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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify recent changes to Board statutes and regulations
- Explain new guidance from the Board
- Provide opportunities for licensee engagement and participation
- Discuss K-TRACS program and best practices

PRE-TEST QUESTIONS

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KANSAS PHARMACIST EXAMINATIONS

- Early administration
- 13-state reciprocity (and growing)
- Practice Exam
- Content – “The UMPJE assesses knowledge of concepts and general principles of state law that are uniform to all jurisdictions.”
- Kansas MPJE phase-out Spring 2027
- Kansas+ Module



APPLICATION AND RENEWAL QUESTIONS

- Do you have any active criminal cases or criminal charges against you? You do not need to report minor traffic violations. For more information on what is a minor traffic violation, please visit www.pharmacy.ks.gov/licensing-registration/personal-history-reporting-resources
- Have you been convicted of a crime within the past five years? “Convictions” include a suspended imposition of sentence or entering into a diversion agreement. You do not need to report minor traffic violations, juvenile cases, or convictions that were pardoned or expunged.
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KANSAS PHARMACY RECOVERY NETWORK

HELP IS HERE - A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY KPHA FOR THE KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY.

OUR GOALS

PROTECT the public by fulfilling the ethical obligations of the profession.
EDUCATE pharmacy professionals on substance use disorder, mental health, and the program's benefits.
ENCOURAGE voluntary participation.
PROVIDE a mechanism of intervention, referral, and monitoring.

OUR SERVICES

EVALUATION to determine the treatment plan.
INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT tailored to the needs of the participant.
MONITORING, TESTING, & SUPPORT to ensure compliance with goals and program expectations.

ABOUT US

KsPRN is a Kansas Board of Pharmacy program managed by Kansas Pharmacists Association. A committee of pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians oversees the KsPRN program and makes recommendations to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy based on participant compliance. All committee members have a clinical interest or personal tie to substance use disorder recovery.

DE-STIGMATIZING IMPAIRMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH



2026 PHARMACY LEGISLATION

- HB 2068
 - HB 2676 – Pharmacist Scope of Practice
 - HB 2740 – Adopting USP <795>, <797>, and <825> by reference
 - SB 431 – Remote Practice of Pharmacy
- HB 2365 and SB 430
 - HB 2765 – Controlled Substance Act Updates
 - SB 497 – Scheduling Kratom (7-OH and OH)

2026 PHARMACY LEGISLATION

- SB 20
 - SB 340 – PBM Reform
- HB 2250
 - SB 328 – RPh dispensing of epinephrine for schools (cleanup)
 - SB 448 – Expedited partner therapy
 - HB 2587 – E-kits in private psych hospitals
 - Expired naloxone



RECENT REGULATION CHANGES

KAR 68-5-17 – Pharm Tech Exam Waiver and Extensions

KAR 68-7-14 – Prescription labels

KAR 68-7-21 – Institutional drug rooms

KAR 68-7-26 – Automatic App Withdrawal

KAR 68-14-9 – DSCSA Notification and Compliance



HOW TO

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**VERIFY A
PHARMACIST
LICENSE**

IN NORTH CAROLINA

 **NORTH CAROLINA**
Pharmacist License 

**DON'T RISK
YOUR HEALTH!**

VERIFY FIRST!

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NEWS RELEASE

Pulse Now Available to
Dispensers to Help Improve
Drug Supply Chain Safety



Exemptions for Small Dispensers Extended, Trading Partner Verification, FDA Reg Flags, Suspect and Illegitimate Produce in KS

REGULATIONS IN PROCESS

- Final Verification by Image
- Shared Services (patient-specific order)
- ADDS access for aEMT and paramedic in MCF
- Technician Training

