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From the President

Scott M. Walters, O.D.

It is hard to believe that in the span of five years I've gone from a rookie OBO member to the Board President! I would like to publicly thank Drs. John Reslock and Candace Hamel, and Mr. John Doneth, recent public member, for their years of dedicated service to the OBO. I learned much from each of them, and I wish them all continued success in whatever endeavors they pursue.

Thinking back at what I've learned from the majority of complaint cases brought before us during my five years on the Board, I would like to share some thoughts about how each OD in Oregon can help my term as President be one which, when complete, is remembered as having the fewest complaint cases in the history of the OBO!

- Your records should be complete and legible. It is not uncommon for the Board to ask for information, only to receive that which is incomplete and/or illegible. Then more information is required and the pattern repeats, etc. (you get the picture).

- When faced with a patient unsatisfied and unhappy with your products or services, many times the best recourse is to swallow your pride (even when you are "right") and give a refund to the patient. Solving these types of problems will often make you a hero in the patient's perspective, can produce a loyal, long-time patient, and reduces the chances that a case such as this will be brought before the Board.
- When the Board asks for information, respond promptly and, frequently, that will be all that is needed by the Board.
- Work hard to communicate clearly during all patient encounters and train your staff to do the same. It is not uncommon for cases to be brought before us which could have been resolved by better professional communication.
- Finally, take care of each patient the way you would want to receive care yourself.

I believe that most of the OD's in Oregon do all these things well (it's the old 90%/10% rule); but each one of us can strive to do better, myself included. This will result in the best possible care of our patients, which is, after all, the reason we are in practice.

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Ethics/Law COE Reminder

Remember to complete at least one hour of continuing education which addresses the topic of either ethics in optometry or Oregon law and administrative rules no less than every other year

as required by OAR 852-070-0010(1)(b). Since 2005 all active status licensees are required to report one hour of COE in one of these categories as a condition of their license renewal. If your last ethics or law course was reported in 2005, you should complete a course for your 2007 renewal. If you reported a course with your 2006 renewal, your next course will be due in 2008. Contact the office of the Board if you are not certain when you last reported your course work.

From the Executive Director

David Plunkett

Even though there may be those who will not agree with me, I believe that the Oregon Board of Optometry has been very successful over the last fifteen years. The Board's primary mission is to protect the citizens of Oregon from the dangers of unqualified or improper practice of optometry. Notwithstanding its primary mission, the Board wants the citizens of Oregon to have available to them some of the best optometric care in this country, and I believe that they do.

The Board could have never accomplished all that it has without the dedication of its Board members. This becomes even more of a focal point to me when the membership of the Board changes. The OBO has been most fortunate in the past fifteen years to have members who have been dedicated to their profession and the mission of the Board. The longevity, continuity and expertise

of Board members has allowed the Board to be successful. Whenever you have the opportunity, please join me in extending a sincere thank you to these current and former members of the Board.

The Board recently said farewell to two of its long-time members: John Reslock, OD, President, and Candace Hamel, OD, Vice-President. Dr. Reslock served the Board for ten years, the last three as its President. Dr. Hamel served the Board for nine years, the last four as its Vice President. Both provided great leadership and made significant contributions to the Board, and they will be missed by all.

The Governor has appointed and the Board welcomes two new members: Don Garris, OD, from Portland and Wesley Vorpahl, OD, from Salem. Both began their three-year terms on October 1, 2006. Scott Walters, OD, has been elected President and Michelle Monkman, OD, has been elected Vice President of the Board beginning October 1, 2006.

Electronic Recordkeeping



Michelle Monkman,
O.D.
Vice President

As more and more of us are converting to electronic records, now is an opportune time for a few reminders:

- Electronic records still need to be signed by whomever has performed the testing. Most programs include this feature and will also show the date on

which the record was signed off.

