



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

News From the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy

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Contact the Board! All inquiries regarding licensure and general information should be directed to Ms Karin Barron, health licensing specialist, at karin.barron@dc.gov.

To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August,

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October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board meetings will be held via Webex during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The link will be posted on the Board website.

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, April 6, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 9:30 AM
- Thursday, August 3, 2023 - 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of August 2, 2022	
Pharmacists	2,151
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	790
Pharmacy Interns	344
Pharmacy Technicians	1,051
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	126
Pharmacy Technician Programs	15
Pharmaceutical Detailers	580

DACS Is Now Offering CPE Courses

The District Addiction Consultation Service (DACS), a local provider-to-provider resource, is now offering educational resources to DC pharmacists by hosting Accreditation Council for Pharmacy

Education-accredited continuing pharmacy education (CPE) courses. Live CPE webinars will be offered on a bimonthly basis. Information about upcoming events can be found at <https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/dacs/Prescriber-Support/Education/>.

DACS is a service that offers support to all health care providers in the District by helping to address the needs of their patients with substance use disorders (SUDs) and chronic pain.

All DACS resources are free and include:

- phone consultation for clinical questions provided by certified addiction medicine specialists;
- continuing education and training opportunities related to SUDs, medications for opioid use disorder, and chronic pain management; and
- assistance in the identification of substance use and behavioral health resources and referrals that meet the needs of the patients in your community.

Learn more about DACS resources by visiting www.DistrictACS.org or by calling 866/337-DACS (3227).

Funding for DACS is provided by the District of Columbia Government, DC Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, Pharmaceutical Control Division. DACS is administered by University of Maryland School of Medicine staff and faculty.

October Is American Pharmacists Month

The Board wants to see how you are celebrating American Pharmacists Month during October. Send photos of your activities during the month to ashlee.bow@dcbc.dc.gov to be included in the next *Newsletter*. The Board would also like to wish all pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy interns, and pharmaceutical detailers in the District a happy pharmacists month!

Ensuring Patient Privacy During Vaccinations

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an uptick in the number of complaints the Board has received related to patient privacy during immunizations and vaccinations. According to the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations for Pharmacists, Title 17, 6512.4, the location in the pharmacy where vaccinations and immunizations are administered shall: ensure privacy; be maintained to promote an aseptic environment; have adequate telecommunications devices to summon aid and communicate emergency situations; and have adequate equipment and supplies to respond to adverse events and emergency situations. While there is no regulation requiring a specific immunization room, it is important that patients feel their privacy is being protected during all immunizations. If you have questions regarding the vaccination area in your pharmacy, please reach out to Kidest Tesfaye at kidest.tesfaye@dc.gov.

Update From the 118th NABP Annual Meeting

The District of Columbia Board members attended the 118th National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) Annual Meeting held in Phoenix, AZ, on May 19-21, 2022. For the first time in two years, the state boards of pharmacy gathered in person to discuss pharmacy regulatory trends, where the top priority is protecting the public. Topics discussed included the opioid crisis, expanding the role of technicians, and drug supply chain concerns.

The keynote address was given by Dr Jerome Adams, the 20th US surgeon general; he addressed health inequities. The Final Business Session included the installation of the 2022-2023 Executive Committee: Caroline D. Juran of Virginia, chairperson; Reginald B. “Reggie” Dilliard of Tennessee, president; Lenora S. Newsome of Arkansas, president-elect; Jeffrey J. Mesaros of Florida, treasurer; Bradley S. Hamilton of Maine, District 1; Janet Getzey Hart of Pennsylvania, District 2; Traci Collier of South Carolina, District 3; Fred M. Weaver of Ohio, District 4; Shane R. Wendel of North Dakota, District 5; Deborah C. Mack of Arkansas, District 6; Nicole L. Chopski of Idaho, District 7; and Kamlesh “Kam” Gandhi of Arizona, District 8. The 119th NABP Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, TN, in May 2023. For more information, please visit nabp.pharmacy.

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