Methamphetamine and the CMEA

Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference

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- Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act
U.S. Methamphetamine Production

- Prior to CMEA, U.S. encounters of methamphetamine labs had increased dramatically over past two decades

- Small Production Capacity Labs (SPCLs) emerge; also known as “One Pot Method” and “Shake & Bake Labs” (gram to multi-gram methamphetamine yields)

- 2004 - record number of labs encountered/seized in the U.S.
  - (2004 - 15,820 labs reported)
2005 - US Addresses
Methamphetamine Production

• Congress passes Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 (effective March 2006)
  – The CMEA restricts the sales of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine in the U.S.
CMEA - Point-of-Sale Requirements

• Daily sales limit 3.6 grams per day per customer
  – 146 x 30-mg tablets of Pseudo HCl
  – 73 x 60-mg tablets of Pseudo HCl
• Buyers cannot purchase more than 9 grams of PSE over 30 day period
• Sold in “blister” pack only – cannot be sold in bottles
In 2006, the U.S. sees a 53% reduction in methamphetamine labs from the previous year:

- 2005 – 10,693 labs
- 2006 – 5,031 labs
- 2007 – 3,876 labs
Criminals Adapt to CMEA
Smurfing
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.
- Multiple IDs used to buy PSE and EPH
2008 Clandestine Lab Seizures Increase

• Criminal Subculture learns to circumnavigate CMEA
• “Smurfers” emerge to supply clandestine lab cooks with pseudoephedrine
  – Individuals go to multiple stores purchasing amounts allotted by the CMEA
  – Multiple identifications used to purchase PSE
  – Reported Small Production Capacity Labs increase (labs only)
    • (2008 – 5,417 labs) (2009 – 8,516 labs)
    • (2010 – 10,519 labs) *(2011 – 9,158 labs)
    • *(2012 – 9,121 labs) **( 2013 – 7,909 labs)

* Due to the exhaustion of Federal funds provided by the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), 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 for years 2011 and 2012.
Methamphetamine Facts

• Schedule II controlled substance

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

• 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 & liquid conversion labs the U.S.)

- Small Capacity Production Labs (SCPLs) (based in the U.S.)
Methamphetamine from foreign trafficking organizations
Methamphetamine Seizures Along the U.S. SW Border (Kilograms)

Source: NSS-EPIC
Query Date: July 1, 2014

Statistics are for Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.
P2P vs. PSE/EPH

Percentage of Samples

P2P Method
Phosphorus-Iodine Method

1Q to 3Q-2007: 82
1Q-2008: 64
3Q-2008: 44
1Q-2009: 51
3Q-2009: 47
1Q-2010: 28
3Q-2010: 26
1Q-2011: 26
3Q-2011: 20
1Q-2012: 20
3Q-2012: 16
1Q-2013: 16
3Q-2013: 13
1Q-2014: 13

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Percentage of Samples

P2P Method
Phosphorus-Iodine Method
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.
Let’s Make Meth!
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.
Ingredients for One Pot Method

- 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
Small Production Capacity Lab (SPCL) aka “One Pot”

- Utilize 16 to 20 ounce, or 2 liter drink bottles as the vessels to synthesize the drug
- Only produce gram to multi-gram quantities of methamphetamine
One-Pot labs are EXTREMELY Dangerous

- One-Pot labs 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
“One Pot” Damage
What do “One Pot” Lab sites look like?
SPCL “One Pot” - waste

- Generate toxic waste
  - 1 lb of Meth Produced
  - Yields 5-6 Pounds of Toxic Waste
WHERE CAN YOU GET METH MANUFACTURING MATERIALS?
Where can you find Meth Labs?

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration / Operations
Division / Office of Diversion Control
Houses  Barns
We have encountered labs in . . .

Storage Units  "Vacant" Buildings
We have encountered labs in...
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 Circle 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 Near & At Schools in 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.”

“My concern is this is a trout stream, there are kids that fish this area," said Sheriff Hensley"
April 25, 2012 WCYB.com

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

“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
Back to the CMEA . . .
CMEA Resource
CMEA (Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005)

Title VII of Public Law 109-177
The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005
Sales of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products
Required Training and Self-Certification
Law Enforcement Queries Regarding Self-Certification
Import and Production Quotas for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine
Importation, Exportation, and International Transactions Involving all Listed Chemicals

The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005
USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act 2005 (Public Law 109-177) (PDF)
General Information Regarding the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 or PDF Version

Sales of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products
Implementation of the Methamphetamine Production Prevention Act of 2008 (December 1, 2011)
Interim Final Rule – Self-Certification and Employee Training of Mail-Order Distributors of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products (April 26, 2011)
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 or who provides identification.
Identification and Verification

• Your customer must show you a photo identification issued by a State or the federal government.