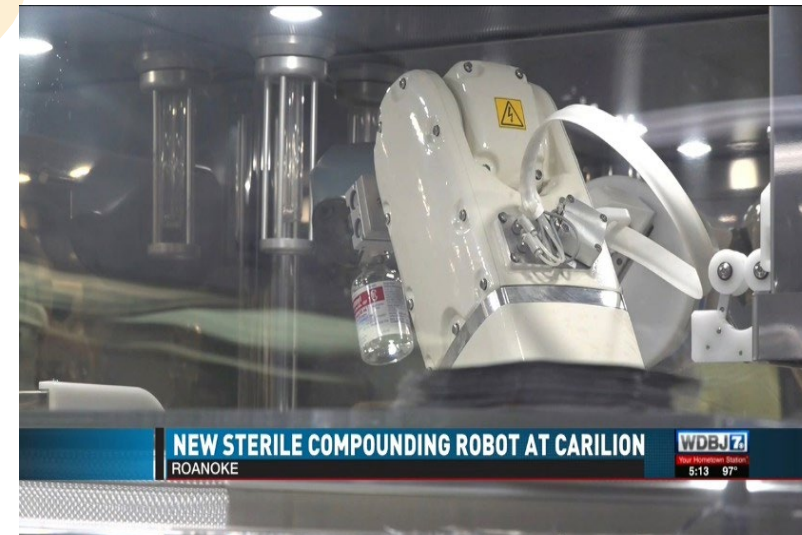


<https://www.pharmacy.ks.gov/legal/proposed-state-reg-changes>

COMPOUNDING



- Regulation Revisions to:
 - 68-13-2 - Compounding: Definitions
 - 68-13-3 – Compounding: Nonsterile preparations
 - 68-13-4 – Compounding: Sterile preparations
- New Section(s)
 - Waivers, Exceptions
 - Reporting Adverse Events
- New Board webpage:
<https://www.pharmacy.ks.gov/legal/compounding-compliance>





BOARD LISTENING SESSIONS

11 Responses; 12 Regulations referenced

Technician Training

Clarification of Non-Pharmacy Duties

Types, Availability and Offers of Counseling

CQI

And more...

GUIDE FOR RIDING IN CARS WITH ROBOTS

- BOHA & KBOP Joint Statement: IV Therapy
- AEMT and Paramedic Access to ADDS in Medical Care Facilities
- Compounding and Dispensing of GLP-1 and GIP Drugs
- Crisis Intervention Centers
- Alternative Funding Programs





ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2026-07

- <https://ksag.washburnlaw.edu/opinions/2026/2026-007.pdf>
- “In conclusion, the Pharmacy Act requires PAs and APRNs to hold valid licenses from the KBHA and KBN, respectively, to obtain prescriptive authority in Kansas. As a result, Kansas pharmacists may only fill prescriptions issued by PAs and APRNs licensed in Kansas.”
- No law change; no future effective date. Interpretation is a change from previous Kansas practice.
- The Board cannot provide legal advice and you should seek legal advice from your own legal counsel
- The Board’s understanding of the AG Opinion is that Kansas pharmacists in Kansas pharmacies are not permitted to fill prescriptions from APRN’s/PA’s located in and practicing in other states sending a prescription into Kansas unless that prescriber is properly licensed in Kansas.
- The Board is not directing anything, merely ensuring that pharmacists are informed about the potential validity of prescriptions received for their patients.

CASE STUDY #1

FINAL VERIFICATION BY IMAGE

- Complaint from Patient A regarding a prescription received for a different Patient B for Losartan/HCTZ
- The prescription bottle, while labeled incorrectly, was found to contain the Atorvastatin, and not the Losartan/HCTZ listed on the label
- Both prescriptions were filled on October 15
- The prescriptions were filled by Pharmacy Technician and the fills were verified as correct by a fill-in Pharmacist
- According to Pharmacy, the virtual verification process utilized involves the Pharmacy Technician pulling the medications, scanning the codes, counting the medication, taking a picture of the medication, placing the counted medication in the prescription bottle, and attaching the label on the prescription bottle

