



**U. S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
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Dear Registrant:

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recognizes the growing problem of pharmaceutical controlled substance diversion throughout the United States. This diversion stems from various sources. In addition to pharmacy robberies and thefts, pharmaceutical controlled substances are often diverted by way of forged prescriptions, doctor shoppers, or illegitimate prescriptions from rogue practitioners.

DEA cannot effectively combat this diversion alone. We rely on the diligence of DEA registrants in complying with controlled substance law and its implementing regulations as well as their vigilance in preventing diversion in any form. As dispensers of controlled substances, pharmacists and pharmacy employees are often on the forefront to prevent diversion activity. In an effort to assist pharmacy personnel in identifying and responding to potential diversion, DEA will be hosting a Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference that is designed for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and loss prevention personnel. Upon completion, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be able to earn continuing pharmacy education credits. Please visit our website [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov) for more information.

The one-day conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be repeated on Sunday, September 9, 2012. The conference will be held at The Westin Oaks Houston at the Galleria, 5011 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77056. There is no registration fee for this conference; however, all attendees will be responsible for paying their transportation, lodging, and meal expenses.

Online registration is required through [www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov) and must be completed by August 30, 2012. Click on *Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference* under "What's New" and follow the instructions to complete the registration process. You will need to have the DEA registration number of the pharmacy you are representing. Any questions regarding the conference may be directed to [ODLL@usdoj.gov](mailto:ODLL@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph T. Rannazzisi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joseph T. Rannazzisi  
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Office of Diversion Control