

**PHARMACIST TO PHARMACIST BOARD COMMUNICATION**  
Highlights from the Oregon Board of Pharmacy April 2015 Board Meeting  
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### **What's New?**

- ✓ The Board discussed rules regarding requirements for PIC site attendance, requirements for drug storage and pharmacy technician licensure requirements. Updates were made to the biennial licensure for preceptors.
- ✓ Sarah Wickenhagen DNP, APRN-FNP, Advanced Practice Policy Analyst, Board of Nursing. Sarah Wickenhagen gave an overview Advanced Practice Registered Nurses(APRN), their current dispensing authority and the proposal for all APRN's with prescriptive authority to have "traditional dispensing authority."
- ✓ Jo Choi-Nurvitadhi and Young Yoon Ham, P1 students from OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy presented the results of a survey of medical marijuana dispensaries in Oregon. The survey results described the type of conditions treated, how products are selected, sources of information used by dispensary employees, and demographic information. The Board thought the information was valuable and encouraged the students to follow-up with additional studies.

### **Best Practices**

- ✓ **Pharmacy Security:** Update on pharmacy security. The current rules have not been updated since 1989. Discussion of requirements in other states and what are expectations for pharmacy security. More to come.
- ✓ **Medication reconciliation:** The Board had further updates on the roles of the technicians in the medication reconciliation process. Staff continues to evaluate what is happening in practice. More to come on this topic.

### **Links**

- ✓ Merck manual is available free online at <http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>.

### **Compliance Recap**

- ✓ Pharmacist Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 13
- ✓ Technician Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 16
- ✓ Outlet Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 15

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 10-11, 2015 in Portland.**