Adulteration
» June – Woman Overdoses on Niacin
» Dec – Specimen Adulteration and Substitution Are Now Crimes (UT)
» Dec – Donor Who Tampered With Urine Can’t Prove Disability Discrimination (OR)

Alcohol
» May – Police Officer Takes Breathalyzer Test During DUI Training; Registers 0.08

Amphetamines
» Aug/Sept – Metoprolol Can Cause Positive Amphetamines and MDMA Immunoassay Results
» Dec – Double Entendre Raises Eyebrows (SD)

Cannabidiol (CBD)
» May – CBD Companies Face Charges After Marijuana-Positive Drug Test (NY)
» June – Possible Conversion of CBD to THCA at the Laboratory
» Aug/Sept – SAMHSA: Don’t Accept CBD As an Explanation for Marijuana-Positive Drug Tests
» Aug/Sept – DOD: Military Services - Don’t Use CBD
» Oct – CBD and THC
» Dec – FDA Warns CBD Manufacturers to Stop Making Health Claims
» Dec – CBD Studies
» Dec – CBD Manufacturers Sued for False Marketing (CA)
» Dec – Class Suit Over CBD Miss-Labeled as THC-Free (IL)
» Dec – Worker Says She was Fired for Positive Test Caused by CBD (NC)

Cocaine
» Apr – False-Positive Serum Cocaine Screening Tests in Patients with Renal Failure

Collection Procedures, Shy Bladder
» Jan – Collector Fired for Asking, Is Anyone Here for a Drug Test? (PA)
» May – Shy Bladder Truck Driver Loses Disability Discrimination Claim (OH)
» June – Woman Alleges Collector Made Her Expose Her Breasts (FL)
» June – Shy Bladder Is Not a Disability (WA)
» Oct – A Shy Bladder Evaluation Gone Bad (CA)

Department of Health and Human Services
» Jan – Update on Drug Testing Procedures
» June – Oral Fluid, Hair, and Fentanyl
» Dec – Initiatives at HHS, DOT

Department of Transportation
» Jan – 2019 Random Testing Rates Increase for FTA and USCG
» Jan – Audits of Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs Underway

Drug Abuse Trends
» Jan – Starbucks Installing Needle-Disposal Boxes in Some Bathrooms
» Aug/Sept – National Survey Finds Lower Rates of Prescription Drug Misuse

Drug Testing Trends
» Jan – School District Can Drug Test Substitute Teachers (FL)
» Apr – Quest Reports Increase in Marijuana-Positives
» May – Pharmacy Schools that Drug Test Have Fewer Drug/Alcohol Incidents
» June – DOJ Sues Pain Management Provider for Excessive Urine Drug Testing
» July – Increasing Rates of Pre-Employment Drug and Alcohol Testing
» July – Supreme Court Allows Police to Test Unconscious Driver’s Blood (WI)
» Aug/Sept – Employer, Not Service Agent, Is Responsible for Its Noncompliance (NC)
» Aug/Sept – Basketball Player’s Drug Test Says He’s Pregnant
» Oct – Retail Workers Have the Highest Rates of Drug-Positives
» Nov – A Drug Test is Not a Medical Exam, Even if It Reveals a Legal Drug (OK)

Hair Testing
» Jan – Hair Club for Horses
» Feb/March – Detection in Hair After Last Use of Amphetamines, Marijuana, Tramadol
» July – Concentrations of Opioids and Their Metabolites in Hair
» Oct – SAMHSA: Scientific Concerns Delay Hair-Testing Rule
» Nov – Wash Procedures Fail to Clean Cocaine- and Methamphetamine-Contaminated Hair
» Nov – State’s High Court: Positive Hair Test Does Not Prove Drug Use (MA)
**Laboratories**
- Feb/March – Lab Test is Admissible without Live Testimony (KS)
- Feb/March – Lab Owes a Duty to Donor (SC)
- Oct – Urine Drug Concentrations Drop With 24-Hour Contact With Test Strips
- Dec – Study Highlights Variation in Immunoassay Reliability

