



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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Ohio's Acute Pain Prescribing Rules Effective Today

Effective August 31, 2017, the State of Ohio will have new rules for prescribing opioid analgesics for the treatment of acute pain. Please be advised that the responsibility of adhering to the limits is the responsibility of the prescriber. Pharmacists should be aware that there are exceptions to the rules and therefore there is no expectation that pharmacists enforce the limits.

To assist in the implementation of these new rules, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy developed updated guidance documents for [prescribers](#) and [pharmacists](#). Additionally, the State Medical Board of Ohio has also developed educational materials for prescribers, [including a video overview of the rules](#).

Out-of-State Pharmacists Needed to Aid Texas Disaster Recovery Effort

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy is expediting the issuance of temporary licenses for out-of-state licensed pharmacists who are needed by Texas pharmacies to aid in the Texas Disaster Recovery effort. For more information, please visit: http://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/temp_pharmacist.asp.

3rd Quarter 2017 – Rule Update

A number of rules and rule changes have been adopted by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy in the third quarter of 2017. To view new rules and changes, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Q3-2017.

New Consult Rules Effective October 1, 2017

Updated rules governing pharmacist consult agreements will go into effect on October 1, 2017. More information on these updated rules can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/consult.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 28th is National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy encourages you to inform your patients of this great opportunity to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs.

For collection site locations, please visit: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback.

USP General Chapter <800> Hazardous Drugs - Handling in Healthcare Settings

The Board has received several inquiries regarding the update of pharmacy compounding rules to require compliance with [USP 800](#). The Board will be considering such changes this fall. To sign up to receive proposed rule updates and to learn about opportunities to provide comments, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/update (be sure to select the "proposed rules" box).

Fee Increases – Effective September 29, 2017

Effective September 29, 2017, provisions of Ohio HB 49 (Biennial Budget) go into effect. One such provision included in the budget is a new set of application fees charged by the Board for the following licenses:

- Category II Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs - \$160.00 (includes limited licenses)
- Category III Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs - \$220.00 (includes limited licenses)
- Category II & III Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs – Veterinary Facility - \$60.00
- Category II Wholesale Distributor of Dangerous Drugs - \$950
- Category III Wholesale Distributor of Dangerous Drugs (controlled substances) - \$1,000

Please be advised, persons applying for licensure on or after September 29, 2017 will be expected to include the new fees.

Transfer or Sale of Naloxone by EMS Agencies

The Board has received inquiries regarding the legal transfer of naloxone between EMS agencies to reallocate the medication to avoid expiration. To assist EMS agencies, the Board has developed the following guidance document: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/transferEMS.

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