

Moderna Joins ASOP Global as Newest Member

Global Pioneer in mRNA Science and Maker of COVID-19 Vaccines Furthers Commitment to Protect Patients from Illegal Online Drug Sellers

WASHINGTON – June 23, 2022 – The [Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies](#) (ASOP Global) welcomed pioneering global pharmaceutical company [Moderna](#) as a new member organization today, expanding the company's long-standing leadership on patient safety issues.

"Welcoming Moderna as ASOP Global's newest member reaffirms our key founding principles of collaboration with industry leaders and diverse stakeholders to protect patients worldwide," said Libby Baney, principal at Faegre Drinker Consulting and senior advisor to ASOP Global. "As a pioneering company that produced one of the first and most effective COVID-19 vaccines, Moderna understands the important role innovative biopharmaceutical companies play in combatting the illegal online sales of dangerous counterfeit drugs that put public health and patient safety at risk."

Moderna's mRNA platform builds on continuous advances in mRNA science, delivery technology and manufacturing, and has allowed the development of therapeutics and vaccines for infectious diseases, immuno-oncology, rare diseases, cardiovascular diseases and auto-immune diseases. The company's COVID-19 vaccines further underscore the need for comprehensive efforts to address illegal online drug sales internationally, as [research](#) shows that COVID-19 has driven more people than ever to buy medicines online, including dubious vaccines.

"Patient safety is paramount to Moderna. We are proud to partner with ASOP Global to contribute to the ever-needed public awareness, timely research, and the U.S. and international advocacy necessary to end the online sale of substandard and falsified drugs," said Maysa Razavi, the company's Director of Global Brand Protection and Supply Chain Security. "We are committed to using our tools and expertise to partner with ASOP Global and its growing list of members to ensure that consumers will no longer fall victim to illicit or illegal online pharmacies."

Moderna joins dozens of distinguished organizations and companies that serve as [ASOP Global members and observers](#). These organizations span the entire health care delivery system and internet commerce stakeholders. ASOP Global and its partners remain dedicated to educating consumers, health care professionals and policymakers about the proliferation and dangers of substandard and falsified medicines online.

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ABOUT ASOP GLOBAL

The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global), a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. with activities in U.S., Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia, is dedicated to protecting consumers around the world, ensuring safe access to medications and combating illegal online drug sellers.

ABOUT MODERNA

In 10 years since its inception, Moderna has transformed from a research-stage company advancing programs in the field of messenger RNA (mRNA), to an enterprise with a diverse clinical portfolio of vaccines and therapeutics across six modalities, a broad intellectual property portfolio in areas including mRNA and lipid nanoparticle formulation, and an integrated manufacturing plant that allows for both clinical and commercial production at scale. Moderna maintains alliances with a broad range of domestic and overseas government and commercial collaborators. Most recently, Moderna's capabilities have come together to allow the authorized use of one of the earliest and most effective vaccines against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moderna's mRNA platform builds on continuous advances in basic and applied mRNA science, delivery technology and manufacturing, and has allowed the development of therapeutics and vaccines for infectious diseases, immuno-oncology, rare diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and autoimmune diseases. Moderna has been named a top biopharmaceutical employer by Science for the past seven years. To learn more, visit www.modernatx.com.