- Details must still be included just as in a handwritten record, e.g., there still should be an assessment and plan included in the record. Often, software comes with pre-programmed defaults for each screen. If you would not normally use WNL in a handwritten record, you should not use it in your electronic record. Don't assume because it is pre-programmed it is correct.
- If you have an Optos, you still need to record your findings in your record just as you would with ophthalmoscopy. "See optos" is not a valid notation for posterior pole findings.
- Electronic records are no different than paper records in terms of storage and maintenance. Records must still be kept for the same amount of time. Please be sure you are taking the proper precautions in terms of backing up. Also, be sure you are following privacy guidelines in terms of access to the records and backup copies of the records. These should not be accessible to anyone not authorized.

In short, electronic records should be no different than handwritten records in terms of comprehensive record keeping. Special testing should still be ordered and the interpretation included in the record. The patient record should include an actual copy of any prescription issued.



Delegation In Optometry

The typical optometry office has become a very busy place, and the demands placed on the time of the optometric physician are ever increasing. The Board has made a provision for delegation of some procedures to well-trained and properly supervised ancillary staff. However, there are some procedures which cannot be delegated. OAR 852-020-0060 sets the criteria for these procedures and activities. In brief, the optometric physician may not delegate ophthalmoscopy, gonioscopy, final central nervous system assessment, final biomicroscopy, final refraction, final determination of any prescription or treatment plan. An Oregon licensed optometric physician must personally perform tonometry on glaucoma patients and perform procedures involving pharmaceutical agents other than to instill physician instructed medication or provide educational information. Any procedures or testing performed by a technician must be signed by them in the patient record.

2009 Minimum Licensing Standard

This is a reminder that recent changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules affect all active status licensees. Effective with year 2009 license renewal, beginning January 1, 2009, all active status licensees practicing optometry in Oregon shall have

obtained certification to use "topical and nontopical therapeutic pharmaceutical agents" as a condition of license renewal (AT license).

The course requirements for the "AT" certification include completion of an approved didactic course of at least 23 hours or a passing score on the 2002 or later TMOD section of the NBE0 examination, and a CPR certification based on the American Heart Association's BLS Healthcare Provider course, or its equivalent as determined by the Board. The CPR course for initial AT certification must be a live course including a hands-on skills evaluation. On-line courses are not accepted for initial AT certification.

In order to be "ATI" certified, which includes an injection endorsement, the applicant must additionally show proof of completion of an approved injection lab which is at least 7 hours in length, or equivalent coursework, as determined by the Board.

The Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, in conjunction with Pacific University College of Optometry, continues to sponsor a 23-hour didactic course and an injection lab which have been approved for AT and ATI certification. Interested persons may register at the OOPA website (www.oregonoptometry.org) or contact the OOPA office for details of these courses. The Board recommends that physicians complete their training while courses are available, and apply for the certification of their choice prior to the 2009 deadline. The 23-hour AOT Didactic Course and

the 7-hour AOT Injection Lab can be used to meet your annual 18-hour COE requirement.

After initial AT or ATI certification, CPR certification may be renewed by completing an online course which is based on a comprehensive BLS Healthcare Provider curriculum. Unlike the CPR certification for initial AT and ATI certification, the Board does not require that this CPR renewal include a hands-on skills evaluation. However, a CPR card, which includes a valid expiration date, must be received from the provider and presented to the office of the Board.

Scope of Nontopical Practice

With the adoption of the nontopical formulary and the certification of optometric physicians to use nontopical pharmaceutical agents, there are increased opportunities for more advanced patient care. It is important to remember that the guidelines for determining optometric scope of practice have not changed with the advent of the new nontopical formulary. ORS 683.010(3) defines "Practice of optometry" as "the employment of any means other than invasive or laser surgery, or the prescription of Schedule I and II drugs or pharmaceutical agents that are not on the optometric non-topical formulary, for diagnosis and treatment in the human eye, for the measurement or assistance of the powers of range of human vision or the determination of the accommodative and refractive

states of the human eye or the scope of its functions in general or the adaptation of lenses or frames for the aid thereof...". If there is a question about whether a procedure falls within the scope of optometry practice, please refer to the questions listed in OAR 852-020-0050(2), specifically: (a) Does this procedure (prescription) involve the eye or the scope of functions of the eye? Also, be sure to check that the pharmaceutical agent is included on the nontopical formulary and the conditions of application listed in OAR 852-080-0025-0030.

