



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ★ DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION  
**DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION**

## Diversion News: June 2025

### New York Doctor Alleged to Have Unlawfully Prescribed Controlled Substances

Last month, DEA issued an immediate suspension order charging Viktor Gribenko, M.D., with unlawful prescribing of controlled substances.

The investigation uncovered that the New York doctor allegedly issued oxycodone, alprazolam, and buprenorphine prescriptions without examining patients, or without criteria to justify the prescriptions. DEA also discovered that patients demonstrated drug-seeking behavior when seeking medication from the doctor, which he overlooked.

Dr. Gribenko also allegedly discussed the need for patients to provide MRIs and urine tests for insurance purposes, but admitted he would never look at or evaluate the testing.

In May, DEA issued seven immediate suspension orders and 13 orders to show cause. Read more about [administrative actions](#).

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### DEA's National Drug Threat Assessment Shows Veterinary Medications Used for Illicit Purposes



The 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment provides a comprehensive review of the threats posed to the United States by deadly illicit drugs and the violent domestic and international drug trafficking organizations responsible for producing and trafficking the drugs poisoning our communities.

One of the key findings in the report indicates that the veterinary tranquilizer

xylazine remains the top adulterant found in fentanyl powder. It also shows that medetomidine, a more powerful veterinary anesthetic, has emerged in the fentanyl supply.

This presents a dangerous development in the fight against fentanyl. Read more about the [report release](#) and the [entire report](#).

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## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Results Announced

On April 26, 2025, communities across the country joined the effort to prevent drug misuse before it starts. Nationwide, DEA and its law enforcement partners collected more than 620,000 pounds of unneeded and expired medications. See the full [results](#) and the [announcement](#).

Missed Take Back Day? Help DEA make every day Take Back Day and drop off unneeded, unwanted medications at one of the nearly 17,000 collection sites around the country. Find a [collection site](#) near you.



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## DEA Reaches Medical Practitioners Nationwide

Last month, DEA's Diversion Control Division staff fielded questions at national conferences across the country.



At the American Academy of Physician Associates conference in Denver, staff provided information on DEA registration, prescribing, and available resources. The annual event attracts more than 5,000 physician assistants and national and international students.



At the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing annual conference in San Diego, staff offered medical directors and nurses information on existing federal regulations, policy, and DEA's Every Day is Take Back Day Campaign. Conference attendees included nurses who specialize in ambulatory care.

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## Diversion Control Division Enforcement

DEA's Diversion Control Division strives to prevent, detect, and investigate the diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals and listed chemicals from legitimate sources.

When the safety and health of the American people is in jeopardy, DEA takes action against those who violate the law.



## **New England Doctor Sentenced for Drug Conspiracy**

May 29, 2025

## **Franklin, Kentucky Pharmacist and Spouse Sentenced to Federal Prison**

May 6, 2025

## **Central Coast Woman Pleads Guilty to Misusing Doctors' Credentials to Create Bogus Medical Documents for Immigration Applicants**

May 5, 2025

## **Complaint Filed Against Houston Pharmacy and its Owners for Violations of the Controlled Substances Act**

April 28, 2025

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