



SPECIAL NFLIS ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is pleased to announce the partnership between two DEA-sponsored systems, the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) and the Real-Time Communication Synth-Opioids Network (Synth-Opioids), resulting in a permanent NFLIS Synth-Opioids communication platform at <https://synthopioids.nflis.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>.

NFLIS began in September 1997 as a systematic data collection effort to obtain drug chemistry analysis results from local, State, and Federal forensic laboratories (now called NFLIS-Drug). The program now consists of multiple forensic components (NFLIS-Drug, NFLIS-Tox, and NFLIS-MEC) that complement each other to provide a holistic picture of drug trafficking and abuse in the United States. NFLIS offers a valuable resource for monitoring drug abuse and trafficking, including the diversion of legally manufactured pharmaceutical drugs into illicit markets.

Since its inception in August 2017, Synth-Opioids has been bridging multiple disciplines and multiple jurisdictions in forensic sciences for the timely sharing of emerging psychoactive substances in the United States. By sharing scientific data to assist in detecting and identifying unknown synthetic substances and opioids, DEA has been expanding collective scientific expertise and breaking silos of information, not only across the Nation, but also globally.

With this new partnership, NFLIS Synth-Opioids will continue to strengthen and expand the reach of collective scientific knowledge.

DEA is pleased to continue to work with our partners in the forensic communities to address the challenges associated with the rapid evolution of the illicit drug market. Those interested can visit the [NFLIS Synth-Opioids](#) website and request an account. You will be asked to share your forensic discipline, affiliation, and a curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.

The new communication platform will provide

- rapid dissemination of information;
- DEA emerging psychoactive drug alerts (for public and law enforcement use);
- reports on emerging drug trends and unknown substances;
- searchable and permanent storage of information, organized by category;
- sharing of data and methodologies to address analytical challenges and facilitate prompt detection and identification of emerging psychoactive substances;
- sharing of information on novel forms of drug submissions; and
- opportunities for scientific forensic surveys to gather information quickly.

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