

# OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy  
and Drug Law Compliance.*

## 26.188 Counseling

Counseling is a vital part of patient care and plays an important role in patient safety. Per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 535:10-9-2, pharmacists are required to offer counseling on **all** new prescriptions and whenever deemed appropriate through professional judgment or required by law. Effective counseling helps patients understand how to properly take their medications, improves adherence, and reduces the risk of medication errors.

As a team, you should create opportunities for meaningful patient conversations by asking open-ended questions instead of simply asking, "Do you have any questions?" For example, asking, "Have you taken this medication before?" can help identify patients who may benefit from additional pharmacist counseling while supporting patient safety and compliance.

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## 26.189 Full Take Back Box

If you are having issues getting in touch with the company you use for medication disposal, and your box is full, please reach out to

Beau Ratke at the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control. His phone number is 918/446-1616.

## 26.190 Cleanroom Information

*United States Pharmacopeia <797>  
– 4.2 Facility Design and  
Environmental Controls*

In addition to minimizing airborne contamination, sterile compounding facilities must be designed and

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controlled to provide a well-lit and comfortable working environment (see *Physical Environments That Promote Safe Medication Use* (1066)). The cleanroom suite should be maintained at a temperature of 20° or cooler and a relative humidity of 60% or below to minimize the risk of microbial proliferation and to provide comfortable conditions for compounding personnel attired in the required garb. The temperature and humidity must be monitored in each room of the cleanroom suite on any day that compounding is performed, either manually or by a continuous recording device. The results of the readings must be documented at least once daily or

stored in the continuous recording device, and they must be retrievable. The temperature and humidity readings must be reviewed as described in the facility's standard operating procedures. Temperature and humidity in the cleanroom suite must be controlled through a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. Free-standing air conditioners, humidifiers, and dehumidifiers must not be used within the classified area or the segregated compounding area. Temperature and humidity monitoring devices must be verified for accuracy at least every 12 months or as required by the manufacturer.

## 26.191 Oklahoma CareerTech Schools Approved

As of November 1, 2025, Oklahoma CareerTech schools have been approved to place students into licensed pharmacies for the purpose of clinicals. These students will be issued a **blue** technician permit. This permit will allow them to gain practical experience as a technician under the supervision of a pharmacist and is only valid for one year. Having this permit does not allow students to be employed at a pharmacy. Students will have to go through pharmacy training and apply for a technician permit to gain employment.

The Board-approved schools are as follows:

- Central Technology Center, Sapulpa Campus
- High Plains Technology Center
- Meridian Technology Center, Stillwater Campus
- Pioneer Technology Center, Ponca City
- Tulsa Technology Center, Health Science Campus
- Tulsa Technology Center, Owasso Campus

The permit, with a photo attached, must be signed by the student's school dean, not by the pharmacy where they will do clinicals.

## 26.192 Reciprocal Continuing Education

As of March 13, 2026, by order of the executive director of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy:

The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy no longer has reciprocal agreements with any states regarding the acceptance of Oklahoma continuing education (CE) hours.

Licensees must check directly with the state(s) in which they are licensed to determine whether Oklahoma CE hours will be accepted for licensure renewal or other requirements.

## 26.193 CPR Training Used for Continuing Education

As of December 12, 2025, the use of CPR training (initial certification or recertification) toward the required 15 hours of CE has been revoked by

the Continuing Education Committee and the executive director.

Pursuant to OAC 535:10-11-3 of the *2024 Oklahoma Pharmacy Law Book*,

CPR training remains a requirement for pharmacists who hold an immunization license issued by the Board.

