realfarmacy.com

A website that often presents false information and unverified claims about the efficacy of vaccines and some cancer treatments.

Ownership and Financing

RealFarmacy.com does not disclose its ownership. A Panama-based privacy service registered the domain name. The Page Transparency section on the RealFarmacy.com Facebook account says there is no confirmed owner for the page. Seven people who manage the page are all based in the U.S.

The site runs advertisements.

Content

RealFarmacy.com primarily covers stories about health, the environment, and animals. The site also has a section dedicated to government and regulation called Government Watch. Frequent topics include nutrition, criticism of the pharmaceutical industry, and alternative medical treatments.

Typical headlines include “After Seeing This, You Will Never Look At Your Food The Same Way Again,” “Over 50 Dandelion Recipes – Remedies, Drinks, Sweets, Soap, & More,” and “Reporter: All News Is Fake. Controlled By Government and Intelligence Agencies.”

Most articles on RealFarmacy.com are not dated. A “Featured” section on the homepage publishes dates for the 10 most recently published stories.

Credibility

RealFarmacy.com articles cite a mix of reliable sources, such as the BBC and The Scientist, along with websites that NewsGuard has found to have repeatedly published false information, such as ReturnToNow.net and Healthy-Holistic-Living.com. Other articles are republished in full from sites that fail NewsGuard’s criteria on publishing false content, such as TheMudUnleashed.com and NaturalNews.com.

RealFarmacy.com has repeatedly shared false health information and unfounded conspiracy theories, including false claims about the 2020 coronavirus outbreak. An article titled “Coronavirus: A Shocking Update. Did The Virus Originate in the US?”, asserted that the COVID-19 virus originated in the U.S. saying “it appears that the virus did not originate in China and, according to reports in Japanese and other media, may have originated in the US.”

There is no evidence to support the claim that the COVID-19 virus originated in the U.S. or anywhere else outside of China. The outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. The first confirmed case in the U.S., reported on Jan. 20, 2020, involved a man who had recently traveled to Wuhan, according to a March 2020 case report published in the New England Journal of Medicine. An earlier New England Journal of Medicine article written by three epidemiologists concluded, “RNA sequences closely resemble those of viruses that silently circulate in bats, and epidemiologic information implicates a bat-origin virus infecting unidentified animal species sold in China’s live-animal markets.”

A January 2020 article, “How to Treat Coronavirus Without Drugs,” claimed without evidence that Vitamin C is an effective treatment for the COVID-19 virus. “The coronavirus, in acute infections, may be expected to be just as susceptible to vitamin C as all of the other viruses against which it has been proven to be extremely effective,” the article said.

Taking Vitamin C is not an effective remedy for the COVID-19 virus, according to the World Health Organization. The WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have said there is no specific treatment recommended for treating the coronavirus strain responsible for the 2020 outbreak.

RealFarmacy.com has also promoted ineffective and potentially
dangerous cancer treatments. An article headlined “Confirmed! Cancer Is Almost Entirely a Man-Made Disease. Your Lifestyle and Environment Causes Cancer Not Your Genetics,” said “there are many natural cures and treatments for cancer.” Among the supposed cures was a topical substance made from the herb bloodroot, which the site said was “an alternative treatment for skin cancers. Some names for this are Black Salve, Indian Mud and Compound X. Bloodroot salve will draw the tumors from your body out through the skin, healing underneath as the mass falls out.”

Multiple case studies published in peer-reviewed journals have reported extensive skin damage from using black salve, including “massive tissue necrosis and severe disfigurement,” according to a 2012 article published in the journal Dermatitis.

An article headlined “Five Powerful Antibiotics That Do Not Require a Prescription,” promoted the use of colloidal silver, a liquid substance containing silver particles, as medicine. “Colloidal silver has been known as an effective antibiotic for centuries,” the article stated.

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, part of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, says on its website that “scientific evidence doesn’t support the use of colloidal silver dietary supplements for any disease or condition.” The FDA issued an advisory in October 2009 warning that consuming colloidal silver can cause a condition called argyria, a permanent bluish-gray discoloration of the skin, nails, and gums. According to a September 2017 article on the website of the Mayo Clinic, in some rare cases, “excessive doses of colloidal silver can cause possibly irreversible serious health problems, including kidney damage and neurological problems such as seizures.”

Another article, “Your Body is Acidic. Here is what you NEED to Do (The Truth Behind Cancer that You Will Never Hear From Your Doctor),” advanced the unsubstantiated claim that adopting an alkaline diet can combat oxygen deficiency, which the article described as a “root cause” of cancer.

A 2016 review of over 8,000 citations and 250 abstracts, published in the journal BMJ Open, concluded that the “systematic review of the literature revealed a lack of evidence for or against diet acid load and/or alkaline water for the initiation or treatment of cancer. Promotion of alkaline diet and alkaline water to the public for cancer prevention or treatment is not justified.”

Another article on the site, although it has been deleted since NewsGuard first reviewed the website in 2018, claimed that the flu vaccine’s “safety and effectiveness for pregnant women or nursing mothers has also not been established.”

The CDC, which recommends that all pregnant women get a flu shot during any trimester, says on its website, “Yes. Flu shots have been given to millions of pregnant women over many years with a good safety record. There is a large body of scientific studies that supports the safety of flu vaccine in pregnant women and their babies.”

Because RealFarmacy.com has promoted false health claims in its articles and headlines, NewsGuard has determined that the website repeatedly publishes false content, fails to gather and present information responsibly, and does not avoid deceptive headlines.

The website does not post a policy explaining how it corrects errors and no corrections were found by NewsGuard.

RealFarmacy.com does not disclose its perspective in favor of alternative medical treatments, but articles routinely include opinionated statements from authors promoting those treatments and criticizing the medical and pharmaceutical industries and government regulators.

For example, an undated article titled “Pharmageddon: Proof Conventional Medicine Is a Killing Machine,” said, “The pharmaceutical industry has built the largest fraud business in human history: It promises health to millions of people, but – instead of providing health – the drug industry delivers ever more diseases, because diseases are the economic basis for the existence of this investment business.” The same article referred to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as the “Fraud and Death Agency.”

Another article headlined “Natural Topical Solutions for Skin Cancer: Easy Purchases and DIY,” claimed that “there are inexpensive, effective, safe cures for curing skin cancer that are banned or ignored and marginalized by the medical mafia and not publicized by the mainstream media.”
RealFarmacy.com did not respond to three emails from NewsGuard, including one sent in March 2020, seeking comment on the site's history of publishing false content, approach to corrections, and lack of disclosure about its pro-alternative medicine perspective.

### Transparency

RealFarmacy.com does not provide information about its owners or editors. No contact information for the site is provided, although a general email address is posted on the site's Facebook page.

The website's original content generally credits its authors and provides a short biography at the end of the article. Some stories republished from other websites, such as NaturalNews.com, name the original author and provide a short biography, while others only identify the site itself.

Advertising is distinguished from editorial content.

NewsGuard sent three emails to a generic email address for RealFarmacy.com, including one in 2020, seeking comment on the website's failure to disclose its owners and editors, but did not receive a response.

### History

The domain name was registered in 2013.

Editor's Note: This Nutrition Label was updated on March 23, 2020, with a review of newer content on the site. Its rating was changed to reflect NewsGuard's determination that the website now meets NewsGuard's standard for providing information about content creators. The criteria checklist was adjusted accordingly.

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