• 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.
Self-Certification Requirement

CMEA Required Training & Self-Certification
For questions contact Help Desk - 1-800-882-9539

Self-Certification (Training Required Prior to Self-Certification)

$21 self-certification fee established for regulated sellers of scheduled listed chemical products (SLCPs) that are not DEA pharmacy registrants

Training Required to Sell Drug Products Containing Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine

Retail Vendors (Only one certificate per Retail Store is required)
Mobile Retail Vendor (Self-certification required for each location)
Mail-Order Vendors

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Meth’s Effects
Meth is highly Addictive

• 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
Meth Abuse side effects . . .
“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.”
“Meth Mouth”
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.” Or does it?
- Leads to identification of lab operators and labs. Or does it?
- More arrests and seizures….maybe
- Tool for LE …. If all retail outlets are involved and the database is not corrupted by false IDs
- In Place - KY, MO*, AR*, CA*, TN, PA ++++++++++++
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
DISCLOSURE –

• NEITHER Tracking or Prescription only will have ANY impact on Methamphetamine Availability in the United States!

• But, Prescription only PSE will impact the number of domestic meth labs
Oregon
Meth Lab Seizures by Year

* Behind the counter and log book on May 14, 2005
** Prescription only on July 1, 2006

Source: NSS-EPIC
Query Date: July 1, 2014
“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. “

Mississippi: 6-Month-Old Law to Combat Meth Production Lauded  Jan. 4, 2011

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.
Meth Labs and Child Welfare
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

Tulsa World & Newson6.com  January 5, 2011
“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
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
Pennsylvania Reported Meth Labs
Pennsylvania
Reported Meth Lab Seizures by Year
Electronic Tracking

NPLEX Implemented
April 5, 2014

Source: NSS-EPIC
Query Date: July 1, 2014
United States Encounters and Efforts against Synthetic Designer Drugs

July 12 & 13, 2014

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UNODC: NPS are substances of abuse that are not under international control (but constitute a significant public health threat)
Compounds Encountered in the U.S. since 2009

More than 230 new Synthetic Compounds From 8 Classes of Drugs

U.S. law enforcement has encountered:

- 95 synthetic cannabinoids
- 51 synthetic cathinones
- 87 other compounds (2C compounds, tryptamine, piperazines, etc.)
**Synthetic Designer Drugs**

- These drugs are perceived as being ‘legal’ alternatives to marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, MDMA and LSD

- These drugs are being marketed and sold as:
  - incense and potpourri
  - bath salts
  - glass cleaner
  - shoe deodorizer
  - plant food
  - “Molly”
  - Research chemicals
  - And many other names

- Often **more dangerous** than the traditional illicit drugs
Synthetic Cannabinoids

- Unregulated and unlicensed industry
- Multiple manufacturers
- Sold in convenience stores, gas stations (often behind the counter), smoke and head shops and online
- Significant batch to batch variance (i.e. “hot spots”, multiple or different drugs)
- Labeled “Not for Human Consumption”
Liquid Cannabinoid Delivery Method
Why Spice? - 18 year old’s perception

- “Spice vs Marijuana”
  - Doesn’t show up on urinalysis testing
  - More potent
    - “10Xs higher”
  - Less expensive
    - “10Xs cheaper”
Cannabinoid Collateral Damage
“Suspected” DUID
Sidney, Nebraska – September 2010

• 16-year old male
• No memory of incident
• Drove by an elementary and high school at high rates of speed
• Hospital drug screen no other drugs found
• Pipe, product, and urine analyzed – JWH-018
**Adverse Health Effects: Cannabinoids**

Abusers are presenting at Emergency Departments and also seeking treatment for dependence and withdrawal.

Multiple deaths have been connected to the abuse of these substances alone and with other substances on-board.

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BATH SALTS, PLANT FOOD, GLASS CLEANER, ETC.
**Synthetic Cathinones**
(bath salts, plant food, glass cleaner, “Molly”)

- Structurally and pharmacologically similar to amphetamine, Ecstasy (MDMA) and other related substances.

- Are central nervous system (CNS) stimulants and have stimulant and psychoactive properties similar to schedule I and II amphetamine type stimulants.

- Synthetic cathinones are sold in retail stores, on the internet, and in “head shops” as “bath salts”, “plant food”, “jewelry cleaner”, “lady bug attractant” and others.
Synthetic Cathinones
(bath salts, plant food, glass cleaner)

- Like the cannabinoids, unregulated and unlicensed industry
- Full disclosure of ingredients typically not present
- Significant batch to batch variances “Hot Spots”
- Sold in convenience stores, gas stations and online
Synthetic cathinone users commonly report cardiac, psychiatric, and neurological signs and symptoms with death.

