

Bi-Monthly NewSpOT OBNM April 2012 – May 2012

The mission of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is to protect the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians. The Board will promote physician excellence and will foster communication within the profession and with the public.

In an effort to keep everyone informed, the OBNM sends a bi-monthly e-newsletter to licensees and all interested parties. Your input is important. Reading the newsletter and getting back to us with your thoughtful suggestions will help us better serve you and enhance our ability to ensure quality Naturopathic care for Oregon's citizens.

The Reason for This Rule We all know how hard it is to see someone we love and respect cause harm to him/herself, or potentially harm others because of drug or alcohol abuse or dependency. Are you aware that you are required by law to report to the OBNM if you suspect a fellow ND or any other health care practitioner may be in violation of any laws? A better way to think of this responsibility is not as a “snitch”, but as having the potential to save lives. If you say to yourself “I’m not sure”, “Maybe someone else will”, or, after the fact “I wish I had”, you should contact the director of OBNM.

~ By law, we are required to maintain confidentiality of all complainant and investigation information. Only final actions, voted on by the Board, are made public. If you have concerns or questions on this matter contact Anne Walsh at the Board office.

More information on the complaint process can be found at the [Concern/Complaint](#) link on our web site.

Legislative Concepts for 2013 The board has two legislative concepts they hope to present in 2013. One is a simply to give the Director authority to [sign subpoenas](#). This will help assure the timely investigation of complaints. The second one is to help maintain licensing fees, with minimal increases by providing the Board with the authority to charge back costs accrued with a contested case. For a better understanding of this go to [LC001.CCaseRecovery](#). Who are your Legislators? [Find out here](#) And then give her/him a call

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) You have been supporting this program for a couple of years now. Have you signed up to participate and take advantage of what it has to offer? Please find more information and how to sign up at [PDMP](#) It is your best interest and that of your patients.

Down on the PHARM At the March 14, 2012 Formulary Council meeting the council decided to recommend the addition of nitrous oxide to OAR 850-060-0226(8)(f)(B). The OBNM has initiated rule-making with this recommendation. Do you have something you want added or discussed at the next Formulary Council meeting? Now is the time to submit your request. You must submit your requests no later than August 31 for consideration at the September 19 meeting.

CE Spotlight We have a [CE tracking form](#) you can use for your record keeping. In the last month, the Board has been contacted with requests for a “copy of the CE submitted” last year or the year before; we do not maintain these documents. OAR 850-0035-0195 requires each ND to keep a record of their CE verifications for at least five years. This form may help you better track these hours. It can be downloaded from our web site www.oregon.gov/obnm

SERV-OR Want to know more about this opportunity? There is an upcoming meeting June 19, or check out the web site [SERV-OR](#)

Have A Question or Want to Let US Know How We Are Doing [Questions](#). [OBNM Survey](#)