WHAT WOULD

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CASE STUDY #1

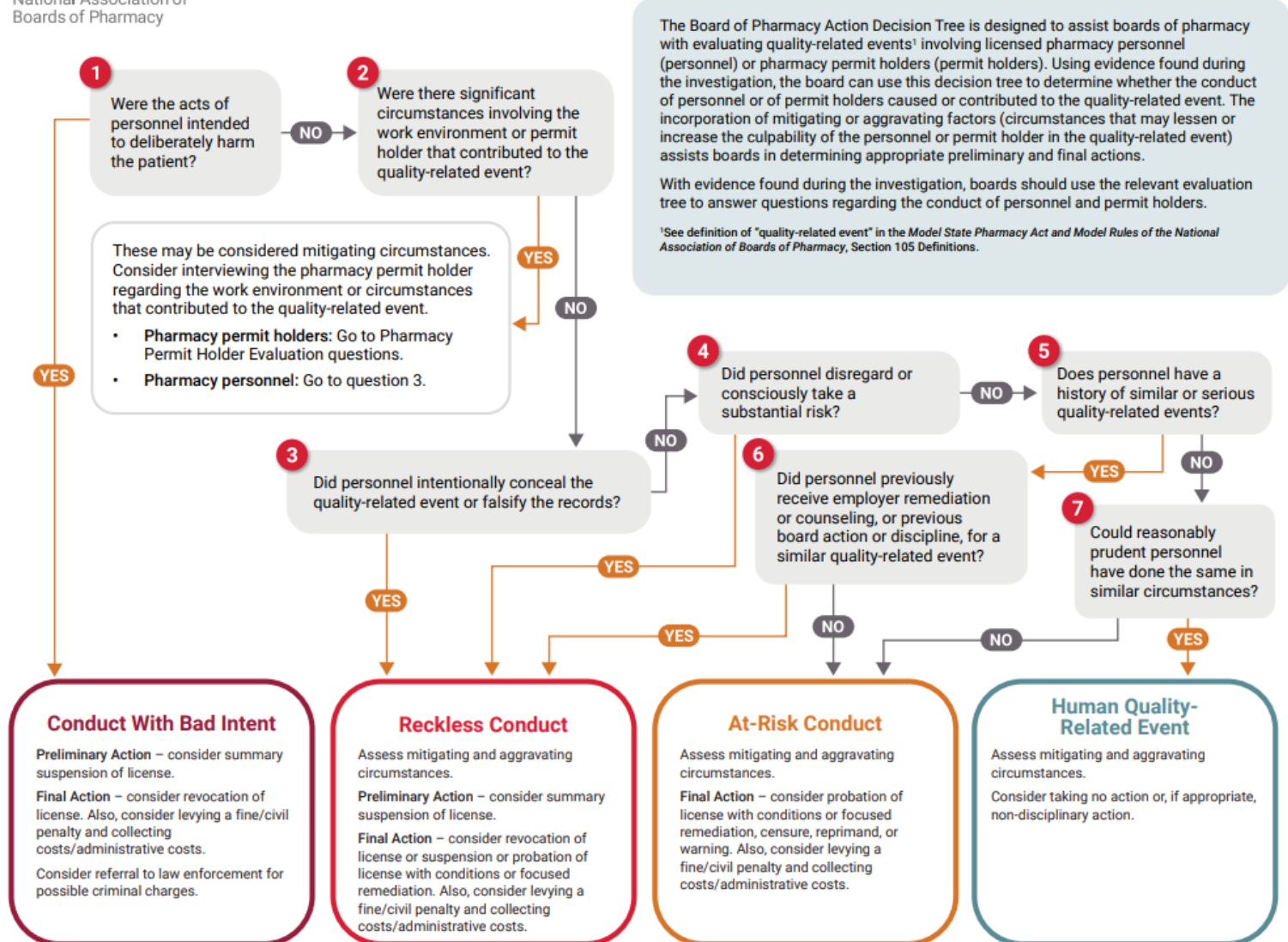
FINAL VERIFICATION BY IMAGE

- The fact that Patient A happened to receive the correct medication does not detract from the fact that the medication was mislabeled... Had the Pharmacist visually verified the prescription to ensure that the correct label had been placed on the bottle, a step in the final verification process, then the incident may have been avoided.
- Based upon the evidence presented, the verification procedures...did not allow the Pharmacist to verify that the correct medication is in the labeled prescription bottle after it has been counted and labeled because the Pharmacist only views photographs of the medication that is supposed to be in the labeled prescription bottle.

A “JUST CULTURE” APPROACH TO ENFORCEMENT

<https://nabp.pharmacy/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Board-of-Pharmacy-Action-Decision-Tree-Pharmacy-Personnel-Evaluation.pdf>

Board of Pharmacy Action Decision Tree – Pharmacy Personnel Evaluation



CASE STUDY #2

APPLICATION WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY

- Board received a Pharmacy Intern application.
- Applicant disclosed arrest on charges of: three counts of distribution of opiate, opium narcotic, certain stimulant; two counts of using communication facility in the commission of felony drug violation; three counts of no drug tax stamp for marijuana or controlled substance; and one count of possession of paraphernalia with intent to manufacture/plant/cultivate a controlled substance.
- Applicant disclosed conviction for one count of feloniously distributing a quantity of marijuana and one count of unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and knowingly or intentionally using a communication facility, to wit: cell phone, in committing, causing or facilitating the commission of a felony. Completed 18 months' probation.

