



NEW MEXICO BOARD OF PHARMACY

newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

Significant Adverse Drug Event

1. A 62-year-old male patient was given a new prescription for olmesartan 20 mg tablets. The retail pharmacy that filled the prescription dispensed olanzapine 20 mg to the patient instead. After taking the incorrect medication for approximately one month, the patient reported experiencing dry mouth, lethargy, constipation, diarrhea, fever, headache, tachycardia, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, and weight loss. The patient also reported having to go to the emergency room twice because of not feeling well. The pharmacist reported multiple contributing factors to the error, including similar looking stock bottles and the medications being located next to each other on the shelf. The pharmacist recommended relocating the stock bottles so that they are not located next to each other on the shelf. The pharmacist also recommended having technicians scan all bottles at the filling stations and not allowing scan overrides.

Disclaimer: These suggestions are made by the pharmacist submitting the Significant Adverse Drug Event Report. The publication of recommendations is not an indication of endorsement by the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy.

Disciplinary Actions

The Board took the following action during the September 2023 interim meeting:

Nicole Vargas – PT00002661.

Revocation. The respondent's technician registration was summarily revoked due to noncompliance with a Board order.

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Arthur Lopez III – RP00005111. Voluntary Surrender. The Board accepted the voluntary surrender of respondent’s pharmacist registration. Respondent must also pay for investigative costs in the amount of \$100 within 90 days.

2024 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 19, 2024

Thursday, April 18 to Friday, April 19, 2024

Thursday, July 18 to Friday, July 19, 2024

Thursday, October 17 to Friday, October 18, 2024

Meetings begin at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Each meeting agenda will be posted on the Board website at least 72 hours in advance. Additional information and the list of Board meeting dates can be found on the Board’s website.

2024 Law Update Schedule

Please contact the Board at least a week prior to a Board-sponsored law update (via email at pharmacy.board@rld.nm.gov) to reserve your spot and register so that you can receive continuing education (CE) credit for the law update. Please include your name, pharmacist license number, the date and time of the session you wish to attend, and your contact information in the message. The Albuquerque area law updates will be held by webinar. In 2024, the Board will hold one law update on the first Friday of each month from 2-4 PM. If you wish to attend a pharmacy law update that is sponsored by the New Mexico Pharmacists Association (NMPPhA) or the New Mexico Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NMSHP), please contact the organizations directly to reserve your spot. Please note that the dates and times for the NMPPhA- or NMSHP-sponsored law updates vary.

Upcoming Albuquerque Pharmacy Law Lecture Dates:

- January 5, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on January 3.
- February 2, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on January 31.
- March 1, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on February 28.

- April 5, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on April 3.
- May 3, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on May 1.
- June 7, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on June 5.
- July 5, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on July 3.
- August 2, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on July 31.
- September 6, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on September 4.
- October 4, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on October 3.
- November 1, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on October 30.
- December 6, 2024
Webinar. Registration closes on December 3.

2024 Pharmacy Law Update Schedule: Other New Mexico Areas

Board inspectors will also hold law update webinars for areas outside of Albuquerque, although **registration is open to licensees** regardless of area of residence. Please contact the Board by email at pharmacy.board@rld.nm.gov to register and reserve your spot. Please include your name, pharmacist license number, the date and time of the session you wish to attend, and your contact information in the message. The Board-sponsored pharmacy law updates will generally be held on a Tuesday from 2-4 PM.

Upcoming Pharmacy Law Lecture Dates (Outside of Albuquerque):

- February 13, 2024
Farmington area webinar. Registration closes on February 9.

- March 13, 2024
Española area webinar. Registration closes on March 8.
- April 30, 2024
Gallup area webinar. Registration closes on April 26.
- May 14, 2024
Raton area webinar. Registration closes on May 10.
- July 30, 2024
Alamogordo area webinar. Registration closes on July 26.
- August 13, 2024
Roswell area webinar. Registration closes on August 9.
- September 17, 2024
Carlsbad area webinar. Registration closes on September 13.
- November 19, 2024
Las Cruces area webinar. Registration closes on November 15.

* Remember that the law update hosted by the Board, while presented at no charge, does **not** have an Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education number, and is not reported to CPE Monitor®.

Reminders

- Be sure to submit Adverse Drug Event reports to the Board within **15 days of discovery**. This is required by regulation and could potentially result in disciplinary action if not compliant. This report **must** include an appropriate root cause analysis with recommendation(s) for improvement.
- Pharmacists, be sure that you are completing the required CE prior to relicensure. The Board conducts audits on a monthly basis. Here are some things to keep in mind when completing your CE:
 - The patient safety and safe/appropriate use of opioid requirements can be combined if a CE activity is appropriate to cover both topics.
 - New Mexico law CE credits do not count toward your 10-hour live CE requirement.
 - CE credits required to maintain pharmacist prescriptive authority do not count toward your 30-hour CE requirement.

Failure to comply with all requirements may result in up to a \$1,000 fine and disciplinary action against your license.

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