

THE PATIENTS' VOICE

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PfAM BOARD NEWS

The more things change, the faster they change. Pharmaceutical corporations keep buying out more food supplement companies. Unless these trends slow down, rigid German/EU Vitamin Directive standards will soon apply to all supplements in the US. market. In Canada new regulations are scheduled to be harmonized to Australia's overly stringent pharmaceuticalized regulations. and the European Union nations Vitamin Directive this July unless it is overturned. Please see insert alert of what you can do.

It takes constant vigilance on our part to keep abreast of changes on the federal and state level. That is why your support of PfAM is vital—to help us pay overhead and expand our network. Your continued support will determine to what degree this grass roots organization can work for you!

Keep checking for our new commercial web site: www.pfamhealth.net (changed from pfam.net). It will be easier to find us and eliminate confusion with other web sites. PfAM resources will be available online through Pay Pal/shopping cart. Please send your e-mail address to Leanne for urgent alerts and to receive this newsletter on-line.

PfAM firmly believes it is vital to form strong alliances to help counter resistance to public education on the facts. You can contact Leanne for more information on how this can be done.

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PfAM's newsletter, *The Patients' Voice* is filled with articles about recent or pending legislation that effects our practices and the ability of patients to access our care. Besides current information on legislative issues, it reports on other pertinent issues such as health insurance, trends in food quality and access to food supplements

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