The National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association is proud to recognize the United States of America v. Barry J. Cadden et al. investigation and prosecution teams with this year’s Investigation of the Year Award - Honorable Mention.

This team of federal agencies was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the owners and executives of New England Compounding Center (NECC), the compounding pharmacy that manufactured contaminated steroids that led to the 2012 nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the fungal meningitis outbreak infected approximately 1,000 individuals and led to 76 deaths throughout the country. It was the deadliest medication contamination case in U.S. history.

Over the past seven years, the team’s extraordinary efforts have led to the convictions of numerous individuals on a variety of charges, including RICO, RICO conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States, mail fraud, and violations of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

In March 2017, Barry J. Cadden, the owner and head pharmacist of NECC, was convicted of 57 counts. In October 2017, Glenn Chin, NECC’s supervising pharmacist, was convicted of 77 counts. Additional defendants were convicted, including the director of operations and three more NECC pharmacists in December 2018. Most recently, in May 2019, two NECC pharmacists were convicted of violating the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

In addition to the criminal convictions, the team successfully lobbied the Office for Victims of Crime (a part of the U.S. Department of Justice) and the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office to recognize the fungal meningitis victims as crime victims with access to the Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation Fund, and secured a $40 million federal contribution to ensure compensation for the fungal meningitis victims.
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