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18.20 The Board Welcomes Another Friendly Face!

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Pharmacy in 2009. She was previously employed as a clinical pharmacist for a long-term care pharmacy and on-site licensing lead. Her territory includes central and southwestern Oklahoma. She receives her email at mfardadfar@pharmacy.ok.gov.

18.21 Everyone Wants to Know About State Question 788 . . . What Now?

Unfortunately, the Board probably doesn't know more than most of you at this point. The only thing the Board knows for certain is that the medical marijuana legalization initiative passed.

As it stands right now, the Oklahoma State Department of Health will be the licensing and regulatory agency for medical marijuana. The Department of Health has developed a website strictly for this topic where you can view any proposed language as well as provide feedback that is sent directly to Health Department officials. Although they have 30 days to publish applications and 60 days to begin receiving and processing, there is still a lot of clarification necessary as far as guidelines and regulations. The Board staff will send out notification to all licensees and registrants once there is something definite in place.

18.22 New Legislation Going Into Effect November 1, 2018

Senate Bill (SB) 1446 provides new legislation on opioid prescribing and dispensing. You may read the bill by visiting www.oklegislature.gov. Click on the "Legislation" tab and search for SB1446.

Prescriptions From Out-of-State Mid-Level Practitioners

Beginning on November 1, 2018, Oklahoma pharmacies will be able to fill non-controlled dangerous substance prescriptions from out-of-state optometrists, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses-certified nurse practitioners, advanced practice registered nurses-certified nurse midwives, and advanced practice registered nurses-clinical nurse specialists.

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The applicability of articles in the *National Pharmacy Compliance News* to a particular state or jurisdiction can only be ascertained by examining the law of such state or jurisdiction.

DEA Launches New Tool to Help Distributors Make Informed Decisions About Customers

In February 2018, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) launched a new tool to assist drug manufacturers and distributors with their regulatory obligations under the Controlled Substances Act. The agency added a new feature to its Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS) Online Reporting System, a comprehensive drug reporting system that monitors the flow of controlled substances (CS) from their point of manufacture through commercial distribution channels to the point of sale at the dispensing/retail level. This newly added function will allow the more than 1,500 DEA-registered manufacturers and distributors to view the number of registrants who have sold a particular CS to a prospective customer in the last six months.

DEA regulations require distributors to both “know their customer” and to develop a system to identify and report suspicious orders. Manufacturers and distributors have asked DEA for assistance in fulfilling these obligations and have requested ARCOS information to help them determine if new customers are purchasing excessive quantities of CS. This new tool will provide valuable information for distributors to consider as part of their assessment. More details are available in a news release at www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2018/hq021418.shtml.

PTCB Launches Certified Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician Program

In January 2018, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) launched the PTCB Certified Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician (CSPT) Program. To be eligible to apply, a technician must:

- ◆ Be a PTCB certified pharmacy technician (CPhT) in good standing; and
- ◆ Have completed either a PTCB-recognized sterile compounding education/training program and one year of continuous full-time compounded sterile preparation work experience, or three years of continuous full-time compounded sterile preparation work experience.

To earn CSPT Certification, eligible CPhTs are required to pass the CSPT Exam and submit competency attestation documentation from a qualified supervisor. The two-hour, 75-question CSPT Exam covers hazardous and nonhazardous compounded sterile products in the four domains of:

- ◆ Medications and components (17%);
- ◆ Facilities and equipment (22%);
- ◆ Sterile compounding procedures (53%); and
- ◆ Handling, packaging, storage, and disposal (8%).

The purpose of the Attestation Form is to document the candidate’s completion of required training and certain skill and competency assessments in such areas as aseptic technique, equipment cleaning, and use of personal protective equipment. More details about the CSPT Program are available on PTCB’s website at www.ptcb.org.

DEA Enables Mid-level Practitioners to Prescribe and Dispense Buprenorphine

In January 2018, DEA announced a deregulatory measure that will make it easier for residents of underserved areas to receive treatment for opioid addiction. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants can now become Drug Addiction Treatment Act-Waived qualifying practitioners, which gives them authority to prescribe and dispense the opioid maintenance drug buprenorphine from their offices. This final rule took effect January 22, 2018. More details about DEA’s amendments are available in a Federal Register notice titled “Implementation of the Provision of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 Relating to the Dispensing of Narcotic Drugs for Opioid Use Disorder” (Document Number: 2018-01173).

New CDC Training Offers CPE on Antibiotic Stewardship

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) Office of Antibiotic Stewardship is offering free continuing education opportunities for health care professionals. Focused on judicious antibiotic prescribing and antibiotic resistance, the online training is offered in four sections, each with multiple modules. Section 1 of the “CDC Training on Antibiotic Stewardship” is open now and can be accessed at www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1075730/compilation. Additional sections will be released throughout 2018. More information and resources about CDC’s national effort to help fight antibiotic resistance and improve antibiotic prescribing and use are available on CDC’s website at www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/index.html. CDC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of continuing pharmacy education (CPE). This program meets the criteria for 0.258 CEUs of CPE credit. The ACPE Universal Activity Number is 0387-0000-18-031-H05-P.

