

ASOP Global Participates in Fourth FDA Summit

WASHINGTON, DC (June 22, 2023) – The [Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies](#) (ASOP Global) participated in the Federal Drug Administration’s (FDA) fourth Online Controlled Substances Summit. This year, the FDA broadened its focus from opioids to all controlled substances, as they are frequently used in combination. As part of the summit’s expanded scope, the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, the United Nations’ Global OPIOIDS Project, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and other experts examined global trends and policy and law enforcement solutions for stopping the illegal online sale of opioids and other controlled substances. ASOP Global’s Board Member John Hertig, Pharm.D., MS, CPPS, and Academic Advisor Tim Mackey, MAS, participated in a panel discussion on the landscape of controlled substances online.

“ASOP is pleased that the FDA has evolved these important conversations to include all controlled substances, just as criminals continue to expand their illicit wares to unsuspecting online consumers,” said Libby Baney, Senior Advisor to ASOP Global and Partner at Faegre Drinker LLP. “Illegal online drug sellers not only peddle counterfeit medicines, but they also increasingly lace these bad meds with potentially deadly doses of fentanyl.”

FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf, M.D. acknowledged that the overdose crisis is multifaceted and has evolved beyond prescription opioids. In recent years illicit opioids, largely driven by fentanyl and its analogs, have become critical contributors to the overdose crisis.

ASOP Global works to educate the public about the risks of illegal online pharmacies and counterfeit drugs through their [Bad Meds](#) campaign, created in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, and the Department of Homeland Security.

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ABOUT ASOP GLOBAL

The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global), a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., with activities in the 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.