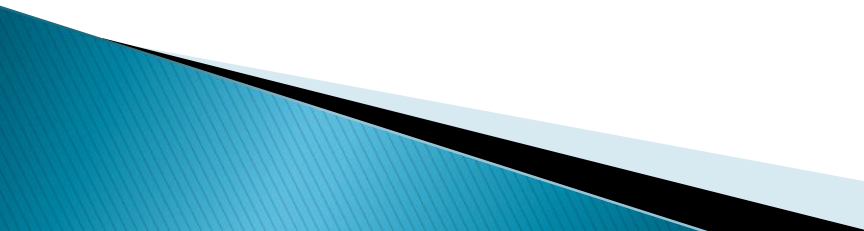


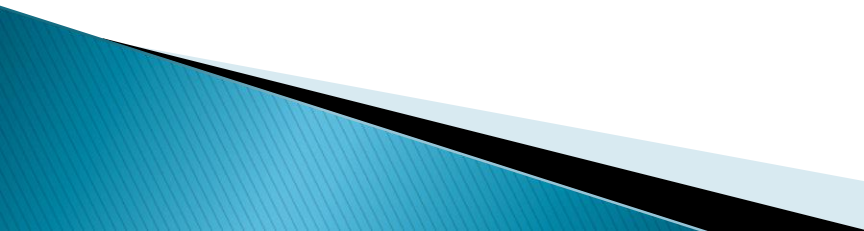
# National Uniform Medication Program

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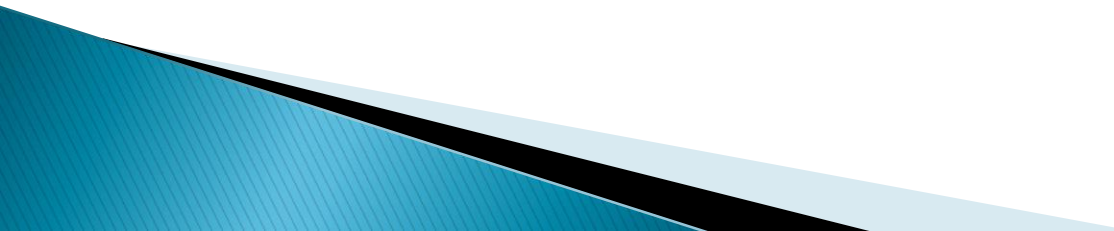
# Racing Medication and Testing Consortium

- ▶ Comprised of 23 Industry Stakeholders
    - Breed Registries
    - Racetracks
    - Horsemen's Groups
    - Industry Groups
  - ▶ Make science based recommendations and policy recommendations related to medications, illicit substances, and laboratory testing
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# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ Embraced as an initiative in the Mid-Atlantic region in 2013
  - ▶ Consists of:
    - Controlled Therapeutic Substances
    - Third-Party Lasix Administration
    - RMTC Accredited Laboratories
    - Multiple Medication Violation Program
  - ▶ Endorsed by over 60 horse racing stakeholders
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# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ **Controlled Therapeutic Substances List**
    - Majority supported by significant research done in the United States or abroad
    - Thresholds for 26 medications with dose, route, and withdrawal guidance
    - With few exceptions represent non-therapeutic residue levels
    - Represents significant investment by the industry
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# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ **Controlled Therapeutic Substances List – Adoption Status:**
  - Currently 17 states have adopted – in full effect in 14 of those states
    - AR, CA, DE (flat), FL, IL (flat), IN, KY, MD, MA, MN, NJ, NM, NY (flat), ND, PA (flat), VA, WV
  - Another 10 states are in process or have substantially approved substances on the list
    - AZ, ID, IA, LA, NY (harness), OR, TX, WA, WY
  - Includes majority of horse racing jurisdictions and handle in the United States (based on Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse statistics)

# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ Third-party furosemide administration
  - Goal is to get private veterinarians out of the stall on race day
    - Veterinarians under the control of the racing commission give furosemide
    - In some instances, private veterinarians are supervised by commission employees instead

# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ Third Party Lasix Administration
  - In effect in 14 jurisdictions via regulation or track house rules
    - AR, CO, DE, FL, IN, KY, ME, MA, MN, NJ, NY, ND, PA, VA, WY
  - 7 others are in process or considering
    - CA, ID, IL, OR, TX, WA

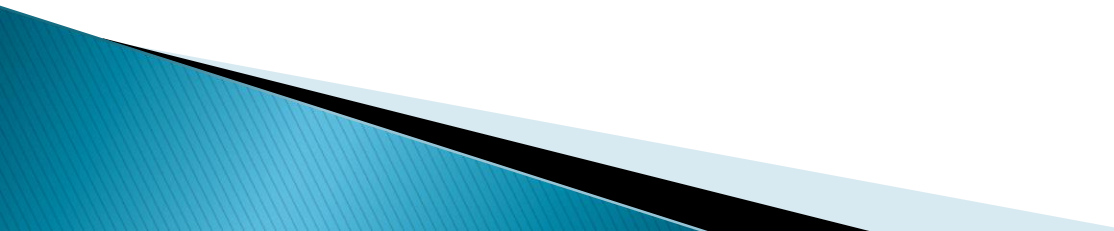
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# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ RMTTC Laboratory Accreditation
  - Highest level of accreditation available to United States horse racing laboratories
  - Goal is to ensure that all laboratories are operating at the same high level of proficiency
  - 4 part process:
    - Document review
    - 2 successfully completed rounds of the External Quality Assurance Program – which is ongoing for accredited laboratories
    - Site inspection



# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ **Laboratory Accreditation**
    - In 2008, only 3 laboratories had any type of accreditation
    - Zero laboratories were RMTC Accredited just over 2 years ago
    - Currently, 5 laboratories are fully accredited with 1 interim accredited laboratory and 2 additional applicants
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# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ Laboratory Accreditation
  - Accredited laboratories serve 23 jurisdictions
    - AZ, AK, CA, CO, DE (flat), ID, IN, KY, ME, MD, MA, MN, NE, NJ, NM, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, VA, WA, WY
  - Another 2 jurisdictions have laboratories that are in the application process
    - NY and TX
  - Only 3 laboratories have no accreditation (ISO or RMTC)

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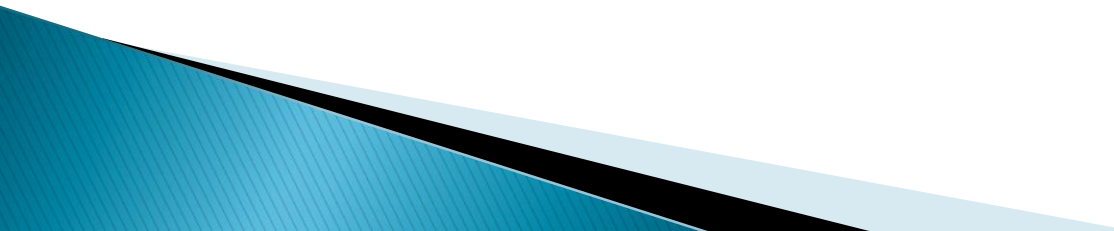
- ▶ Multiple Medication Violation Program
  - Adopted by RCI just over a year ago
  - Goal is to punish individuals who receive repeated medication violations and deter repeat offenders
    - Works similarly to a point system for driver's license violations
    - Crosses medication classes and political boundaries

# National Uniform Medication Program

## ▶ MMV Program

- 9 states have currently adopted
  - AR, CO, DE (flat), IN, MD, MA, NJ, ND, VA
- In consideration in many other states
  - CA, MN, NM, NY, OR, PA, WA, WV, WY
- Important to have all states participating in this program

# National Uniform Medication Program

- ▶ The industry is closer than ever to a uniform medication policy
  - ▶ The state racing commissions, horsemen, and racetracks are working together to get these initiatives implemented
  - ▶ As an industry, we need to continue to help those states that have not yet fully implemented this program
  - ▶ Encourage your states to become involved – RMTC willing to assist
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# Questions?



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