Walmart to Provide Free Solution to Dispose of Medications With Schedule II Prescriptions

In partnership with Walmart, DisposeRx will provide a safe and easy way to neutralize unused, unwanted, or expired prescription opioids. DisposeRx developed a powdered product, also called DisposeRx, that permanently dissolves when mixed with water and sequesters excess opioids and other

drugs in a stiff, biodegradable gel that can be safely thrown in the trash. Walmart will provide a free packet of DisposeRx with every new Schedule II prescription filled at its 4,700 pharmacies nationwide. “This partnership with DisposeRx is an exciting opportunity for Walmart to protect the safety of its customers and public health. Unwanted or expired prescription medications left inside consumers’ medicine cabinets can be an easy source for those seeking to misuse or abuse a prescription drug,” said Pharmacy Clinical Services Manager for WalMart Health and Wellness and NABP Past President Jeanne D. Waggener, RPh, DPh. “We’re not just making it easy for patients to safely dispose of their medications, but we’re also helping prevent abuse before it starts.” Additional information is provided in a January 17, 2018 news release titled “Walmart Launches Groundbreaking Disposal Solution to Aid in Fight Against Opioid Abuse and Misuse.”

ASHP Research and Education Foundation Predicts Trends to Affect Pharmacy in 2018

In the 2018 Pharmacy Forecast: Strategic Planning Advice for Pharmacy Departments in Hospitals and Health Systems, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Research and Education Foundation provides guidance on eight topics that will challenge pharmacy practice leaders in hospitals and health systems. Published in the January 15, 2018 issue of American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, the new report focuses on the following areas:

- ◆ Therapeutic innovation;
- ◆ Data, analytics, and technology;
- ◆ Business of pharmacy;
- ◆ Pharmacy and health-system leadership;
- ◆ Advanced pharmacy technician roles;
- ◆ Population health management;
- ◆ Public health imperatives; and
- ◆ Coping with uncertainty and chaos.

The 2018 report is available at www.ajhp.org/content/75/2/23.

USP Encourages Pharmacists to Help Patients Find Quality Dietary Supplements

Recall announcements, enforcement actions, and reports challenging the quality of dietary supplements are problematic issues facing pharmacists who want to ensure that the over-the-counter (OTC) products they are recommending to patients are of good quality. Many consumers purchase OTC dietary supplements and herbal products, often assuming they are regulated like prescription medications. While the law requires pharmaceuticals to meet specific quality standards set by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), the same requirements do not apply to supplements. For this reason, USP has created quality standards and a verification process specifically for these health products. Brands displaying the USP Verified Mark signal to the public that “what’s on their label is what’s in the bottle.” Health care

practitioners can learn more about USP’s efforts at www.usp.org/dietary-supplements-herbal-medicines.

Further, USP Dietary Supplement Verification Services are available to manufacturers and brands worldwide. They include Good Manufacturing Practice facility auditing, product quality control and manufacturing product documentation review, and product testing. Manufacturers that are participating in USP’s verification program for dietary supplements can be found at www.usp.org/verification-services/program-participants.

New CPE Monitor Subscription Plan Helps Pharmacists Track Compliance Via Mobile App

To help pharmacists easily monitor their CPE compliance, NABP partnered with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to develop CPE Monitor Plus, a subscription service for CPE Monitor®. Launched in April 2018, the new subscription service enables pharmacists to perform a variety of advanced functions beyond the basic CPE Monitor service, including:

- ◆ viewing CPE credit status by state to verify at a glance how much CPE credit must be earned to satisfy license renewal requirements;
- ◆ uploading certificates from non-ACPE CPE courses and applying them to relevant state licenses;
- ◆ receiving email alerts when CPE cycle deadlines are approaching;
- ◆ viewing all transcripts and individual courses and generating simplified, automated reports;
- ◆ searching for additional ACPE activities via ACPE P.L.A.N. (Pharmacists’ Learning Assistance Network); and
- ◆ accessing ACPE CPD (Continuous Professional Development) via single sign on.

CPE Monitor Plus is available for an annual, renewable subscription fee of \$29.95, regardless of how many licenses a pharmacist has or adds at a later date. CPE Monitor Plus is only available via NABP’s new mobile app. Search for NABP e-Profile in Google Play Store (Android) or the App Store (iPhone).

The standard CPE Monitor service is still available for free and can also be accessed via the app or a desktop by signing in with NABP e-Profile login credentials.

For more information, visit www.nabp.pharmacy/CPE.



CPE Monitor is a national collaborative service from NABP, ACPE, and ACPE providers that will allow licensees to track their CPE credit electronically

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Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book Changes

The Board submitted a “cleanup” bill with some rule changes and edits, and Governor Mary Fallin signed off on the bill in June 2018. Once all the appropriate paperwork has been filed, the Board will post the latest version of the rules on its website at www.pharmacy.ok.gov under the “Laws and Rules” section.