WHAT WOULD

AI DO?

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CASE STUDY #2

APPLICATION WITH CRIMINAL HISTORY

One year later...

- Intern noncompliant with KsPRN program (positive drug/alcohol screen) and violation of Board probation terms
- Investigative Member filed Petition for Discipline
- Hearing – Intern presented and read a 3-page statement which did not dispute facts in evidence

**NOW
WHAT?**



CASE STUDY TAKEAWAY

- Mission of the Board
- Licensure and Registration is an earned privilege
- “One size fits all”
- Respect and professionalism



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WE'RE INSPECTING



- Share updates or changes in your facility!
- Inspection Reports
 - New, updated forms
 - Updated self-assessment tool
 - Reports publicly available since July 2026
- <https://www.pharmacy.ks.gov/licensing-registration/inspection-reports>

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

- Technicians should apply for Board registration [prior to training](#)
- Mark stock bottles to identify in the event of a robbery
- Fraudulent communications and phishing
- NDC-12:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/03/05/2026-04368/revising-the-national-drug-code-format-and-drug-label-barcode-requirements>
- Tech and AI

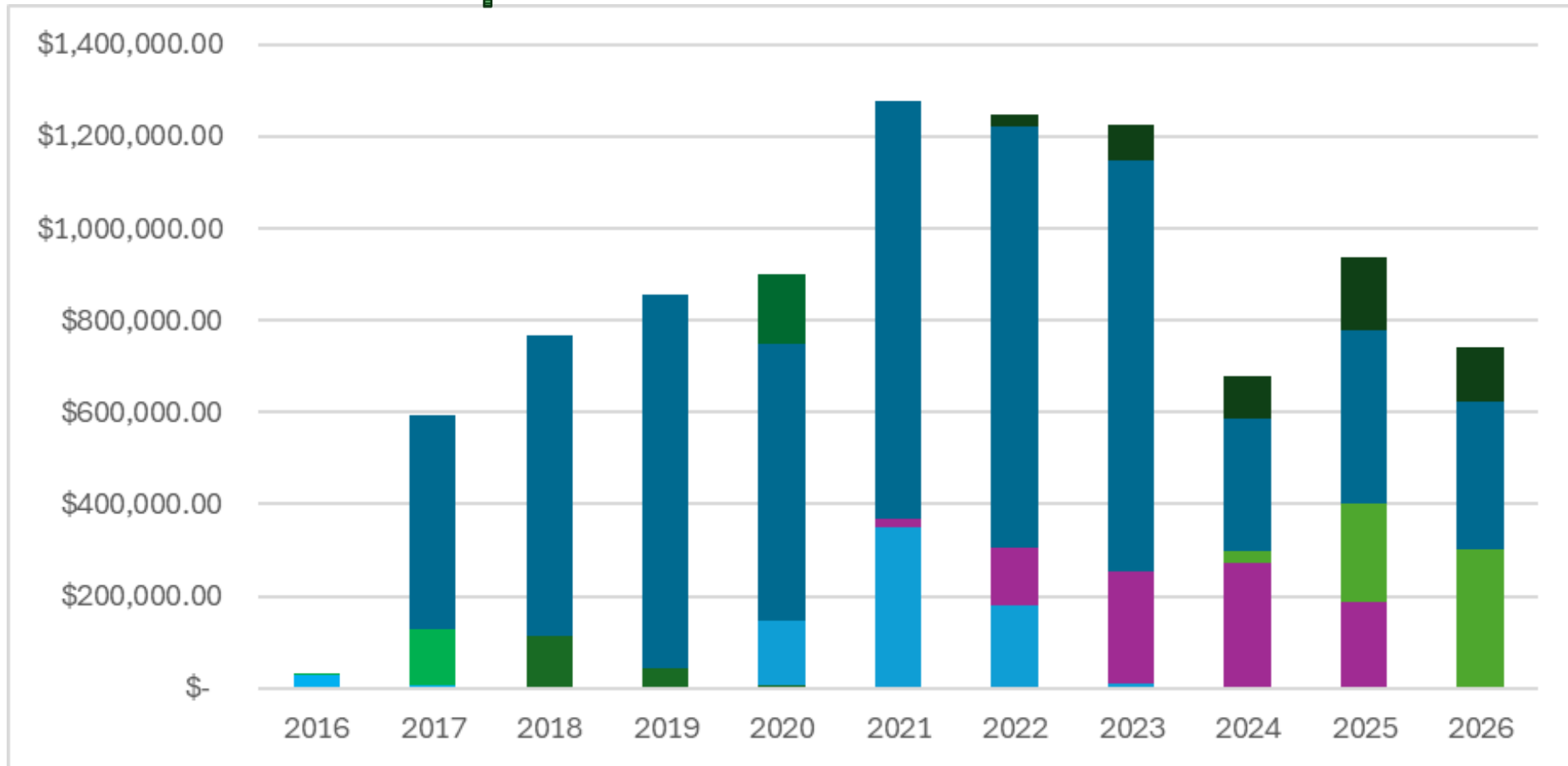




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K-TRACS Grant Funding History

\$9.26 million



PDMP Platforms and Interoperability

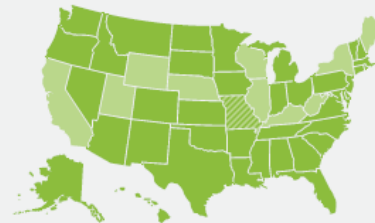
Why are there
multiple
software
platforms for
K-TRACS?

PMP AwarxE®

PDMP Platform

Over 375M
controlled substance
prescriptions per year

44 PDMPs



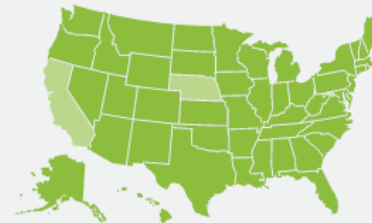
PMP INTERCONNECT®

PDMP Interstate Sharing Hub

**NO COST to the states*

Over 880M
transactions per month

52 PDMPs

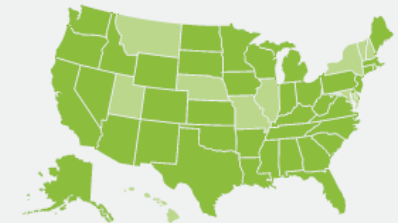


PMP Gateway®

PDMP Clinical Workflow Integration

Over 170M
patient encounters
