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A Primer on Prescription Drug Abuse and the Role of the Pharmacy Director

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Other suggested readings:

Preventing Large-Scale Controlled Substance Diversion From Within the Pharmacy

Emory S. Martin, Steven H. Dzierba, and David M. Jones

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<http://archive.hospital-pharmacy.com/doi/pdf/10.1310/hpj4805-406>

Diversion in the Pharmacy

Brian O'Neal, MS, PharmD, and Jerry Siegel, PharmD, FASHP

Hospital Pharmacy volume 42, number 2, February 2007

<http://archive.hospital-pharmacy.com/doi/pdf/10.1310/hpj4202-145>

Diversion in the Operating Room

Brian O'Neal, MS, PharmD, Kristen Bass, PharmD, and Jerry Siegel, PharmD, FASHP

Hospital Pharmacy volume 42, number 4, April 2007

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Suggested Journal Club Members:

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Pharmacy Practice and Management Residents

Summary:

This article identifies and explores various factors associated with prescription drug abuse (PDA), which may lead to controlled drug diversion in some cases. In addition, the article discusses strategies to prevent both small- and large-scale drug diversion. The suggested readings describe significant costs of drug diversion in clinical patient care and economic parameters associated with prescription drug abuse and diversion of controlled drugs.

1. Why is PDA important to a pharmacy leader?
2. What are the costs of PDA?
3. What risk factors exist for PDA?
4. Why is managing chronic noncancer pain so critical in curbing PDA?
5. What strategies exist for preventing PDA? Which of these factors have been evaluated and/or implemented in your institution?
6. What are some key signs of controlled substance (CS) diversion?
7. What areas are at the biggest risk for PDA and CS diversion?
8. How do you define prescription drug abuse?
9. Describe the components of an effective CS surveillance system. Which of these factors have been evaluated and how have they been implemented in your institution?