

On April 25, 2012, the FDA issued letters to medical practices in the United States that purchased unapproved cancer medications from Quality Specialty Products (QSP) (also known as Montana Health Care Solutions), and distributed through Volunteer Distribution of Gainesboro, Tennessee, that may include counterfeit versions of Altuzan.³¹

On July 10, 2012, the FDA issued letters to medical practices in the United States that purchased unapproved medications that may include the counterfeit versions of Avastin or Altuzan. The medical practices purchased unapproved medications from foreign distributors such as Clinical Care, Quality Specialty Products, Montana Health Care Solutions, and Bridgewater Medical.³²

Oncology drugs used to treat various forms of cancer. The National Cancer Institute has a list of cancer drug information summaries for patients and their loved ones to reference.³³ What is especially cruel in this case is that some cancers do respond to cancer drugs. A very good friend of mine had stage 3 lymphoma in the mid-1990s and beat the cancer with cancer drugs/treatments. The people who took these proscribed cancer drugs without active ingredients thought they were taking drugs that would help them. They lost precious time and had their cancers go untreated as a result of the fake drugs. The patients could have helped themselves by researching Altuzan and finding out it was not authorized for sale in the United States. In the end, it was a terrible scenario for these patients and their loved ones.

OTHER PROBLEMS

A friend of mine in law enforcement told me anonymously that most theft, substitution, and diversion of pharmaceutical drugs occur at the linkage points, or when the product physically changes hands. He told me the story of shipments from pharmaceutical companies that were stolen en route as truck drivers stopped at truck stops for dinner. The bad guys were alerted to the trailer number, the dispatch time, the route to the wholesale distributor DC, and the types of drugs being shipped by insiders at both the pharmaceutical manufacturer and the wholesale distributor. When the insiders were caught, new bad guys took their place. This time, the bad guys substituted bad product for good product while the truck drivers were at the truck stops. All they did was duplicate the packaging so the