The Board has become aware of instances in which an optometric physician may wish to treat an underlying condition which may be affecting the patient's eye health, or cases in which the optometrist may want to prescribe an agent which could, potentially, give rise to other health conditions requiring additional prescriptions. It is vitally important to remember that, if these other conditions involve functions other than those of the human eye and the adnexa of the eye, then these conditions fall outside of the scope of optometry and must be referred to a physician who is licensed to treat these conditions. The Board wants to ensure that the profession of optometry continues to enjoy the privileges that the nontopical formulary affords all AT and ATI certified physicians.

CPR Course Requirements

A requirement of AT and ATI certification is completion of a CPR course which is based on the American Heart Association BLS

Healthcare Provider curriculum or an equivalent course as determined by the Board. For initial AT and ATI certification, the CPR course must be live, with a hands-on skills test. An on-line course is not accepted for initial AT and ATI certification. The Board will accept an on-line CPR renewal course subsequent to initial AT and ATI certification. The on-line course must be a comprehensive BLS Healthcare Provider course. A hands-on skills test is not required, but a CPR card displaying a valid expiration date must be received from the provider and forwarded to the office the Board.

OE Tracker and COE In Oregon

Occasionally the Board will receive inquiries about OE Tracker and how it relates to the reporting of continuing education for optometrists in Oregon. OE Tracker is a program of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO). While this program may benefit the optometrist to keep a record of those continuing education courses completed which subscribe to OE Tracker, the report generated by the OE Tracker does not meet the requirement for reporting continuing education in Oregon. The Board requires proof of completion of approved continuing education as a condition of license renewal each year. For those doctors practicing in Oregon, this means submitting original attendance or completion certificates along with the license renewal application. The original documentation will be returned to the physician upon request.

Send the Board Your E-mail Address!!

We hope that you find these newsletters beneficial in keeping you informed. Because of the rising costs of postage and the Board's interest in resource management, we would like to begin sending out publications and notices by e-mail whenever possible. If you would like to receive this newsletter and other notifications by email in the future, please send a brief note to the Board giving us your email address. Send it to: board@oregonobo.org. We will ask for your updated email address at renewal time in order to keep our records current. The newsletters and minutes of the Board's public meetings are also posted on the Board's webpage at www.oregonobo.org.

Investigation Activities

In 2006, ending with the month of October, the Board reviewed 42 complaint cases, 22 of which were resolved and closed. Two of the cases resulted in discipline as follows:

Jordan D. Brown, O.D. - Reprimand and Civil Penalty of \$1,000; \$500 for prescribing medication not on the non-topical formulary and \$500 for exceeding the scope of optometry by prescribing the medication.

Lindsay C. Clunes, O.D. - Order Accepting Voluntary Surrender of License pursuant to Stipulated

Agreement entered into on September 20, 2004. Licensee is prohibited from practicing optometry in the State of Oregon.

