

## **LOOKING FOR NDS WITH A FORMULARY INTEREST**

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine appreciates that the task of review and research on newly presented drugs can be time consuming. Until review and research has been done and presented to the Formulary Council for consideration there is no way to know if a new drug is something that can and should be added to the every growing formulary compendium.

Those naturopathic physicians that would most likely want to have these available in their practice do not really have the time as individuals to research and submit applications for these substances to the Formulary Council for consideration.

At the April 2, Board meeting this matter was brought to the attention of the Board. After much discussion about suggested ways in which new drugs can be viewed and researched the Board is turning to you in the profession for assistance.

*The Board would like to ask that you contact the Board office, if you are interested in working with other NDs in this process. The Board will then share your contact information with the other interested NDs and you will be free to work together in whatever manner is most conducive to achieving the goal of a most comprehensive formulary. The Formulary Council meets twice a year – spring and fall, which allows time to gather information and complete the application(s) as a joint effort.*

As part of this request for participation, the Board discussed the possibility of allowing continuing education credit in pharmacology for time spent on this endeavor. The CE credit would be determined by time spent in research, the submission of complete applications and the appropriateness of each submission to naturopathic medical practice. This has not been finalized, but once a group has been established, each involved ND will be informed of the Board's determination.

Please submit your name, contact information and availability to the OBNM office in writing by email [obnm.info@state.or.us](mailto:obnm.info@state.or.us) or fax 971/673-0226 or mail no later than August 23, 2010.

Please feel free to contact the OBNM office at 971/673-0193 if you have any questions.

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