sell them to meth producers at a huge markup.”

“The pharmaceutical industry has spent several million dollars to fund the tracking systems. For drug makers, that is far cheaper than one alternative -- making the medication available only by prescription. If more states do the same, it could be devastating for makers of cold and sinus pills. The pseudoephedrine market is estimated at more than $550 million annually. “

35% of children removed from lab scenes test positive for meth
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children
Oklahoma

“OKLAHOMA CITY - A judge was told Friday that Del City fire investigators found evidence that methamphetamine was made inside the burned motorhome where three young children died Jan. 4.”

July 23, 2011 newsOK.com
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children Florida

“Meth Lab Baby; A child’s fight for life.”

November 13, 2009
FoxTV.com Florida
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Endangering our Children
Indiana & Florida

“Police believe a Muncie couple put the lives of hundreds of children – including three of their own – in danger by maintaining a meth lab in their southeast Muncie home near a school and a day care center.”

Muncie Star Press December 32, 2011

“Police seek person who made meth at SW IND school”

Wish TV 8 December 13, 2011

“4 children escape meth lab fire”

FoxTV.com Florida
October 27, 2011
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Endangering Our Children
Indiana & Georgia

“Two arrested and children taken into protective custody in Elkhart meth bust.”

“Report: Chattooga Co. woman hides meth lab under children's play house”

July 22, 2011 WSBT-TV

The Summerville News April 16, 2012
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Endangering our Children & Families
West Virginia & Michigan

“The number of meth labs is on the rise in West Virginia, and more than half are happening in homes with children.”

“Meth lab explosion forces five families out of their apartments”

WSZ3 November 22, 2011

Hillsdale.net April 6, 2012
Cambria, Michigan
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children Ohio

“Death of Akron toddler called suspicious; police say meth lab found in home.”

“Ohio toddler died from ingesting meth”

Akron Beacon Journal Online February 27, 2012 & March 27, 2012
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children
Georgia

“3 Children Killed, Evidence Of Meth Found In Fire”

“GWINNETT COUNTY, Ga. -- Gwinnett County police charged a man with murder after firefighters said they found chemicals related to methamphetamine production in a house fire that killed three children.”

Gadailynews.com  February 18, 2011
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children Tennessee

“Burned toddler found in Chattanooga meth lab”

“A Chattanooga woman has been arrested after police say her 2-year-old was severely burned at the family's residence -- where they also found a collection of meth labs.”

Chattanooga Times Free Press February 13, 2012
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children
North Carolina

“Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said Thursday his deputies raided a suspected meth operation near the Hoke/Cumberland County line where a 6-month-old child was burned.”
February 4, 2011
WTVD Raleigh, N.C.

“In Morgantown, a meth lab was discovered at a day-care center.”
www.charlotteobserver.com April 3, 2011
Methamphetamine Laboratories are Harming Our Children & Costly Missouri

Statewide, there were 547 substantiated reports involving 987 children exposed to meth labs from January 2006 to December 2010, according to the Missouri Department of Social Services. The state took custody of 507 of these children. DSS estimates the state has spent about $3.4 million providing custodial care to children removed from meth homes from August 2005 to December 2010.

News leader.com  February 25, 2012
DEA Web-based Resources

www.DEA.gov
Questions