



Benefits of the VAWD Program

The NABP Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors® (VAWD®) Program:

- ✓ Immediately gained the support of the Food and Drug Administration as a way to further combat counterfeit drugs affecting the United States' drug supply.
- ✓ Adheres to the Association's Model Rules for the Licensure of Wholesale Distributors, which is part of the *Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy*. NABP's *Model Act* was written and is continually reviewed and revised by experts in the pharmacy profession and member state boards of pharmacy.
- ✓ Provides assurance that wholesale distributors are legitimate, qualified for state licensure, and employing security and professional practices for safely distributing prescription drugs from manufacturer to pharmacy.
- ✓ Goes beyond a paper-and-pencil review exercise to include on-site surveys of product receiving practices, inventory systems, order processing, and fulfillment.
- ✓ Ongoing surveys ensure continued compliance.
- ✓ Utilizes the Association's comprehensive Clearinghouse, which has been expanded to include disciplinary information for wholesale distributors. The database houses information concerning wholesale distributors as well as designated representatives and other individuals affiliated with wholesale distributor companies.
- ✓ Provides assurance to pharmacies, health care practitioners, and health care facilities as well as state and federal regulatory agencies because of its design and oversight by NABP, a nonprofit organization with more than a century's worth of experience in assisting its member boards and jurisdictions in pharmacy regulation. To build the VAWD program, NABP utilized its experience with its Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites™ (VIPPS®) accreditation program for online pharmacies.

