



Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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Congratulations!!!! (98-04-09)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy congratulates pharmacy technicians who have recently completed all Board requirements. The Board issued pharmacy technician certificates to former support staff persons.

The role of a pharmacy technician is challenging and vital in the practice of pharmacy in Louisiana. Technicians assist in the practice of pharmacy under the direct and immediate supervision of a licensed Louisiana pharmacist.

A pharmacy technician holding a certificate in Louisiana shall notify the Board, in writing, within 10 days of any change of mailing and/or home address, giving old and new address and certificate number. Also, a pharmacy technician shall notify the Board, in writing, within 10 days of a change in employment, listing technician name and certificate number and the name, address, and permit numbers of old and new pharmacies where the technician was employed. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy welcomes pharmacy technicians, vital members of the pharmacy team.

Board Nominations (98-04-10)

Per Title 37:1172, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; appointments; qualification of members, Paragraph B states:

Whenever a vacancy shall occur among the members of the Board representing one of the eight districts, the registered pharmacists, who are at that time licensed as such by the state of Louisiana and are bona fide residents of the particular district with respect to which the vacancy occurs, shall nominate from among their number to the Board. The nominations shall be made by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to a vacancy which is to occur by reason of an expiring term.

Existing Board member appointments expiring July 28, 1998, are those currently held by Salvatore J. D'Angelo, District 1; Reuben R. Dixon, District 2; Thomas J. Chambliss, District 4; Carl Napoli, Sr., District 6; Allan L. Brinkhaus, District 7A; and Charles D. Trahan, District 7B. The districts are defined on page two of the laws and regulation.

Ballots will be mailed to all currently licensed pharmacists in the respective districts on May 13, 1998, and, per instructions, must be returned in the envelope provided for receipt in the Board office on or before May 27, 1998.

Any registered pharmacist who has been licensed and actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in Louisiana for an aggregate of at least five years, has not been convicted of a felony, not been placed on probation by the Board, and is not connected with any

school or college of pharmacy in a professional or executive capacity is eligible for nomination. Pharmacy law requires that the votes be counted within the district involved. Nomination ballots will be opened and counted as follows:

- ◆ District 1 at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at East Jefferson General Hospital, Pontchartrain Room, 4200 Houma Boulevard, Metairie, Louisiana.
- ◆ District 2 at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at Xavier University, College of Pharmacy, Dean's Conference Room 112, 7325 Palmetto Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- ◆ District 4 at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 1998, at the Shreve Memorial Library, Eaves Room on the first floor, 424 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.
- ◆ District 6 at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, at Ochsner Clinic of Baton Rouge, Conference Room 2 on the third floor, 9001 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- ◆ District 7 (A and B) at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at the Grant Molet Medical Arts Center, Annex B-Classroom E-8, 443 Heymann Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

According to Title 37:1172.C, the Board secretary will certify to the governor the names of the three people receiving the highest number of nominations. From the names submitted to the governor in this manner, the governor may select and appoint one eligible person to fill the vacancy in question.

Disciplinary Actions (98-04-11)

On November 10, 1997, the Board held a formal administrative hearing with the following appropriate sanctions imposed:

Robert N. Hall, #9994: License surrendered; case continued to April 1998.

Dale N. McCright, #11550: License placed on probation for 1 year and assessed \$1,250. *Charges:* Violating pharmacy laws, failure to maintain Schedule II records, misbranding, allowing extern/intern to work without proper ID, audit shortage, and illegal substitution.

McCright's Pharmacy, #2344: Permit placed on probation for 1 year and assessed \$1,250. *Charges:* Same as for Dale N. McCright (above).

Stephen R. Caudle, #13307: License placed on probation for 1 year and assessed \$1,250. *Charges:* Violating pharmacy laws, inadequate prescription department security, and failure to comply with nuclear regulations of DEQ.

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FDA Launches Women's Health Program

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Women's Health (OWH) "Take Time to Care" program offers pharmacists a new opportunity to improve the health of American women. To reach women where they live and work, the FDA is working with a broad range of partners, including state and local governments, health and consumer organizations, women's groups, health care providers, and health institutions. Together, they are organizing community events linking women with local health professionals so they can get appropriate advice and answers to their questions about medicine use.

The focus of this education program has four strong messages:

1. Read the label.
2. Avoid problems, such as side effects.
3. Ask questions of your doctor or pharmacist.
4. Keep a record of the medicines you use.

The Women's Health: Take Time to Care program was pilot tested in Hartford, Connecticut, and Chicago, Illinois, in the spring of 1997, and it turned out to be a tremendous success. Altogether, the program distributed approximately 235,000 pieces of consumer education literature.