## 26.194 Disciplinary Actions

**Layla Neeland, Technician #32209 – Case No. 1734:** Guilty on four counts, including theft of controlled dangerous substances (CDS). **Permanently Revoked. Fined \$2,000.**

**Kym Manns-Bates, Technician #32186 – Case No. 1739:** Guilty on three counts, including theft while working as a registrant. **Permanently Revoked.**

**Audra Castle, Technician #4272 – Case No. 1748:** Guilty on four counts, including theft of CDS. **Permanently Revoked. Fined \$1,000.**

**Kimberly Towns, Technician #15315 – Case No. 1752:** Guilty on four counts, including theft of CDS. **Permanently Revoked.**

**(Impaired DPh) #16132 – Case No. 1753:** The respondent's license is indefinitely suspended and shall remain suspended for a minimum of five years. At that time, the respondent may appear before the Board to ask that the suspension be lifted. Before the respondent requests to appear, they shall enter into a lifetime contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP), have a "Fit for Duty" evaluation, and have support from OPHP to reinstate their license. The respondent must have completed the five year suspension requirement, remained in good standing, and followed the requirements of OPHP. They shall complete an OPHP-approved "substance use disorder" conference or seminar prior to appearing. Guilty on three counts, including abuse of alcohol or drugs, use of an illegal CDS, or testing positive for such substance or its metabolite, which is a violation of registrant conduct.

## Calendar Notes

**Upcoming Holidays:** The Board office will be closed on July 3, 2026, for Independence Day, and September 7, 2026, for Labor Day.

## Fax Number

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## 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. Pharmacists and technicians can now update their addresses and employment online.

Emailed notifications can still 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.

## Cooking With Compliance

Submitted by Darrell Switzer

Posole Rojo (Red Pork and Hominy Stew)	
Ingredients:	Instructions:
<p><b>Pork and Base</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1½ lbs pork shoulder (butt), cut into 1-inch cubes</li> <li>• 2 tbsp bacon grease or olive oil (bacon grease highly recommended)</li> <li>• 1 medium white onion, chopped – can substitute dried, minced onion</li> <li>• 2 cloves garlic, minced</li> <li>• 1 (30 oz) can white hominy, drained and rinsed</li> <li>• 3-5 cups chicken broth (adjust for desired thickness)</li> <li>• 1 tsp salt (plus more to taste) and black pepper</li> <li>• 1 tsp sugar</li> </ul> <p><b>Chile Puree</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-6 dried New Mexico Chile pods</li> <li>• 1 dried Ancho Chile pepper</li> <li>• 1 dried Poblano Chile pepper</li> <li>• <i>Note: Remove all stems and seeds before use.</i></li> <li>• <i>Optional: 2-3 roasted tomatillos pureed with chiles</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Seasonings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 bay leaf</li> <li>• 2 tsp ground cumin</li> <li>• 1 tsp dried Mexican oregano (crushed)</li> <li>• ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped</li> </ul> <p><b>Traditional Garnishes (served on the side)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinly sliced radishes &amp; shredded cabbage</li> <li>• Diced white onion &amp; fresh lime wedges</li> <li>• Warm corn tortillas or tostadas</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Prepare Chile Puree:</b> Place stemmed/seeded chiles in a small pot. Cover with a portion of the chicken broth (or water). Bring to a boil, then simmer for 15 minutes until soft. Blend the chiles with a splash of the liquid until smooth. <b>Pro-tip:</b> Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl to remove any bits of skin; set puree aside.</li> <li><b>2) Brown the Pork:</b> In a heavy Dutch oven, heat your oil or bacon grease over medium-high. Brown the pork cubes in batches until deep golden brown on all sides. Remove pork and set aside.</li> <li><b>3) Sauté Aromatics:</b> In the same pot, sauté the onion in the residual fat until translucent (5 mins). Add garlic, cumin, and oregano; cook for 1 minute until fragrant.</li> <li><b>4) Simmer:</b> Return the pork to the pot. Stir in the chile puree, bay leaf, and the remaining chicken broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 1 to 1.5 hours, or until the pork is fork tender.</li> <li><b>5) Finish With Hominy:</b> Stir in the rinsed hominy. Simmer uncovered for another 15-20 minutes to allow the flavors to meld. Stir in fresh cilantro just before serving.</li> <li><b>6) Serve:</b> Ladle into deep bowls and serve alongside the bowls of fresh garnishes for guests to customize their stew.</li> </ol>

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## Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

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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