

DRUGS, DRUGS, & MORE DRUGS



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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- 1. Discuss R.Ph. duties & responsibilities when presented with an RX for dispensing**
- 2. Discuss the problem with drugs from an individual state perspective**





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- a. True
- b. False





PRE-TEST ?????? #3

3. There is a legitimate medical reason for the combination of an opiate, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol to be prescribed to one person

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PHARMACY'S TWO MOST IMPORTANT RULES FOR PRACTICE



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AND RULE #2 IS?

21 CFR 1306.04

A prescription for a controlled substance to be effective must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of his professional practice...



21 CFR 1306.04 (Cont.)

The responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is upon the prescribing practitioner, but a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.



Missouri Regulations

- Although corresponding responsibility is not defined in the state regulations you are responsible to know and comply with state and federal controlled substances laws and also to insure that subordinates acting under your authority are complying with the law.



System of Checks and Balances

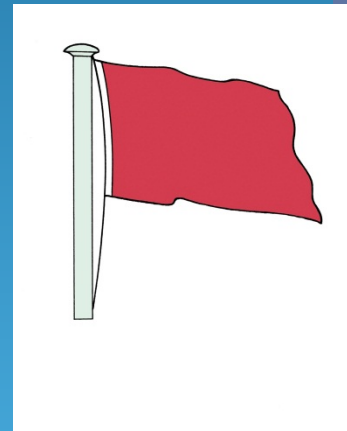


The Last Line of Defense



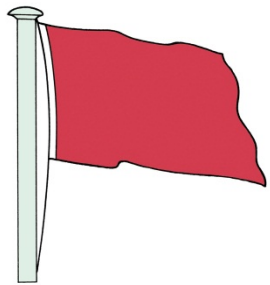
Corresponding Responsibility

- As a pharmacist, by law, you have a Corresponding Responsibility to ensure that prescriptions are legitimate.
- Just because a prescription is presented by a patient or demanded to be filled for a patient by a doctor's office, you are not obligated to fill the prescription!!!



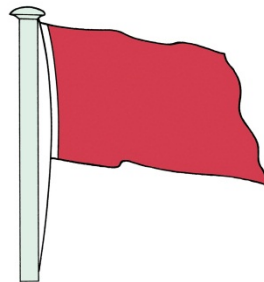
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- The doctor tells patients to fill their prescriptions at your pharmacy.
- The majority of the controlled substances prescriptions presented, originated from the same doctor.
- Many patients have identical prescriptions, regardless of age, sex or health.



Corresponding Responsibility

- Patients of the same physician, arrive at the pharmacy in groups with prescriptions for the same medications.
- Refills are authorized in advance.





WHO DECIDES THE VALIDITY OF PRESCRIPTIONS?

DISPENSING PHARMACISTS NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THEY, NOT THEIR DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE “CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY”!!!



WHAT ABOUT THE “TRINITY”

- Is there any legitimate reason to prescribe/dispense an opiate, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol to one individual?
- Not if you know their indications and metabolism, there isn't!

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFO?

