

## **True Stories over the last ten years**

1. A professional team was burglarized by the janitor who knew there were controlled substances in the Athletic Training Medical Office – ATMOTM. The DEA incident was reported to the DEA by the local police. The DEA wanted copies of licensure, three years of records, audit and reconciliation, inventory on hand, invoices and returns.
2. A professional team was crossing the border into Canada and the customs officer asked for authorization to transport medications into their country. He wanted to see an authorization by the team physician, a list of inventory, a physical inspection of the medications (including packaging and labeling).
3. A physician received a letter in the mail from the state board of medicine accusing him of aiding and abetting non-licensed personnel in the dispensing of medications.
4. An Administrative secretary was fired from her position by management. She filed a wrongful termination suit against the university. In her lawsuit she alleges that the certified athletic trainer gave her medications “all the time”. Her attorney turns over this information to the state board of pharmacy.
5. A physician for an international traveling team is accused of dispensing and administering medications to athletes without a “good faith” examination.
6. A state board of pharmacy inspector was doing a routine inspection of a local pharmacy. The inspector noticed large amounts of bulk controlled substances being dispensed in the name of a professional team and being shipped to an odd address. When questioned, the pharmacist said the meds were going to a practice facility. The inspector contacted the DEA and the DEA instigated an investigation.
7. A team physician comes into the ATMO during a game and finds his certified athletic trainer in almost comatose condition. After evaluation in the emergency room it is discovered that the ATC had large amounts of narcotics in his blood system. The hospital notified the DEA and the state board of medicine.
8. A certified athletic trainer and coach are trying to help their team win and have a few unauthorized medications in their pockets. Medications were being given without a prescription or authorization by the team physician. An athlete commits suicide, pills are discovered and in investigation ensues.
9. An athlete drops dead on the field during practice. It was discovered that he was consuming mass quantities of ephedra and psuedoephedrine. Civil lawsuits are filed by the family and subsequently regulatory agencies are brought in to investigate.
10. Athletic training students are told to transport dangerous drugs in their travel bags. They are asked to repackage medications in the back room. After leaving the university, an athletic trainer reports the problems to the student health center. The health center reports the incident to the state board of pharmacy.