The Stop Tampering of Prescription Pills (STOPP) Act, recently introduced by Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.), Rep. 'Hal' Rogers (R-Ky.), and William 'Bill' Keating (D-Mass.), would require opioid-based prescription drugs to include abuse-deterrent technologies that prevent substance abusers from crushing or dissolving prescription opioids so that they cannot be inhaled or injected to achieve an immediate high. This is just one of the topics the Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse will discuss when they convene at the Rx Summit on April 3rd. One of the issues we hear the most about is properly reporting and monitoring prescribing practices. The Summit has numerous sessions with national leaders providing the latest information on what is working with monitoring programs. These sessions are devoted to clinicians, pharmacists, advocates, government leaders and law enforcement personnel. To read more visit the Summit agenda page. We'll have approximately 800 attendees in FL in a couple of weeks and we have secured more discounted rooms to accommodate the growing crowd. Register today to secure your spot.

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House Bill Aims to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

A bill introduced in the US House of Representatives would ban from circulation certain pharmaceuticals that could be easily abused as recreational drugs. The proposed legislation is aimed at variants of addictive painkillers and other oral medications. Read more about Congressman Rogers, Rahall's and Keeting's legislation from
Lack of Oversight of 'Pill Mill' Doctors in CA Draws Ire

One by one, grieving parents tell a joint CA legislative committee on Business & Professions the horrible deaths their children suffered from overdosing on prescription drugs doctors gave them. Said mother Susan Klimusko, "Our nation is really truly in crisis and we need to do what we need to do to change this and help our youth."

Read more, including video from News10.

State and Federal Legislators Support Transition to Abuse-Deterrent Medications

In response to the prescription drug abuse epidemic, pharmaceutical companies have taken responsible steps over the past several years to create abuse-deterrent ("AD") medications of often abused controlled substances.

Studies have shown that, although not a complete fix, such medications can reduce the risk of diversion, misuse, and abuse.

While the FDA is still mulling over whether to pull the riskier formulations of prevalently abused drugs from the market, state legislators have started their own initiatives to prevent the ongoing abuse of non-AD medications.

Read more.