18.23 Pharmacy Technicians in the State of Oklahoma

As an Oklahoma-licensed pharmacist who employs pharmacy technicians, you are aware that a technician must go through Phase I training before obtaining a permit, and then complete Phase II training within 90 days of receiving his or her permit. As a reference, the Board website has tools available that can assist with minimum guidelines and also help provide more consistent training.

Start at the home page of the Board’s website at www.ok.gov/pharmacy. Select “Licensees & Applicants,” then “Forms & Applications,” and then “Technicians.” The tools below can be found under “Other Forms & Resources.”

- ◆ [“Technician Training Guidelines”](#) provides a list of the minimum standards for training purposes.
- ◆ [“What Pharmacists Need to Know About Training Technicians”](#) is a 22-page PowerPoint presentation with information including, but not limited to, initial application, qualifications, renewals, training, and sample permits.

It is important to be aware that §535:15-13-4(b) of the *Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book* states, “A pharmacy manager employing a currently permitted technician must document training of that technician within 10 days of hire.” This means that if you hire a technician who already holds an Oklahoma permit and previously worked in an Oklahoma pharmacy, you have 10 days to complete and document training.

If you have not familiarized yourself with the Board’s website lately, please do so at your earliest convenience! The Board tries to make every resource available that it can. As always, if you have any questions about any information published on the website, or if you are having trouble finding the information you are looking for, feel free to email the Board at pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov.

18.24 Disciplinary Actions

Braxton E. Norman, Technician #21831 – Case No. 1520: Found guilty on three counts including knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled dangerous substance unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a valid prescription or order from a practitioner. **Revoked.**

Lindy Allen Rowland, DPh #10368 – Case No. 1522: Respondent admits to guilt on all seven counts including misfill or incorrect fill of a prescription or drug order. **\$7,000 fine. Respondent shall attend a one-day (eight-hour) law seminar in addition to 15 hours of required continuing education (CE) in the calendar years 2018 and 2019 for a total of 23 hours of CE each year. All CE required to renew his license shall be live during the calendar years 2018 and 2019. Respondent shall be required to review for errors all prescriptions filled at the end of each workday and have his prescriptions spot-checked by all relief pharmacists as part of an error prevention program.**

Walmart Pharmacy #10-0113, #18-5060 – Case No. 1524: Respondent neither admits nor denies guilt on counts I-IV. The respondent failed at establishing and maintaining effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels as provided by federal, state, or local laws or rules. **\$15,000 fine.**

Affordable Pharmacy and Health Food Store, LLC, #1-7848 – Case No. 1525: Respondent admits to guilt on all four counts including violating Oklahoma Administrative Code §535:25-7-3(a) Registrant conduct. **\$1,750 fine.**

Skye Patteson, Technician #14591 – Case No. 1527: Found guilty on four counts including committing theft while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

Lisa René Ledford, DPh #11103 – Case No. 1528: Respondent admits to guilt on all five counts including as pharmacist-in-charge failing to be responsible for all aspects of the operation related to the practice of pharmacy, which include establishing policies and procedures for safekeeping of pharmaceuticals that satisfy Board requirements including security provisions when the pharmacy is closed. **\$6,000 fine. Respondent shall attend a one-day (eight-hour) law seminar in addition to 15 hours of required CE in the calendar years 2018 and 2019 for a total of 23 hours of CE each year. All CE required to renew her license shall be live during the calendar years 2018 and 2019.**

R & S Drug Store #3, LLC, #13-7787 – Case No. 1529: Respondent admits to guilt on all five counts including failure to establish and maintain effective controls against the diversion of prescription drugs and/or controlled dangerous drugs into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels as provided by federal, state, or local laws or rules. **\$12,000 fine.**

Valimohammed G. Panara, DPh #16396 – Case No. 1531: Respondent neither admits nor denies guilt on all six counts including only the pharmacist being

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responsible for the control and distribution of all drugs. **\$18,000 fine. Respondent's license shall be on probation for a total of two years. Respondent shall attend a one-day (eight-hour) law seminar in addition to 15 hours of required CE in the calendar years 2018 and 2019 for a total of 23 hours of CE each year. All CE required to renew his license during his probation period shall be live during the calendar years 2018 and 2019.**

Calendar Notes

- ◆ **Upcoming holiday:** The Board office will be closed on September 3, 2018, for Labor Day.
- ◆ **Upcoming Board meetings:** The Board will meet on August 8 and September 26, 2018. All meetings begin at 8:30 AM.

Change of Address or Employment?

Please be diligent in keeping your information up to date and if possible, remind your coworkers and employees. This continues to be an ongoing problem, and failure to notify the Board is a violation of Oklahoma pharmacy law. All pharmacists, technicians, and interns must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change of address or employment. Online updates through the license renewal page are also accepted as official notification.

Special Notice About the Newsletter

The *Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is an official method of notification to pharmacies,

pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians registered by the Board. Please read them carefully. The Board encourages you to keep them for future reference.

Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP help-line at 1-800/260-7574 ext. 5773. All calls are confidential.

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