per month

43 PDMPs

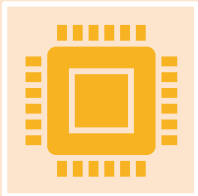


GATEWAY INTEGRATION



GATEWAY VALUE PROPOSITION

A \$600,000 Problem



83% of K-TRACS queries occur through Gateway



2,200+ Kansas healthcare facilities are already integrated



State contract is a fraction of the cost of individual contracts (disparate impact to small, rural clinics)



91% prescriber utilization
63% pharmacy utilization

HOW DO 32 OTHER STATES PAY FOR INTEGRATION?

15 – federal grants (4 partial)

14 – agency funds

3 – opioid settlement \$\$

Other – SGF, marijuana, controlled substance registration

K-TRACS INTEGRATION FUNDING SURVEY RESULTS

Ranking of Funding Options:

- State General Funding
- Opioid Settlement Funds
- Pharmacy Facility Registration Fees
- Integration Fee-for-Service
- State-level Controlled Substance Registration Fee (< \$50 per year)



**IF K-TRACS INTEGRATION
WERE NOT AVAILABLE,
HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL
TIME WOULD YOU SPEND
ACCESSING K-TRACS
BEFORE PRESCRIBING OR
DISPENSING EACH
PATIENT'S MEDICATION?**

**34 RESPONDENTS (4%)
SAY THEY WON'T
CHECK K-TRACS
AT ALL
FOR PATIENTS**

POST-TEST QUESTIONS

1. Are pharmacists allowed to dispense expired naloxone?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No. However, expired naloxone (< 10years) can be distributed and administered.
2. Can advanced EMTs access automation in medical care facilities?
 - a. Yes, as long as they are employed by / contracted with the MCF
 - b. No
3. Where can I find a copy of my most recent pharmacy inspection report or find out more about USP compounding requirements?
 - a. Call my inspector
 - b. Email pmpadmin@ks.gov
 - c. Board Website
4. Are delegates (nurses, pharm techs) allowed to access K-TRACS through electronic health records or pharmacy system integrations?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No



QUESTIONS?

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