Optometric Physicians with Nontopical AT Certification

(as of 11/22/06)

Five hundred thirty-nine optometrists have taken either part or all of the approved coursework which is required for certification to use, administer, and prescribe the agents included in the non-topical formulary. There are currently 43 active status doctors in Oregon who are AT certified. Following is a list of these optometrists:

Anderson, Nathan
Bansal, Jatinder
Barey, David
Bates, Jason
Brown, Michael
Bulwa, Gabriela
Cahill, Karen
Callahan, Amara
Coffman, Michael
Dinh, Tram
Fazelian, Mary
Georgeson, Matthew
Hansen, Douglas
Helde, Marvin
Horn, Fraser
Jang, Hyun
Jaworski, Charles
Jenisch, Daniel
Johnston, Tessa
Knecht, Matthew
Ku, Yon
Lillo, Oscar
Mabry, Christina
McClellan, Randall
Nguyen, Tuan

Nicholson, Charles
Nivala, Jeffrey
Palm, Toby
Peel, Jessica
Phromsivarak, Anita
Reimers, Loren
Remington, Lee Ann
Ryan, Carl
Slavin, Clyde
Solensky, Tara
Stasik, Paul
Ta, Mindy
Thorsen, Darren
To, Yuesum
Vu, Thao
White, Charlean
Williams, Deborah
Zelnar, John

Optometric Physicians with Nontopical ATI Certification

(as of 11/22/06)

There are currently 405 ATI certified optometrists in Oregon. In addition to these doctors, there are twenty inactive and inactive-military status licensees who are AT or ATI certified. The following list shows active status optometrists in Oregon who are certified to use, administer, and prescribe the nontopical formulary with injections. If you do not see your name, and you believe that your name should be on this list, please contact the office of the Board.

Agost, Brett
An, Joseph
Anderson, Lance
Anderson, Scott
Anderson, Todd
Andreasen, Toby
Arbow, Timothy

Ardeleanu, Valentin
Ardiss, Angela
Asay, Donald
Avruskin, Carla
Azpiroz, Lee
Baer, Ed
Baker, Allen
Balcer, Graham
Barbour, Christopher
Barghouti-Afranji, Lena
Barnes, Stephen
Barretto, Thomas
Barringer, John
Bauer, Mauri
Beattie, Joseph
Beckner, Daniel
Beisiegel, David
Bell, Melissa
Berk, Anne
Berk, Jr., William
Berry, Christopher
Berry, Jonathan
Berry, Merle
Bishop, Daniel
Blair, Kevin Dean
Blankenship, Sheryl
Boersma, Heidi
Bonetto, Nancy
Borok, Alexandra
Borok, Bill
Breckenridge, Bruce
Bricker, Dale
Briscoe, Barbara
Briscoe, Clayton
Briscoe, William
Brown, Dean I.
Brown, Dean R.
Brown, Eric
Brown, Jordan
Brown, Julie
Buckingham, Tad
Burk, Rick
Buset, Nancy
Caggiano, Samantha
Caldwell, Dan
Campagna, David
Carkner, David
Carkner, Jeffrey
Carmiencke, Christopher
Carpenter, E. Powell
Carter, Joanna

Cervinski, Theresa
Chadwick, Gretchen
Chan, Lawrence
Chan, Jr., Lawrence
Chandrasekaran, Deepa
Chase, Donald
Cheslock, James
Chown, Rebecca
Christiansen, J. Richard
Clark, Kim
Cline, Kari
Closson, Christi
Cloyd, Frances
Cloyd, Karl
Collier, Becky
Cook, Heather
Cook, Rory
Coombs, Shaun
Corey, Randall
Corrado, John
Creed, Robert
Cuddy, Jannell
Cuevas, Ronald
Curnutt, George
Curtis, Carlyle
Czerwinski, Rebecca
Dale, Charles
Damori, Dawn
Danielson, Julie
Davis, Elizabeth
Dean, Kevin
Decalesta, Daran
Decalesta, Pamela
Deck, Bryan
Decker, Toni
Delplanche, Jacquelyn
Delplanche, Remy
Demaree, Julie
Derstine, Daryn
Detmer-Stone, Rosemary
Doll, Tracy
Downey, Shannon
Drotzmann, David
Dukes, Eric
Dunn, Jr., William
Eakland, Kenneth
Easily-Debisschop, Ann
Ebeler, Angela
Egger, Michael
Ehlen, Richard
Elms, Leslie

