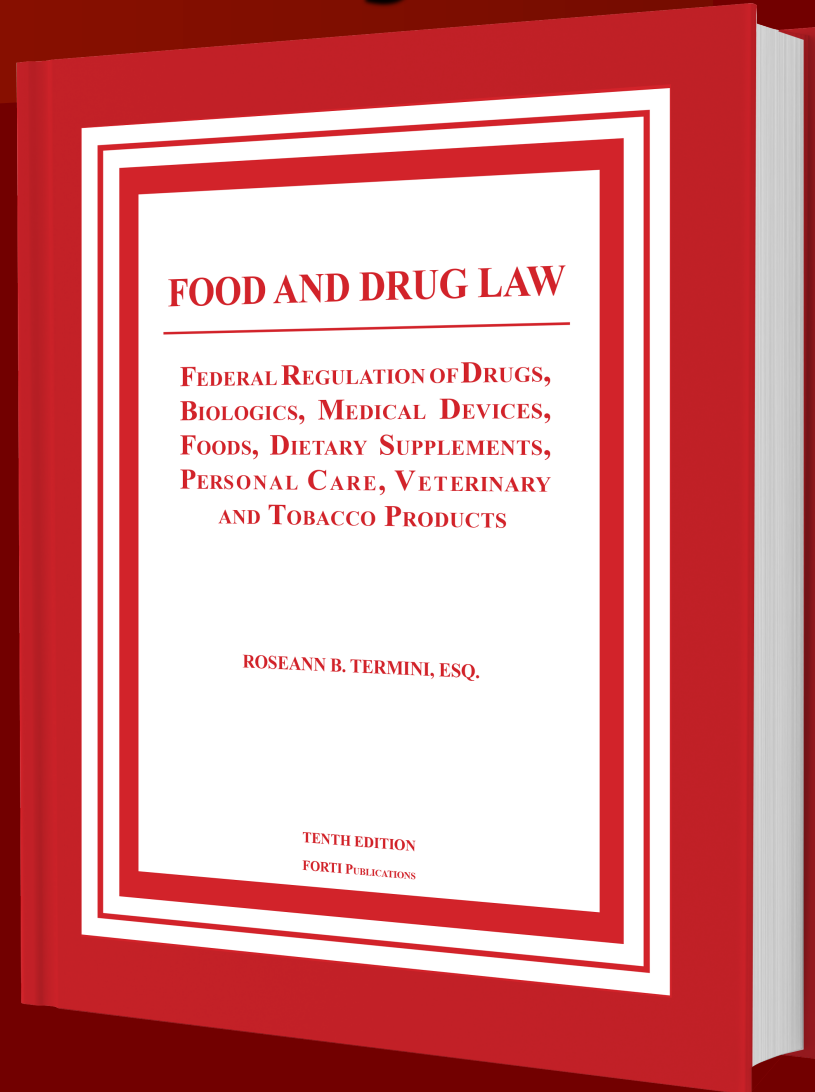


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RIGHT TO TRY

- ❖ Right-to-Try or Right-to-Know
- ❖ Right-to-Request

FEDERAL MOVEMENT IN RIGHT-TO-TRY

- ❖ Right-to-Try Federal Legislation
- ❖ Passed 2018
- ❖ Pub. L. No. 115-176
- ❖ 132 Stat. 1372

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FEDERAL RIGHT TO TRY

❖ More ??????? than answers

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Question

- Does the federal law provide additional benefits to patients than what is already provided by the FDA expanded use?

STATE RIGHT -TO -TRY

❖ 41 States to date.....

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Question?

- Are the state Right-to-Try laws usurping FDA authority?

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Examples of State Right-to-Try

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado

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FIRST STATE

- Colorado
- Right-to-Try Law includes Investigational Medical Devices

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Federal Law

- Does not include investigational devices
- Prior legislative action

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Autonomy

- Right-to-Know

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AUTONOMY

RIGHT TO REQUEST

- ❖ Right-to-Try State vs. Federal Legislation vs. Federal Compassionate Use
- ❖ States Right-to-Try impetus for Federal “streamlined” process and Federal Rt.-to-Try Law (2018).
- ❖ *Individual Patient Expanded Access Applications - Form FDA 3926 (June 2016)*

Question

- Do these laws provide those who are desperately ill with “unrealistic false hope”?

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Question

- Is there the promise of therapies that might not even be received?
- How does the physician handle the issue?
- What role do drug/medical device companies have?

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LATEST FEDERAL MOVEMENT IN RIGHT TO TRY

- ❖ Right-to-Try or Right-to-Know
- ❖ Right-to-Request

Federal Law Lessons Learned

- Rush to Enactment
- Comparison to National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Law (GMO)
- Trigger Clause
- Vermont spurred federal GMO law

Investigational Human Drugs

- Critical Point- Mission of FDA
- Public protection
- FDA aims to foster public protection
- Efficient and expedient review

Review Time

- Could be insufficient for desperately ill.

