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### **23.110 Technician Rules for Immunization**

Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 535:15-13-6.1 for pharmacy technicians administering immunizations became effective on September 1, 2023. These new rules will allow pharmacy technicians to administer any vaccine that is approved or licensed by Food and Drug Administration (FDA). A pharmacy technician must have successfully completed an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited training program and have current CPR certification. A pharmacy technician must complete one hour of immunization-related ACPE-accredited or Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy-approved continuing education (CE) every year. This CE should be maintained with the pharmacy technician training so that compliance officers can review this upon inspection of the pharmacy. The immunization registration permit must be posted in the pharmacy. The application for the immunization registration permit is on the Board's [website](#). This will be a one-time \$25 registration.

### **23.111 New Rules for Physical Requirements for Pharmacies**

As of September 1, 2023, there are new physical requirements for pharmacies per OAC 535:15-3-4(8) – Security. The code requires there to be an electronic alarm and video recording system in place to provide protection against theft and diversion. If you need guidance or have questions regarding security, please reach out to your compliance officer.

### **23.112 New and Revised Rules**

The Board wrote new rules and revised some of the existing rules for approval by the legislature and the governor for 2023.

These rules were approved and went into effect on September 1, 2023.

The rules will eventually be incorporated into the *Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book* and at this time are posted on the Board's website. You can access these new and revised rules [here](#).

### **23.113 Auto Refills**

Per OAC 535:25-9-13: "A registrant shall not do auto refills of a prescription unless authorized to do so by the patient or the patient's agent. The registrant shall document the authorization to do auto refills of a prescription."

### **23.114 Low-Dose Aspirin in Pregnancy**

***From the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center***

A combination of chronic disease and sociodemographic factors have led to Oklahoma having one of the highest preterm (<37 weeks) birth rates in the nation (11.9%), according to a 2022 March of Dimes report. Rates of preeclampsia in the United States have increased by 25% in the last 20 years,

and preeclampsia is a leading cause of maternal and infant complications and death. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) estimates that 70% of pregnant Oklahomans could benefit from prophylactic low-dose (81 mg) aspirin usage during pregnancy, initiated between 12 and 28 weeks of gestation, to reduce rates of both preeclampsia and preterm birth. A 2021 US Preventive Services Task Force analysis of aspirin studies revealed that low-dose aspirin has shown to reduce rates of preterm birth by 20%, perinatal mortality by 21%, and the risk of preeclampsia by 15%. However, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine revealed in an August 2023 special statement that only <50% of high-risk and <25% of moderate-risk individuals are prescribed low-dose aspirin for use in pregnancy.

Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (OPQIC), OSDH, and the George Kaiser Family Foundation have collaborated on an initiative to improve low-dose aspirin prescribing rates among providers. The OPQIC website includes a toolkit designed to facilitate patient screening, improve medication adherence, and provide patient education materials in both English and Spanish. Additionally, a public awareness campaign called “Ask About Aspirin” began in August on OSDH social media channels and local television networks. Pharmacists may experience an increased volume of questions from patients regarding aspirin use in pregnancy. For more information regarding preeclampsia risk factors, aspirin administration, or this campaign, visit [www.opqic.org/Ida](http://www.opqic.org/Ida) or email [Melissa-Warde@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Melissa-Warde@ouhsc.edu).

### **23.115 Rules for DME Suppliers**

Rules specifically for durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers are now available on the Board’s website. To view these and other new rules, click on **New/Revised Rules** under the **Laws & Rules** tab on the home page.

### **23.116 FDA and Animal Antibiotics**

As part of FDA’s attempt to slow the development of antibiotic resistance, as of June 11, 2023, animal antibiotics now require a prescription from a licensed veterinarian. Anyone selling these antibiotics is now required to be licensed with the Board as a veterinary wholesaler and registered with the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Additional information from FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine regarding the guidance for industry can be found [here](#).

### **23.117 Disciplinary Actions**

**Dave Campbell, DPh #12885 – Case No. 1656:** Respondent must complete an additional 15 hours of “live” CE over and above the normal annual CE requirements during the calendar years of 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. Respondent must make a “good-faith effort” to sell Allen Community Pharmacy before September 30, 2023. If the sale of the pharmacy has not been completed by September 30, 2023, the pharmacy license will be immediately revoked. After September 30, 2023, respondent is not allowed to act or be employed as a pharmacist-in-charge of any Oklahoma pharmacy before October 1, 2033. Respondent is found guilty on five counts, including compliance with laws; business

conducted as a pharmacist will, at all times, be in conformity with all federal, state, and municipal laws. **Fined \$15,000.**

**Allen Community Pharmacy, #23-7981 – Case No. 1657:** Respondent owner must make a “good-faith effort” to sell Allen Community Pharmacy before September 30, 2023. If the sale of the pharmacy has not been completed by September 30, 2023, the pharmacy license will be immediately revoked. Respondent pharmacy admits guilt to three counts, including establishment of policies and procedures for safekeeping of pharmaceuticals that satisfy Board requirements, including security provisions, when the pharmacy is closed. **Fined \$9,000.**

**Trentin Keith Woods, Technician #29174 – Case No. 1661:** Guilty on three counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

**Haelee Trammell, Technician #25602 – Case No. 1662:** Guilty on three counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

**(Impaired DPh) #19883 – Case No. 1663:** Respondent’s license is indefinitely suspended. Respondent must enter into a lifelong contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP). Respondent may petition the Board to request suspension be lifted after showing she has been determined “fit for duty.” Respondent is found guilty on two counts, including registrant shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will entitle them to the respect and confidence of the community in which they practice.

**Jeremiah Wiginton, Technician #10334 – Case No. 1664:** Guilty on three counts, including theft, while working as a registrant. **Revoked.**

**Michael Pinkerton, DPh #10296 – Case No. 1665:** All CE for the years 2024 and 2025 shall be live. Respondent admits to guilt on five counts, including patient health and safety; the health and safety of patients shall be a registrant’s first consideration. **Fined \$3,000.**

**Stilwell Pharmacy, Inc, #46-3613 – Case No. 1666:** Respondent pharmacy admits guilt to nine counts, including Board inspections; any discrepancies or deficiencies noted at inspection shall be corrected. **Fined \$3,000.**

**Rebecca Jackson, DPh #16926 – Case No. 1667:** Respondent’s license is revoked. Respondent is found guilty on one count; registrant shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will entitle them to the respect and confidence of the community in which they practice.

## **Calendar Notes**

**Upcoming Holidays:** The Board office will be closed on November 10, 2023, for Veterans Day; November 23-24, 2023, for Thanksgiving; and December 25-26, 2023, for Christmas.

**Upcoming Board Meeting:** The Board is scheduled to meet on November 29, 2023. All meetings begin at 8:30 AM.

## **New Fax Number**

The Board has received a new fax number. When sending faxes to the Board office, please use 405/900-8365. Please discontinue using the 405/521-3758 to send faxes.

## **Change of Address or Employment?**

**Please be diligent in keeping your information up to date and, if possible, remind your coworkers and employees. 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. Address and employment changes can no longer be made on the online renewal system. Emailed notifications can be sent to [pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov](mailto:pharmacy@pharmacy.ok.gov) or faxed to 405/900-8365. License/permit numbers must be included to be accepted.

## **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.

## **OPHP**

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

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