### Adverse Health Effects: Cathinones

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<td>Arthralgia, extremity changes (coldness, discoloration, numbness, tingling), muscular tension, cramping</td>
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Synthetic Cathinones

- Also sold in pill form
- Popular at Clubs
- Available at Parties
- Mimics MDMA
  - Ecstasy/XTC
- Street name “Molly”
What is Molly?
Where did the term come from?

• Molly – derived from the word “molecule”
  – Rogue chemists would often alter one molecule to defeat the controlled substance laws

• Molly – a synthetic designer drug
  – Originally - a street name for pure MDMA (Ecstasy)
  – Currently - a street name for a drug, that has the same effects as MDMA
Molly

• Some of the Drugs found in “Molly" (Scheduled)
  – MDMA (1985)
  – Methylone (October 2011)
  – A-PVP (March 2014)
  – 4-MEC (March 2014)
  – Pentadrone (March 2014)
  – Butylone (March 2014)
  – Ethylone
  – others
Other Synthetic Drugs of Abuse
Phenethylamines
25I-NBOMe and 25C-NBOMe
“N-BOMB”, “2-5-I”, “Eye” and “Smiles”

- Hallucinogen, abused orally or through nasal passages
- Encountered on blotter paper and in dropper bottles
- Taken as a substitute for LSD
- Linked to several overdose deaths
- 11/2013 controlled 25I-NBOMe, 25B-NBOMe & 25C-NBOMe
Acetyl Fentanyl

- RI Medical Examiner's Office regarding twelve (12) overdose deaths in March/April 2013
- Preliminary Lab/Toxicology reports attribute OD deaths to Acetylfentanyl
  - 5 of 12 overdose deaths occurred in Woonsocket, RI
  - May 16, 2013 two individuals arrested in Woonsocket, RI in possession of 28 grams of suspected Acetyl fentanyl
- Attempts will be made to confirm link to OD deaths
Addressing through Legislation

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration / Operations
Division / Office of Diversion Control
## U.S. Synthetic Drug Abuse and Prevention Act 2012

### Cannabinoids

1. AM2201
2. AM694
3. CP-47,497
4. CP-47,497 – C8 homologue
5. JWH-018
6. JWH-073
7. JWH-081
8. JWH-200
9. JWH-019
10. JWH-250
11. JWH-122
12. JWH-203
13. JWH-398
14. SR-19
15. SR-18

### Cathinones

1. Mephedrone
2. MDPV

### Phenethylamines

1. 2C–E
2. 2C–D
3. 2C–C
4. 2C–I
5. 2C–T–2
6. 2C–T–4
7. 2C–H
8. 2C–N
9. 2C–P
Prosecution of Non-Controlled Drugs
U.S. Controlled Substance Analogue Act

21 USC 813 – A Controlled Substance Analogue, shall, *to the extent intended for human consumption*, be treated for the purposes for any Federal law as a controlled substance in Schedule I

21 USC 802(32) – chemical structure is *substantially similar* to a controlled substance in schedule I or II and has a *similar pharmacologic effect*. 
Law Enforcement Efforts

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration / Operations
Division / Office of Diversion Control
DEA Web-based Resources

EA.gov
Prevention . . .
DEA Web-based Resources

The Truth About Marijuana and Legalization

TOP STORY
DEA Statement Regarding the Release of Rafael Caro-Quintero
AUGUST 9 (WASHINGTON)
Today, the Drug Enforcement Administration was deeply troubled to learn of the decision by a Mexican court to release infamous drug trafficker Rafael Caro-Quintero from a Mexican prison. Caro-Quintero had

TOPICS OF INTEREST
DEA Museum Galleries Re-Open
DEA Fact Sheet
Drugs of Abuse: A DEA Resource Guide
Extension of Temporary Placement of Five Synthetic Cannabinoids

RESOURCE CENTER
Controlled Substances Act
DEA Museum and Visitors Center
Doing Business with DEA
Drug Disposal
Employee Assistance Program
Extortion Scam Alert
DEA Web-based Resources

**Just Think Twice**

You've heard the fiction, now learn the facts.

**Think** You Know What Methamphetamine Is Made Of?

Maybe you've heard it's made of the same stuff as cold medicine. Well, that's not all. Some of the ingredients used to make meth include battery acid, gasoline, and drain cleaner.

*GET THE FACTS ABOUT METHAMPHETAMINE*
Publications
Thank you