Enyeart, Ned
Erenfeld, Nicole
Erickson, Dina
Erkus, William
Estes, Michael
Fan, Yun
Fast, Mark
Firth, Winona
Fleming, Darrin
Fletcher, Marlaina
Flint, Delwin
Foley, Margaret
Forbes, Robert
Fox-Hocking, Sarah
Freedle, Eric
Frewing, Bert
Froland, Lawrence
Fujiwara, Craig
Gabel, Donald
Garrett, Jeffrey
Garrett, Rachael
Garris, Donald
Garton, Michael
Gates, Patricia
Gauer, Bonnie
Gaynor, Michel
George, Mark
Gerig, Wayne
Gianelli, Laura
Gibbs, Robert
Gibbs, Thomas
Gilge, Leroy
Glanzer, Michael
Glennie, Peter
Goldman, Bruce
Goo, Norman
Goodwin, Lynn
Gotcher, Mark
Gouger, Gary
Griffith, Dawne
Gross, Christene
Gueorguieva, Zdravra
Guiley, Ronald
Gurtisen, James
Hale, James
Hall, Michele
Halperin, Eric
Hamada, Kenji
Hamel, Candace
Hammar, Joanne
Hampel, Ronald

Harper, Alyson
Harris, Kenneth
Hartman, Todd
Hay, Trevor
Hazell, Patricia
Hemmer, Lorissa
Hoyt, Kimberly
Hoyt, Michael
Hudson, Allan
Huggett, Darek
Hursh, Rosiland
Hurtubise, Janice
Hussey, Elaine
Hydouchak, Daniel
Janecek, Jacob
Johns, Herbert
Johnson, Christopher
Johnson, Donald
Jordan, Abbie
Jun, Weon
Jung, Steve
Kane, Sarah
Kappel, Garry
Katz, Donna
Kautz, Gregory
Keese, Dana
Kelly, Christopher
Kittock, Julie
Klautzsch, Michael
Knutson, Eric
Knutson, Linda
Kopp, Steven
Korten, Philip
Kozak, Patricia
Krauel, Robert
Krebsbach, John
Krisciunas, Tammie
Lackman, Michael
Lam, Frank
Lam, George
Lam, Linh
Lampa, Matthew
Laske, Nicole
Laukkanen, Hannu
Lawson, Chad
Leasher, Janet
Lebreton, Ryan
Lecren, Gilbert
Lee, Kenny
Leong, Pak-ho
Letherer, Richard

Lewis, E. Winter
Lewis, John
Lewis, Scott
Lind, Jeffrey
Lingel, Nada
Littlefield, Susan
Loftus, Kenneth
London, Richard
Lonsberry, Blair
Lorenzen, Bradley
Losie, William
Love, Alan
Lovercheck, Corrie
Lusk, Chad
Lynass, William
Lynch, Jessica
Macmillan, Brian
Mai-le, Kelly
Mallett, Edward
Mamiya, Reid
Mannen, Daniel
Mannen, Laurel
Mans, Raymond
Mans, Robert
Marin Jr., Jose
Marshall, Gabrielle
Marske, Benjamin
Martin, M. Stephen
Martin, Mitch
Marusich, Carol
Masalmeh, Jamal
Massih, Kamelia
Matkevich, Kim
Matti, Charles
Mattson, Anne
Mcadoo, Theresa
McBride, Charles
McBride, David J.
McBride, David R.
McCartney, Myles
McDowell, Betsy
Meier, Ronald
Melara, Candice
Mellen, Heather
Melore, Gerald
Melzer, Douglas
Merritt, Cathy
Metzger, Stacy
Michel, Beatrice
Midson, Clare
Miller, Joan

