2.1. Emerging Trends in Trafficking of Controlled Substances in Central America and the Implications for Law Enforcement and Forensic Departments

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Abstract:

This presentation will explore the critical role of precursor chemicals in the illicit manufacture of drugs. The current trends in the various precursor chemicals observed by the Drug Enforcement Administration will be discussed. Finally, the important contribution that forensic analysis of the various drugs provides to law enforcement in order to better identify critical chemicals currently being used will be highlighted. Disclaimer: The contents of this presentation do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This presentation is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

Learning objectives:

By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Recall the critical role of precursor chemicals in the illicit manufacture of drugs
2. Describe current trends in the various precursor chemicals
3. Describe the important contribution that forensic analysis of the various drugs provides to law enforcement