

SUBJECT: Counterfeit Medications

SUBMITTED BY: Ohio Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees

REFERRED TO:

1 **RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE DELETED:**

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3 ~~WHEREAS, “counterfeit” medications are medications produced in unlicensed and~~
4 ~~unregulated pharmaceutical companies, either in the United States or abroad which are~~
5 ~~formulated with substandard amounts of the active ingredient or altered with fillers and~~
6 ~~whose appearance is contrived to closely resemble an authentic brand name medication;~~
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9 ~~WHEREAS, counterfeit medications have infiltrated the mainstream drug market in the~~
10 ~~United States for several generations, reaching reputable local pharmacies and being sold~~
11 ~~to unsuspecting consumers; and~~
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13 ~~WHEREAS, the under dosing of the disorders for which they are taken results in~~
14 ~~ineffective treatment as well as dangerous exposure of the consumer to the often toxic~~
15 ~~fillers in the drug; and~~
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17 ~~WHEREAS, infiltration of the United States drug market with unregulated substance~~
18 ~~potentially provides an avenue for terrorists to directly target citizens; and~~
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20 ~~WHEREAS, distribution of large quantities of counterfeit medications in 1989 lead to~~
21 ~~federal legislation which directed the FDA to provide oversight known as “paper~~
22 ~~pedigrees” to track prescription medication from factory to pharmacy which was enacted~~
23 ~~but never implemented; and~~
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25 ~~WHEREAS, technology known as “RFID” Radiofrequency Identification, a miniature~~
26 ~~chip with an ID number on each bottle is available which would enable tracking and~~
27 ~~authenticating of prescription drugs is available and already utilized by several~~
28 ~~pharmaceutical companies; now therefore be it~~
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30 ~~RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) request the Ohio State Board~~
31 ~~of Pharmacy to provide a report to the members of the OOA detailing the prevalence and~~
32 ~~potential risk of counterfeit medications in Ohio; and be it further~~
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34 ~~RESOLVED, that the OOA petition the American Osteopathic Association to explore~~
35 ~~with the FDA the status of enactment of regulations in previously passed legislation~~
36 ~~which would assure safety of the United States drug supply and advocate for~~
37 ~~implementation of this legislation.~~
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39 EXPLANATION: The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy has not indicated to the OOA that
40 this is a problem and the AOA considered this resolution five years ago.