Mitchell, Brian
Monkman, Michelle
Mont, Bobin
Morey, Jeffrey
Morris, Martin
Mulder, Edward
Munk, Roger
Nam, Emily
Nehring, Scott
Neron, Joseph
Nixon, Elizabeth
Noles, Jr., Omar
Norris, Jessica
Nudelman, Avrel
Nuffer, Jared
Ostermeier, Mark
Overton, Scot
Paluska, Robert
Parker, Bruce
Parker, Kirk
Parsons, Bruce
Paulson, Wayne
Pearce, Christopher
Pearson, Dennis
Peek, Robert
Pelson, Jeffrey
Perkins, John
Perry, Matthew
Peterson, Donald
Phillips, Jerry
Phillips, Katherine
Piatz-Benck, Margaret
Pinske, Tara
Provost, Bret
Randall, John
Randolph, James
Receconi, Walter
Reedy, Lawrence
Reeves, John
Reich, Shajida
Reslock, John
Rhodes, Kristi
Richardson, Brad
Richardson, Matthew
Rickman, John
Ripper, Richard
Robertson, Larry
Robison, Daniel
Rolen, III, Robert
Roline, Paul
Rosenstein, Diane

Rossman, Alton
Ruecker, Katherine
Rush, John
Salibello, Cosmo
Saul, Catherine
Scheer, Darcy
Schissler, Shauna
Schleisman, Terry
Schober, Greg
Schooler II, Rolf
Schott, Paula
Schultz, Sara
Schwartz, Michael
Scott, Kirsten
Scruggs, Steven
Seidel, Cameron
Seitz, Jay
Settlemier, Jason
Sharpe, Valerie
Sheldon, Todd
Shepard, Gerald
Shih, Paul
Shore, Neeru
Silbernagel, Jeffrey
Slocum-Edmonds, Ann
Smith, Alex
Smith, Bradley
Smith, Dennis
Smith, Douglas
Smith, Jack
Smith, James
Smith, John
Snell, James
Snider, Mersedeh
Snyder, Richard
Springstead, Jennifer
Stanley, Scott
Starchvick, Gerald
Statton, Charles
Steckman, Terry
Stern, Norman
Stockstad, Philip
Stoner, Michael
Storey, H. F.
Strawn, Cynthia
Summers, Allison
Thomas, Amy
Thorsland, Christopher
Timpone, Carole
Tobin, Terry
Tran, Thuy

Tronnes, Steven
Tuhy, Jr., Edwin
Ueshiro, Lynn
Uhlrig, Rebecca
Urness, Jeffrey
Vasche, Terri
Vidlak, Daniel
Vitiello, Paola
Vorpahl, Wesley
Walker, Douglas
Walker, Wallace
Wallace, Rita
Walters, Scott
Walther, Gregory
Ward, Mari
Wardle, Charles
Watters, Carrie
Weber, Julie Ann
Wehner, Paul
Wellwood, John
Wilkening, William
Williams, Mark
Williams, Salisa
Wilson, Tawnya
Wojciechowski, Bruce
Wojciechowski, Scott
Wolf, David
Wong, Jr, Ben
Woodman, William
Woodruff, Scott
Wyles-Peake, Elizabeth
Yee, Lena
Yolton, Diane
Young, Rob
Youngman, Lori
Yudcovitch, Lorne
Zamberlan, Suzanne
Zapodeanu, Adina
Zelada, Armando
Zieg, John
Zoller, Richard

REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

JANUARY, 2006 through OCTOBER, 2006

LICENSING ACTIVITIES:	
ACTIVE LICENSEES	674
ACTIVE AT	39
ACTIVE ATI	399
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INACTIVE/MILITARY LICENSEES	551
INACTIVE/MILITARY AT	18
INACTIVE/MILITARY ATI	2
INACTIVE/MILITARY TPA	317
INACTIVE/MILITARY DPA (ONLY)	184
INACTIVE/MILITARY NO TPA/DPA	30
TOTAL LICENSEES	1225
OTHER ACTIVITIES:	
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AT CERTIFICATIONS	34
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