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To: Board Members and Interested Parties

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Re: Board Meeting Update September 21-22, 2011

Adoption of Regulations and Policy

The Board met on September 22, 2011 to review proposed regulations for adoption which would add language regarding compounded, off-label, and grandfathered drugs to Division 56 of the Nurse Practice Act. The final rule language was adopted along with an explanatory policy which may be found on the Board's website. The regulations are at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/adminrules.shtml> and the new policy is located at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pdfs/policies/CompoundingPolicy.pdf>.

Please note that the booklet *Prescriptive Authority in Oregon for Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists* is under revision to note updates to state and federal prescribing law.

Updated Pharmacology List

Oregon requires a 45 hour pharmacology class for initial licensure and prescriptive authority as an NP or CNS. Renewal of prescriptive authority requires current practice or continuing education from a Board approved list of courses. The course list has been updated recently and can be found here: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pdfs/ApprovedPharmCourses.pdf>.

The Board's policy explaining the prescribing requirements and practice hours can be found here: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pdfs/policies/prescribing.pdf>

Nurse Practitioner Educational Programs

In State-- The University of Portland's DNP/FNP program received a full five year approval with no noted deficiencies. A full survey of Oregon Health and Sciences University's NP programs will be conducted December 12-14, 2011. Please note that at this time the Board does not review Clinical Nurse Specialist or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist programs for approval. Applicants seeking to be licensed in these roles are advised to carefully review their requirements in law and check with the national and state accrediting bodies responsible for their oversight.

Out of State---The Board recently reviewed several complaints specific to failure to obtain authorization for clinical practice in Oregon from applicants attending out of state programs for advanced practice licensure. During the course of the Board's review it was also determined that several universities also operated in Oregon without approval from the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization. Preceptors must validate that students and their programs have done due diligence to meet state law before agreeing to precept them in Oregon. The following requirements are in law for any students doing clinical in Oregon through registration in a program outside of Oregon:

- 1) Current unencumbered Oregon RN license (validate by going to www.oregon.gov/OSBN)
- 2) Current approval from the Oregon State Board of Nursing *before* clinical is allowed to begin.
Forms for approval can be found online at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pdfs/forms/APStudentSupervisedPracticeOut-of-State.pdf>.
Approval will be sent in a formal pdf. letter to the student and their program. Please ask to see a copy of this letter!
- 3) Programs must be approved to operate in Oregon through the Oregon Office of Degree Authorization. See <http://www.osac.state.or.us/oda/> for further details and a list of approved programs.

Advanced Practice Consultant October Presentation Schedule

October 20, 2011	Oregon State Board of Nursing Update	NPO 34th Annual Conference	Portland, Oregon
October 22, 2011	Dispensing in the Office Setting: What You Need to Know	NPO 34th Annual Conference	Portland, Oregon
October 27, 2011	ARNP/APRN Alphabet Soup and the APRN Consensus Model	34th Annual National Conference: Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care	Seattle, Washington