Global Collaboration Effective in Dismantling Rogue Online Prescription Drug Sellers, Reports NABP

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MOUNT PROSPECT, Ill., Oct. 26, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) today issued a report about the importance of collaboration among members of the international pharmacy community to protect patients worldwide from dangers posed by illegal online drug sellers. As described in the Internet Drug Outlet Identification Program Progress Report for State and Federal Regulators: October 2012 *[1],* global cooperation from public and private organizations has resulted in the shutdown of thousands of Web sites selling prescription drugs illegally.

NABP continues to review and monitor Web sites selling prescription drugs and its findings are also presented in the report released today – of more than 10,000 Web sites analyzed, nearly 97% operate out of compliance with pharmacy laws and practice standards established in the United States, and many other developed countries, to protect public health. Such sites provide an outlet for counterfeit medicines to enter the U.S. drug supply, endangering the health and safety of Americans.

The report provides an overview of recent collaborative efforts – both public and private – that have occurred over the last six months. Such efforts include:

- Operation Pangea, which included 100 countries and resulted in thousands of illegal sites being shut down.
- An investigation by LegitScript.com, which gave NABP and other stakeholders the necessary proof to persuade a domain name registrar to suspend approximately 5,000 rogue Web sites and to modify its policies to prevent such abuses in the future.
- Collaboration with Canadian regulators to extend the VIPPS® (Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites) accreditation program to includ
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