**Marijuana**
- Jan – Daily Marijuana Users More Than Twice as Likely to Lose Their Jobs
- Jan – Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome – Three Deaths
- Jan – Medical Marijuana User May Proceed with Lawsuit Against Employer (DE)
- Feb/March – Marijuana Should Not Be Prescribed to Treat Opioid Addiction
- Feb/March – Commentary: MRO Reviews of Medical Marijuana-Positives
- Feb/March – Firing Violated State Medical Marijuana Act (AZ)
- Feb/March – Medical Marijuana Law Doesn’t Protect Applicant (MI)
- Feb/March – Medical Marijuana Use Doesn’t Protect Against Firing for Positive Drug Test (PA)
- Apr – City Restricts Drug Testing for Marijuana (NYC)
- Apr – Negligible Passive Exposure to Marijuana at Stadium Concerts
- May – Marijuana Use Could Bar Immigrants from Citizenship
- May – Job Protection for Medical Marijuana Users
- May – Marijuana Concentrations Are Higher After Vaping than Smoking
- May – Employer May Have to Accommodate Medical Marijuana User (NJ)
- June – Job Protection for Marijuana Users (IL, NV)
- June – Medical Marijuana Does Not Reduce Opioid Deaths
- June – Possession of Medical Marijuana Card Does Not Prove Use (HI)
- July – Job Protection for Medical Marijuana Users (NJ)
- July – Employer Survey: Unprepared for Marijuana
- Nov – Lung Injuries Associated With Vaping THC Products
- Nov – Marijuana-Positive Post-Accident Drug Test Did Not Prove Causation (OK)
- Dec – Workplace Testing for Marijuana is (Probably) Allowed, Again (IL)
- Dec – Prolonged Urine Positivity in Young People Who Suddenly Stop Using Marijuana

**Medical Review Officers**
- Jan – ACOEM’s MRO Fast Track Course to be Held March 2-3, 2019
- May – MROs: Six-Month Cutoff for Old Prescriptions
- May – Donor Should Have Presented Explanations to MRO
- July – Do MROs Need Multiple State Licenses?
- Nov – HHS Update on Old Prescriptions; Safety Concerns

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission**
- Aug/Sept – Proposed Updates to Drug-Testing Rule Have Been Published

**Opioids**
- Feb/March – Prescription Opioids Associated with Fatal Car Crashes
- Feb/March – Curb Heroin in Plants (C.H.I.P.): A Union-Led Intervention from the 1970s
- May – Fentanyl Found in Many Cocaine- and Methamphetamine-Positive Specimens
- June – Opioid-Diverting Nurse Likely Infected Patients with HCV
- June – Texas Nurse Diverted Opioids, May Have Transmitted HIV
- July – Suboxone Marketer Reaches Record $1.4B Settlement

**Oral Fluid Testing**
- Nov – HHS: Oral Fluid Mandatory Guidelines
- Dec – Correction: Urine or Oral Fluid

**Overdoses**
- Jan – Exposure to 9/11 As a Risk Factor for Drug/Alcohol-Related Death
- Feb/March – $15 Million Lawsuit by Employee Who Overdosed at Work
- July – Overdose Deaths Fell in 2018
- July – Employer Survey: Unprepared for Opioids

**Pain Management Drug Testing**
- Nov – Study Describes Practices After Inconsistent Pain Management Tests

**Refusal to Test**
- Jan – Fired for Refusal to Test, Not Discrimination (MA)

**Student Drug Testing**
- Jan – College’s Mandatory Drug Testing Ruled Unconstitutional (MO)

**Third Party Administrator**
- May – Winnipeg’s Precision Health Falsified Trucker Drug Tests
- May – A&J Lab Collection Falsified Child Custody Drug Tests

**Unemployment Benefits**
- Jan – Unemployment Benefit Rule Change Would Let States Decide Who to Drug Test
- Oct – States Can Expand Drug Testing for Unemployment Benefits

**Workers’ Compensation Benefits**
- Oct – Cannot Use an Unconfirmed Positive Result to Deny Benefits (LA)