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Clinical Trials

- Might not qualify
- Protocols for eligibility

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IND Process

- Investigational New Drug
- Several steps
- 30 day waiting period prior to clinical trials

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Emergency Use IND

- Insufficient time for an IND submission
- Ineligible for existing study protocol

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Solution

- Expanded access or commonly known as Compassionate use
- 21 C. F. R sec. 312.300
- Outside of the clinical trial
- Approval rate 99%

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Involvement

- Several entities- for example:
- Manufacturer
- Health care practitioner
- Insurance company

Medical Devices

- Investigational devices similar to drugs
- Allows for shipment of unapproved devices for investigational reasons

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Medical Device INDs

- Patient eligibility criteria

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Expanded Access Medical Devices

- Emergency Use- life threatening condition

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Humanitarian or Compassionate Use of Devices

- Life-threatening
- No alternative treatment
- Time of essence

FDA Action Pre Federal Right-to-Try

- FDA Expanded Access or Compassionate Use- outside of a clinical trial

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Problem

- How to obtain?
- Efficiency

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Solution

- FDA Streamlined process
- Impetus-perhaps due to state-right-to-try
- FDA released in 2016 Form 3926
- Guidance document 2017

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Federal Right-to-Try

- Step towards patient autonomy
- Drug Manufacturer key player
- Insurers key players
- Health care providers key players

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Sense of Senate

- Only expands the scope of individual liberty
- Alternative pathway alongside existing expanded access policies of FDA

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Access

Access is contingent on the:

- Physician
- Manufacturer
- Insurance Companies

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Proactive Solutions

- Collaborative Approach
- Amend to include Medical Devices
- What about Medical Foods and Dietary Supplements?
- Informed Consent

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Goal Right-to-Request

- Whether State, Federal or FDA

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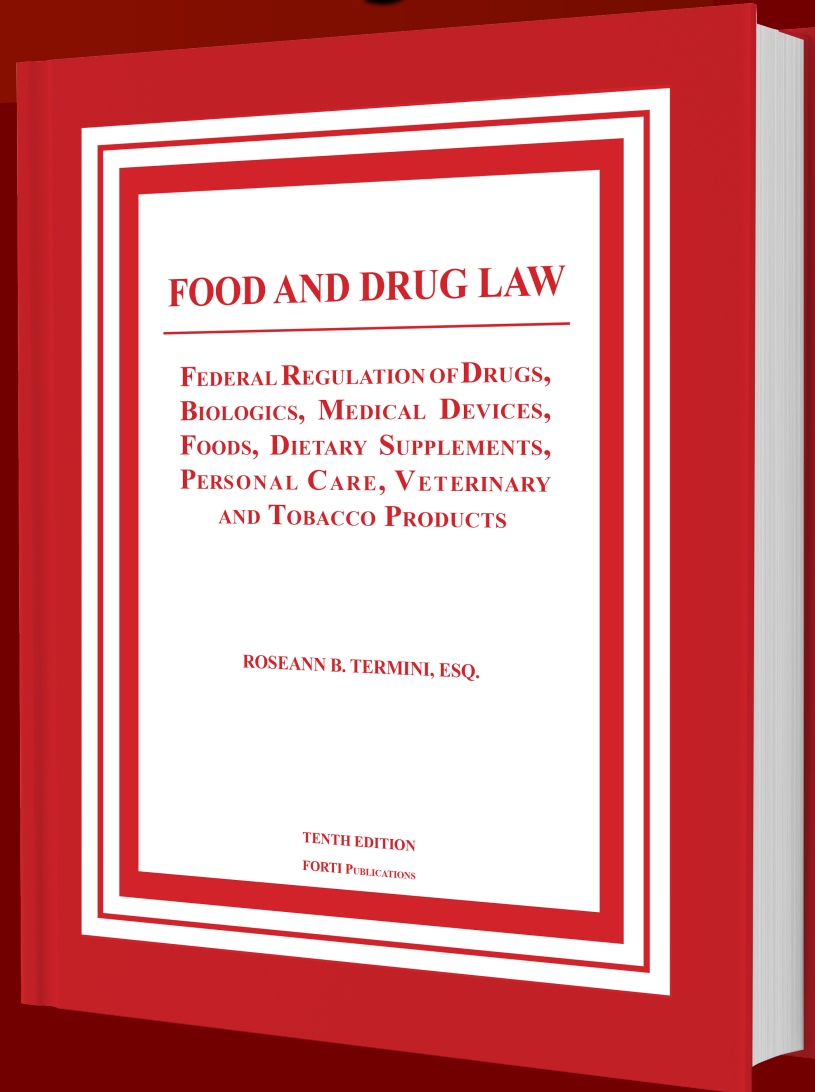
Best Practices

- User Friendly Approach
- Counsel
- Options
- Foster Patient Self-Determination

The Latest 'Federal Movement' in the Food and Drug Law Arena: The Federal Right-to-Try or Rather Right-to-Know and Thus Request Investigational Therapies for Individuals with a Life-Threatening Disease or Condition

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