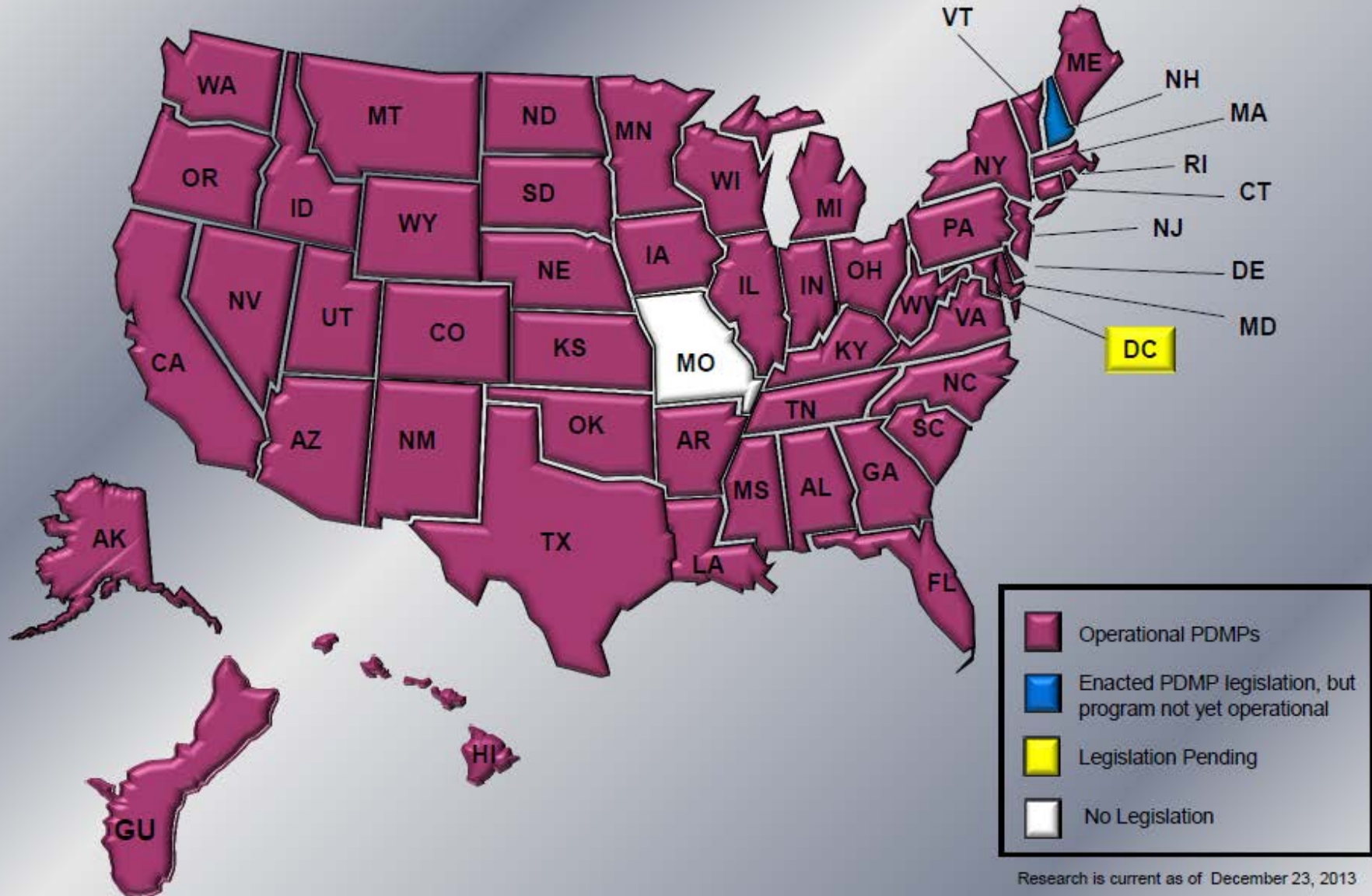
- IF THE PATIENT IS NOT FROM YOUR AREA, QUESTION WHY THEY ARE THERE. IT MAY BE LEGITIMATE – BUT.....
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
- USE YOUR STATE PMP– AND THERE'S SOMETHING EXTRA AVAILABLE SOON FOR YOUR USE FROM NABP (I HOPE!)



PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

Status of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

** To view PDMP Contact information, hover the mouse pointer over the state abbreviation*





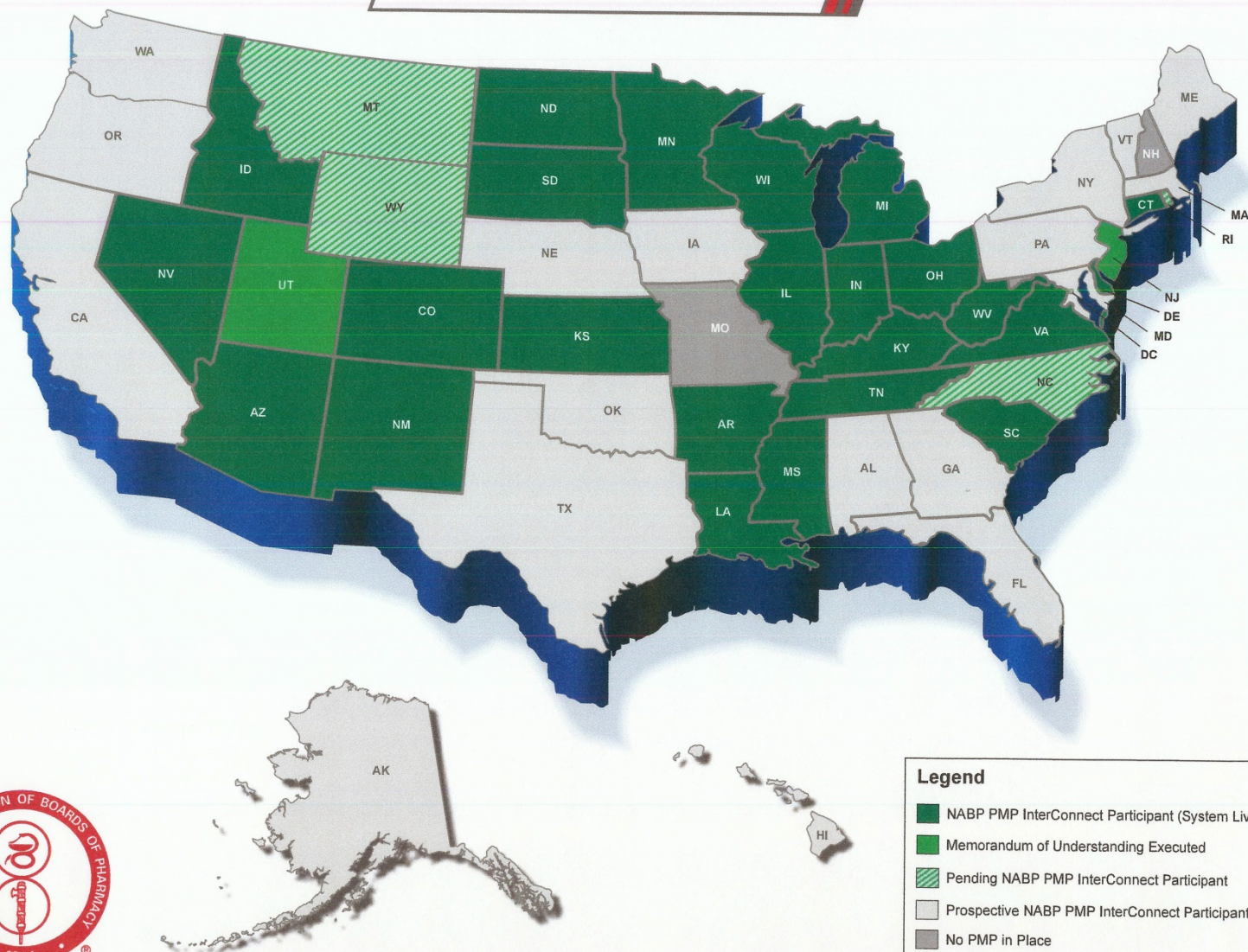
ANY OTHER SOURCES?

These maps only show the data from the Ohio PDMP (OARRS). It does not reflect the large (HUGE) amount of drugs being ferried across state lines from other states, including FL & GA. Ohio law enforcement is still interdicting large quantities of RX meds during traffic stops.



- The NABP InterConnect allows users of PMPs in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin to securely exchange prescription data between the 24 participating states.

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**FINAL
REMINDER-**



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