OWH worked with various national women's organizations to develop this program and evaluate accompanying patient materials. Through a network of partners, including government agencies, national health care and consumer organizations, local women's groups, local health care providers, health institutions, and educational institutions, the project educates women about how to take their medications properly.

Chicago and Hartford were selected as pilot cities for the project because they have strong community-based organizations that work well together, as well as culturally diverse neighborhoods where educational materials can be tested with women in the community through a variety of activities. Many pharmacists from both cities participated in the program by talking about pharmaceutical care at various community events.

Individual consumers may obtain a "Use Medicines Wisely" kit from OWH by calling 1-800/532-4400. The kit contains a brochure on questions to ask pharmacists or physicians, a purse chart to keep track of over-the-counter and prescription medications, stickers to remind patients when to take their medications, and tips about medication information patients should provide when they visit their doctor or are admitted to the hospital. OWH will also provide a "How To" kit of publicity material for pharmacists who would like to sponsor an educational event.

Suggestions for promoting the message of "Use Medicines Wisely" include:

- ◆ Providing brochures and other educational materials directly to patients at pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, etc.;

- ◆ Sending out informational newsletters to patients;
- ◆ Holding programs after church services or at senior centers;
- ◆ Handing out educational materials at local supermarkets, malls, etc.; and
- ◆ Publicizing events and providing information through local media.

Women's Health: Take Time to Care is an excellent example of how a national government agency and groups, both lay public and professional, can work together for the betterment of women.

Now the Women's Health: Take Time to Care program is coming to other cities throughout the country. The first city was San Francisco during the week of March 23, followed by Atlanta and Indianapolis during April. In all, FDA plans on visiting 15 major cities with the program. Pharmacists are highly encouraged to participate in events in their cities. To find out about events in your area and to obtain a "My Medicines" brochure, visit FDA's Web site at www.fda.gov/womens.

New Classification System Developed for Pharmaceutical Care Services

A new Pharmacist Practice Activity Classification (PPAC) system has been released which describes and classifies the activities of licensed, practicing pharmacists throughout the health care delivery system. Developed by the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) in concert with nine national pharmacy associations, including the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), the PPAC provides common language to describe or document a range of pharmacy practice activities from dispensing to direct patient care services.

According to the APhA, a classification system of consistent and broadly accepted pharmacy practice activities was necessary because pharmacists increasingly focus their practices on the provision of pharmaceutical care and expect to be compensated for pharmaceutical care services. Prior to the development of the PPAC, pharmacy did not have a widely accepted format to describe or document pharmacists' activities. The introduction of this new system allows researchers and others to more consistently compare data among studies and to help build larger databases for more statistically sound determinations about pharmacists' patient-centered activities. The new system will also enable researchers to determine whether such activities improve patient care outcomes.

Copies of the PPAC can be obtained by calling the APhA at 202/429-7514 or accessing the APhA Web site at <http://www.aphanet.org>.

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References to a particular state or jurisdiction should not be assumed to be the law of such state or jurisdiction.)



APhA/McNeil Introduce Children's "Be SAFE" Campaign

The American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) and McNeil Consumer Products recently began their joint "Be SAFE" campaign, an initiative designed to educate parents and caregivers on the safe and appropriate use of children's over-the-counter (OTC) medication.

The campaign, which features a visual mascot named the "Care Bee," uses the acronym SAFE to trigger the following directions to the parent or caregiver:

- ◆ See the label for complete instructions.
- ◆ Ask a pharmacist, doctor, or other health care professional if you have questions about the use of a product.
- ◆ Follow the directions carefully.
- ◆ Enter the time and amount of each dose given in a medication log for quick and easy reference.

The "Be SAFE" campaign also assists pharmacists, physicians, and others in providing information to parents or caregivers. The material addresses such issues as the use of children's dosing devices when measuring medications, choosing whether to dose children's medications by age or weight, and understanding the differences in concentrations and dosage forms within the same brand family.

A "Be SAFE" material packet, including a poster, advice cards, and flyers, is available free of charge by calling 1-800/472-3923.

NABP Unveils Its Web Site: NABP.net

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) introduced nabp.net, its Internet home page, in January 1998. With the click of a mouse, the Web site provides pharmacists and other interested individuals with immediate access to information about NABP, its programs, and services.

"Pharmacists can now easily retrieve the information they need from NABP by logging on to the Web site," said NABP President Franklin Z. Wickham. "NABP's initial application for pharmacist licensure transfer, registration information for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ (NAPLEX®), and state board of pharmacy newsletters are all available and downloadable."

In addition, the Web site contains press releases and newsletters released by NABP, contact information for the boards of pharmacy, and a calendar of Association meetings and events. The site also allows pharmacists to communicate directly with NABP through Internet e-mail access.

