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### ASOP Global Welcomes New Member Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA)

**WASHINGTON, D.C (February 24)**— The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global) today announced that the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA) has joined the organization as a new member, further strengthening efforts to protect patients from the growing threat of illegal online pharmacies and counterfeit medicines.

HDA represents the nation’s primary pharmaceutical distributors, which serve as the vital link between manufacturers and pharmacies and are responsible for delivering safe, effective medicines to patients across the United States. Through its members, HDA plays a central role in ensuring the integrity, security, and reliability of the legitimate pharmaceutical supply chain.

“Pharmaceutical distributors are essential partners in protecting patients and safeguarding the U.S. drug supply,” said Leigh Verbois, board member of ASOP Global. “HDA’s leadership and expertise across the healthcare distribution system make them a critical addition to ASOP Global as we work to combat illegal online drug sales and educate policymakers and consumers about the dangers of falsified medicines.”

“HDA and its members are committed to ensuring patients have access to safe, authentic medications through a secure and transparent supply chain,” said Chip Davis, president and CEO of HDA. “As illegal online pharmacies continue to threaten patient safety, collaboration across the healthcare ecosystem is more important than ever. We are pleased to join ASOP Global in advancing shared efforts to protect patients and promote safe access to medicines.”

HDA’s membership underscores the importance of cross-sector collaboration in addressing the risks posed by rogue online pharmacies and illicit drug sellers. As trusted stewards of the pharmaceutical supply chain, HDA members help prevent counterfeit, stolen, and diverted products from reaching patients.

HDA joins a growing group of distinguished organizations and companies serving as ASOP Global members and observers. Together, ASOP Global and its partners, spanning healthcare delivery, patient advocacy, and internet commerce, remain committed to educating consumers, healthcare professionals, and policymakers about the proliferation and dangers of falsified and substandard medicines sold online.

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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. Learn more at [buysaferx.pharmacy](http://buysaferx.pharmacy).

**About the Healthcare Distribution Alliance**

The Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA) represents primary pharmaceutical distributors — the vital link between the nation’s pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and others nationwide. Since 1876, HDA has helped members navigate regulations and innovations to get the right medicines to the right patients at the right time, safely and efficiently. The HDA Research Foundation, HDA’s nonprofit charitable foundation, serves the healthcare industry by providing research and education focused on priority healthcare supply chain issues.