# BUREAU OF NARCOTICS & DANGEROUS DRUGS



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## Missouri Practitioners

(Changes hourly)

Physician MD18	3,684
Physician DO	3,211
Dentists DDS	2,163
Dentists DMD	682
APRN	1,664
Veterinarians	1,804
Physicians' Assist	370
Assistant Physician	13
Optometrists	703
Podiatrists	259
TOTAL Individuals	29, 553

(*Out of 32,700*)



# Losses—Thefts—Diversion

- Lost—It's missing; no idea why or where it went.
  Unknown reason—It's just gone!!
- Theft—Burglaries, armed robberies, theft by person. Intent to deprive you of property without consent.
- Diversion—When drugs leave their normal and legal channel and enter into a path not authorized by law. This could be employee theft, or forged prescriptions, or people acting outside their scope.

#### Examples of Diversion

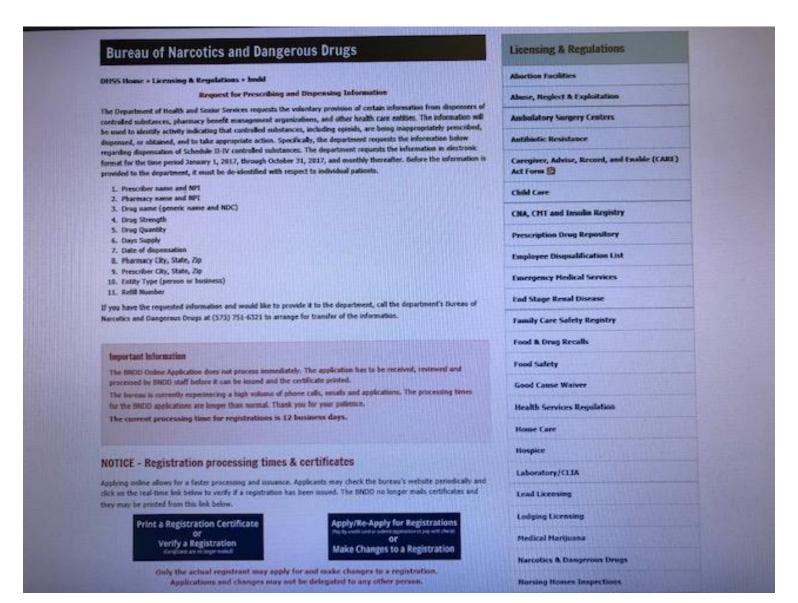
- Employee phones in false prescriptions for themselves, a friend, or family;
- Employee confirms refill prescriptions to pharmacies, without approval from practitioner;
- RN dispensing when physician is not present in practice;
- Clerical staff issuing prescriptions;
- Drugs or prescriptions leaving the practice in a manner not authorized by law;
- Staff can purchase drugs, check them in, and use doctor's credit card to pay—but staff is really taking the drugs home.
- A practitioner taking possession of a patient's un-used controlled substance prescription.
- Prescribing with no legitimate practitioner/patient relation.

#### Recent Hot Topics

- ✓ Practitioners—do not accept any un-used controlled substances back from patients. (195.070, RSMo)
- ✓ Practitioners and their agents (employees) can fill out prescriptions—do not allow pharmacies to fill out and prepopulate prescriptions for you to sign.
- ✓ See the patient—have a chart—document dates seen, patient complaints, observations, diagnosis, treatment plans, test results, and medications authorized. Be able to show the plan and why medications were authorized.
- ✓ Prescriptions must be signed and dated on the date issued—the prescription leaves you that same **DATE** and goes to the patient or pharmacy. Do not write prescriptions on one date, for them to be handed out on

#### **BNDD** Website

#### https://health.mo.gov/safety/bndd



#### **Educational Publications**

Only the actual registrant may apply for and ma Applications and changes may not be delega

- What's New!
- Publications
- Statutes & Regulations
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Applications & Forms
- How Citizens Can Dispose of Unwanted Medications

Activities and programs of the Department of Health and Senior Service safe and legal handling and distribution of narcotics and dangerous dru manufacture of controlled substances in Missouri. The department also enforcement and other agencies to minimize the abuse of controlled su state.

Missouri Controlled Substances (5-30-2017)

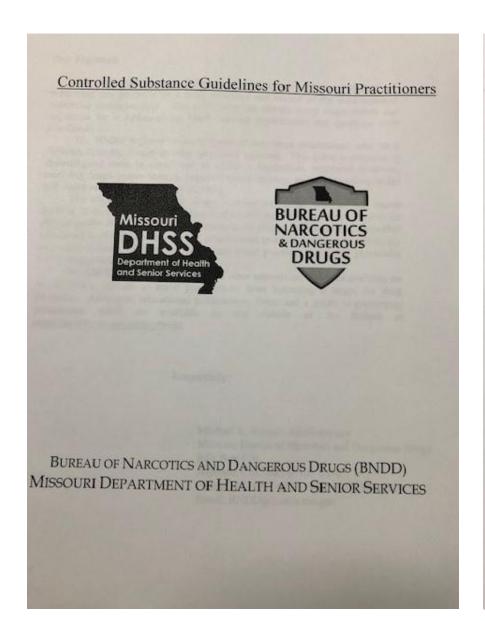
#### **Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Newsletter**

- Summer 2019 🛂
- . April 2019
- January 2019
- October 2018
- July 2018 🔄
- . April 2018
- January 2018
- October 2017
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- January 2017

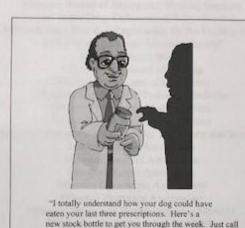
#### Other Publications

- CDC Opiate Prescribing Guidelines
- Controlled Substance Guidelines for Pharmacies
- Controlled Substance Guidelines for Missouri Practitioners
- Controlled Substance Guidelines for Clinics
- Controlled Substance Guidelines for Missouri EMS
- Disposal of Unwanted Controlled Substances \$\frac{1}{2}\$
- Hospital Management of Patients' Private Medications
- Investigating Drug Diversion in Hospitals
- Missouri changes to prescriptions guidelines (4-20-10)
- Obtaining Controlled Substances for Infusion
- Patients Disposing of Unwanted Controlled Substances
- Preventing Prescription Fraud

#### For Prescribers



#### Preventing Prescription Fraud



next time, there's no need to come in."

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The Missouri Task Force on the Misuse, Abuse
and
Diversion of Prescription Drugs

### Ways to Prevent Diversion

- Know the laws in order to comply;
- Establish policies and procedures in your practice;
- Train your staff;
- SUPERVISE the staff;
- Keep prescriptions pads secure;
- Only authorize certain staff to telephone prescriptions;
- Do not let staff phone in prescriptions for their own family;
- Divide duties—the person purchasing should not be the person checking in drugs, doing inventory adjustments or paying the bill. Divide duties and require some oversight.
- Review administration logs to make sure all drugs are accounted for—No "inventory adjustments."



## Preventing Diversion Cont.

- Review all charts before authorizing a prescription.
- Make use of the PDMP or Medicaid Cyber-Access.
- Once a month—play the role of supervisor—perform a self-inspection where you ask staff to show you current licenses, registrations, receipt records, inventories, administration logs, and how drugs are secured.
- Conduct background checks on all employees BEFORE granting them any access to controlled substances.
- Listen to Pharmacies—When they call it's to tell you about a prescription or patient. They will identify problems and give you information you need to know.

#### **Contact Information**

WEBSITE https://health.mo.gov/safety/bndd

Website has contact information for

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