Throughout the next year, NABP will be adding new data to the Web site, including information about the forthcoming Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination™ (MPJE™) and Pharmacist Continued Competency Assessment Mechanism™ (PCCAM™).

Pharmacist Administering of Medications/ Immunizations Possible in 30 States

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) recently conducted a search of its NABPLAW® state pharmacy laws and regulations database, and found that 27 states have granted pharmacists the authority to administer either medications, immunizations, or both, which can potentially provide them with the legal authority necessary to administer immunization services. At least three more boards of pharmacy have interpreted their state's laws or regulations to allow the pharmacist this same authority.

Overall, NABP has discovered that:

- ◆ Twenty states have granted pharmacists the authority to administer medications and/or immunizations through their definition of the terms "practice of pharmacy" or "dispense."
- ◆ Of these 20 states, two (Arkansas and Texas) describe the qualifications or requirements necessary for pharmacists to provide medication or immunization administration services.
- ◆ Although the regulations are silent on the issue, three boards of pharmacy (Kansas, Louisiana, and Ohio) have interpreted their state's pharmacy or medical practice acts to allow the potential for pharmacists to administer medications or immunizations.

The list below indicates those states that allow the potential for pharmacist medication and/or immunization administration authority.

States Allowing Potential for Pharmacists to Administer Medications/Immunizations

Alabama	Louisiana
Alaska	Mississippi
Arizona	Nebraska
Arkansas	New Mexico
California	North Carolina
Colorado	North Dakota
Delaware	Ohio
Georgia	Oklahoma
Hawaii	South Carolina
Idaho	South Dakota
Illinois	Tennessee
Indiana	Texas
Iowa	Vermont
Kansas	Virginia
Kentucky	Washington

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McCright's Nuclear Pharmacy, #1294: Permit placed on probation for 1 year and assessed \$1,250. *Charges:* Same as for Stephen R. Caudle (above).

Bennie G. Owens, #8373: License suspended for 30 days then placed on probation for 5 years and assessed \$2,250. *Charges:* Violating pharmacy laws and dispensing unauthorized prescriptions.

Headrick's Drug Store, #0452: Permit placed on probation for 5 years and assessed \$2,250. *Charges:* Same as for Bennie G. Owens (above).

R. Lewis Rieger, #7077: Continuance granted until April 1998.

Gailyn Betts Young, #11653: License suspended indefinitely. *Charges:* Failure to respond to continuing pharmaceutical education audit and failure to notify Board of address change.

Julius A. Roy, #9972: License reinstated on probation for 5 years with stipulations and assessed \$250.

Louis Guichet, Jr., #8982: Probation modification request approved. May now be pharmacist-in-charge.

Karl P. Petry, #13125: License surrendered, continuance granted until April 1998. *Charges:* Violating pharmacy laws, failure to maintain Schedule II records properly, failure to take biennial inventory, dispensing unauthorized prescriptions, and continually violating pharmacy laws.

Thibodeaux's Pharmacy, #2606: Continuance granted until April 1998. *Charges:* Same as above for Karl P. Petry and operating a pharmacy in violation of pharmacy laws.

The Board also adjudicated eight cases in the impaired pharmacist program.

Impaired Pharmacist-Technician Reporting (98-04-12)

A pharmacy technician or pharmacist who has knowledge that a pharmacy technician or pharmacist is impaired shall report relevant confidential information to the Board. Drug addiction occurs in 10 percent of the general population. Recent surveys indicate that among practicing pharmacists, 19 percent are occasional or regular users of controlled substances without a prescription.

Ten to 15 percent of health care professionals are afflicted with drug addiction. The reasons for drug abuse are personal. But for pharmacists and technicians, it is clear that easy access to drugs, combined with workplace stress, facilitates the potential for abuse.

Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists have a legal obligation to notify the Board if they are aware or suspect drug or alcohol addiction of colleagues. Rest assured, all reports are confidential. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has an *Impaired Pharmacist Rehabilitative Plan* designed to create an effective program for the impaired pharmacy technician or pharmacist to reenter the safe practice of pharmacy. We as professional health care providers have an obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the public we serve.

Board Meeting Dates and Locations (98-04-13)

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has scheduled Board meetings for the following dates and locations:

April 22, 1998	Baton Rouge, Hilton Hotel
June 14, 1998	Monroe, Holiday Inn Atrium Hotel
September 13, 1998	Baton Rouge, Hilton Hotel
November 15, 1998	Baton Rouge, Hilton Hotel

Lagniappe (a little extra!!) (98-04-14)

Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come, we have only today, let us begin.

Public Notice (98-04-15)

The *Louisiana Board of Pharmacy News* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacists licensed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. **These newsletters will be used in hearings as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully and keep them for future reference.

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