

IDIS are very supportive of the introduction of new measures to combat counterfeit medicines and feel that integrity of the supply chain is where key action could be applied.

The industry and ultimately patients can only benefit from there being certainty in the integrity of the supply chain therefore, subjecting all those participating in the distribution of pharmaceuticals should be subject to pharmaceutical legislation. To ensure consistency throughout the member states a uniformed approach should be adopted.

Increasing the transparency of authorised wholesalers though a community database would be of great benefit in aiding verification and would significantly reduce the time it can take requesting and providing verification documentation.

IDIS was founded in 1987 specifically to source and supply medicines on a named-patient basis to UK hospitals and pharmacies. IDIS expanded into Europe six years later and today, IDIS supports its customers in over 60 countries worldwide and is able to procure over 20,000 medicines from its extensive and unique database. IDIS currently sources about 20 new medicines daily and supplies more than 600 different medicines, per month, on a named-patient basis to medical professionals worldwide. Based in Weybridge, UK, IDIS employs over 90 people with more than 12 languages spoken.