

STATE BOARD NEWS -- NOVEMBER 1996 ISSUE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PATIENT'S DRUG THERAPY, AND THE PHARMACIST

One of the most frustrating aspects of pharmacy practice is the ability to effectively communicate with a patient's physician in a timely manner. Too often, a call to the doctor's office results in being placed on hold for a considerable amount of time without actually having the opportunity to discuss the patient's drug therapy or problems with the prescriber. Also frustrating is the reluctance of the doctor's office staff to provide information needed by the pharmacist in caring for the patient. If quality and timely patient care is the bottom line, it is obvious that changes need to be made in the way that a patient's drug therapy is initiated and managed. However, the reverse is also true. Doctors and their office personnel are just as frustrated by phone lines that are often busy, phone calls that are not promptly answered, or an automated voice mail system that seems to make it impossible or extremely time-consuming to speak with the pharmacist. If quality and timely patient care is the bottom line, it is obvious that changes need to be made in the way that a patient's drug therapy is initiated and managed.

Effective and frequent communication between health professionals is required in order to effectively care for the patient. Technology is improving the ability of individuals to communicate in a more effective manner than ever before. The implementation of secure electronic networks linking health care professionals is one solution to the communication problem. Several networks that utilize electronic prescription orders are being tested in Ohio with the Board's approval. While the initial benefit is that of increasing the efficiency both in the pharmacy and the prescriber's office by eliminating telephone time for both parties, it also eliminates the problem with illegible handwriting and incomplete information regarding the patient, prescriber, and/or drug therapy. Properly designed systems will also decrease the likelihood of prescribing and/or dispensing errors as well as enable both the prescriber and pharmacist to more closely monitor and manage the patient's health care.

CONTINUING PHARMACY EDUCATION - BOARD APPROVED PROGRAMS IN JURISPRUDENCE

This year was the first time that Ohio pharmacists were required to have successfully participated in a Board approved jurisprudence program in order to renew their identification card to practice. Four thousand one hundred twenty-two (4,122) pharmacists were required to have obtained one hour (0.1 CEU) of Continuing Pharmacy Education credit in a Board approved jurisprudence program this year. One of the problems experienced with renewal this year was the fact that a few pharmacists reported having participated in a jurisprudence course prior to the effective date of the Rule - February 15, 1995. These courses were not Board approved since they were presented prior to the effective date of the rule and did not count towards renewal of the pharmacist's license.

The Board reminds those pharmacists who are required to report two hours of credit in Board approved Jurisprudence towards renewal next year that **the courses must be Board approved and have been presented since February 15, 1995**. Pharmacists whose third digit of their identification number is three (03-3-XXXX) will report the Continuing Pharmacy

Education credits that they have obtained towards license renewal in August of next year and should make certain that the jurisprudence courses that they will be reporting are Board approved and were presented after February 15, 1995. It is not too early to begin to review your continuing pharmacy education certificates in order to avoid problems renewing your license next year.

The Board also takes this opportunity to remind pharmacists that the February 1997 issue of this Newsletter will include a quiz in Jurisprudence that will cover the following issues of this Newsletter - May 1996, August 1996, November 1996, and February 1997. Pharmacists successfully completing the quiz (grade of 75 or better) in the February 1997 issue of this publication will be given one hour of continuing pharmacy education credit in Jurisprudence towards license renewal.

Upcoming Board approved Jurisprudence programs:

Council of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy (call 614/292-5385 for time and location)

"Update on State & Federal Laws and Regulations"

March 22, 1997 Canton and Cleveland

March 23, 1997 Toledo

Approved providers of Board approved Jurisprudence correspondence courses:
(be sure to ask for Jurisprudence courses approved by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy)

Adherence, Inc.; Jack Justice (513/794-1642)

Council of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy; Alan Escovitz (614/292-5385)

The Pharmacy Law Institute; Peter Previte (419/772-1871)

University Consultants; J. Richard Wuest (513/558-0715)

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The disciplinary actions listed below include only those where the individual's license to practice has been suspended, revoked, or restricted, and does not include those actions where the individual's license to practice has been placed on probation or has been reinstated without restrictions, or a monetary penalty imposed by the board.

Anyone having a question regarding the license status of a particular practitioner, nurse, pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or dangerous drug distributor in Ohio should contact the licensing board which regulates that profession or activity, as follows:

State Dental Board (614/466-2580);

State Medical Board (614/466-3934);

State Nursing Board (614/466-3947);

State Optometry Board (614/466-5115);

State Pharmacy Board (614/466-4143);

State Veterinary Medical Board (614/644-5281);

Drug Enforcement Administration (216/522-3705).

