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### Iowa Board of Pharmacy Recommends Classifying Marijuana as Schedule II Drug

Following a unanimous vote at a special meeting held February 17, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy recommended to the Iowa state legislature that marijuana be reclassified as a Schedule II controlled substance, which could allow medical uses of the drug. The Board further advised that a task force of patients, medical professionals, and law enforcement officers should create guidelines for safely implementing a medical marijuana program, as reported by the Des Moines Register. The Board's decision was informed by a series of public meetings held in 2009, as well as by research and public comments. Bills relating to the creation of a medical marijuana act in Iowa were introduced to the legislature, but were either referred to committee or died during the current session. Thus, while the Iowa legislature will likely not act on the medical marijuana issue this session, the Board's recommendation could impact the outcome of future bills.

### Canadian Internet Pharmacy Owner Loses License for Illegally Dispensing to US Consumers

The Canadian pharmacist who owned and operated a highly profitable Internet pharmacy complied with the decision of the [Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association](#) to have his name removed from the Register of Pharmacists. At disciplinary hearings in 2009, the pharmacist was charged with dispensing prescription drugs supplied from a business in the Bahamas to patients in the United States; allowing dispensed drugs to be shipped through other countries before entering the US, which

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