



New ASOP Global Foundation-funded Report Examines Impact of Lock and Suspend on Illegal Online Pharmacies

NABP research concludes shutting down websites that illegally sell prescription medications can help protect patient safety

WASHINGTON, DC – October 14, 2022 – A new report by The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), sponsored by [ASOP Global Foundation](#), shows that locking and suspending websites that illegally sell prescription medications online directly impacts patient safety. [Disrupting Illegal Online Pharmacies: Lock-and-Suspend as a Tool to Protect Patients](#) concludes that the domain name system is the right place to mandate action against illegal online pharmacies.

With 95% of roughly 35,000 online pharmacies operating illegally at any given time, digital drug dealers put Americans' lives at risk every day by selling medicines without a prescription, operating without a license, and peddling substandard, falsified, or counterfeit prescription drugs to unsuspecting consumers.

The NABP report contends that implementing lock-and-suspend actions at scale could disrupt the organized criminal networks that operate illegal online pharmacies, halting financial transactions facilitated by the domain name, shutting down its associated email addresses, and preventing patients from accessing these dangerous websites.

“Criminals know that more consumers are buying medicine online than ever before, and they use domain names to pose as legitimate pharmacy operations,” said Libby Baney, Partner at Faegre Drinker LLP and Senior Advisor to ASOP Global Foundation. “NABP’s comprehensive report reinforces the urgent need to enact policies like the [DRUGS Act](#) to hold domain name registrars and registries accountable for the actions of individual domain names and make the internet safer for American consumers.”

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