STATE PHARMACY BOARD:

Order Effective 12/08/95:

Michael D. Quigley, R.Ph.; Toledo - May not train pharmacy interns or be a preceptor;

may not serve as a responsible pharmacist; and may not destroy, or may not assist in or witness the destruction of, controlled substances for five years from July 30, 1996.

Order Effective 03/29/96:

John Robert Stone, R.Ph.; Galion - License reinstated effective 09/23/96 but may not train pharmacy interns or be a preceptor; may not serve as a responsible pharmacist; and may not destroy, or may not assist in or witness the destruction of, controlled substances for five years from September 23, 1996.

Orders Effective 07/01/96:

David J. Bralich, R.Ph.; Struthers - License revoked.

John A. Dziech, R.Ph.; Piqua - May not dispense medication pursuant to prescriptions written for himself or his family members as patients, nor may he record any such oral prescriptions; may not serve as a responsible pharmacist; and may not train pharmacy interns or be a preceptor for one year.

Joseph Todd Fraker, R.Ph.; Lancaster - License revoked.

Kessco Drugs, T.D.; Columbus - May not be a training site for pharmacy interns for two years.

Arch Joseph Weber, R.Ph.; Pickerington - License suspended indefinitely, and may not be employed by or work in a facility licensed by the Board while suspended.

Orders Effective 08/09/96:

Dominic J. Bartone, R.Ph.; Vandalia - May not train pharmacy interns or be a preceptor for five years.

Lynn Marie Borisuk, R.Ph.; Akron - License revoked.

Peter Dixon Clouse, R.Ph.; Mt. Pleasant, SC - License suspended indefinitely, minimum three years; May not be employed by or work in a facility licensed by the Board while suspended.

Medicine Shoppe, T.D.; Wilmington Avenue, Dayton - License revoked.

Patrick Joseph Shea, R.Ph.; Ashland - License revoked.

Summary Suspension of Licenses:

Thomas Lawrence Bridge, R.Ph.; Olmsted Township - Effective 07/25/96.

Keith Jered Hochadel, R.Ph.; Salem - Effective 09/17/96.

Richard Anthony Holdorf, R.Ph.; Weirton, WV - Effective 09/18/96.

Mark Jeffrey Schirtzinger, R.Ph.; Xenia - Effective 08/12/96.

STATE MEDICAL BOARD:

Donald R. Bernat, M.D.; Youngstown - License revoked - 10/16/95.

Kevin Berry, M.D.; Columbus - License suspended indefinitely, minimum of 6 months, to be calculated from April 17, 1996 - 06/12/96.

Carolyn T. Beyer, D.O.; Chesterton, IN - License suspended indefinitely, minimum of one year; License permanently limited to restrict doctor from prescribing any form of chemical phototherapy - 03/05/96.

Theresa Elaine Boyd, M.D.; Cleveland - May not prescribe, order, dispense, administer, or possess any controlled substances and may not hold or apply for D.E.A. registration without prior Board approval for a minimum of five years - 06/13/96.

Michael Ray Carpenter, D.O.; Akron - License revoked - 05/23/96.

Albert Burton Cinelli, M.D.; Youngstown - License summarily suspended - 07/11/96.

John M. Davis, M.D.; Columbus - License suspended indefinitely, minimum of one year -

06/12/96.

John Nicholas Figel, M.D.; Steubenville - License suspended for minimum of one year, retroactive to December 6, 1996 - 06/19/96.

Paul H. Iahn, M.D., Brunswick - License suspended effective 09/14/96 for sixty days - 08/14/96.

William Patrick Maher, D.O.; Westerville - License suspended indefinitely, minimum two years - 08/14/96.

Ronald L. Miller, M.D.; Columbus - License suspended indefinitely, minimum one year - 07/10/96.

Karen L. Pajari, M.D.; Hazard, KY - License suspended indefinitely, minimum one year - 06/12/96.

Hyun Young Park, M.D.; Moreland Hills - License suspended indefinitely, minimum of 30 days, to be calculated from February 14, 1996 - 07/10/96.

Alan Marshall Ruben, M.D.; Wheeling, WV - May not prescribe, administer, dispense, order, write orders for, give verbal orders for, or possess any controlled substances without prior Board approval for a minimum of 3 years - 06/12/96.

Jeffrey C. Spencer, M.D.; Lyndhurst - License summarily suspended - 06/13/96.

Rodger Lloyd Moore Taylor, M.D.; Dayton - License permanently surrendered - 05/23/96.

Anthony D. Zucco, D.O.; Richmond Heights - May not prescribe, administer, dispense, order, or possess anabolic steroids for one year - 08/29/96.

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