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Subject: Information from Oregon Board of Pharmacy re: Ivermectin Prescriptions for Treating or Preventing COVID-19

Good Afternoon;

In the last few weeks the Board has heard from both licensees and pharmacists regarding concerns, questions and conflicts, stemming from ND prescribing Ivermectin for treating or preventing COVID-19.

I reached out to the Board of Pharmacy to discuss the issue. In sum; **per statute / administrative rule; pharmacists have the discretion to NOT fill an Ivermectin prescription for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19.**

Please read the following in its entirety. If you have additional questions please contact the Board of Pharmacy.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Board of Naturopathic Medicine does not have jurisdiction over / nor can the Board take a position on statues / rules regulating another Board. **HOWEVER, the Board does regulate the conduct of naturopathic physicians. Please know the Board may open an investigation and may impose discipline on a licensed Naturopathic Physician for unprofessional conduct.**

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The following information was shared by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy with licensees on 8/10/2021 and is available [here](#).

Ivermectin Prescriptions for Treating or Preventing COVID-19

The US Food and Drug Administration has not approved ivermectin for use in treating or preventing COVID-19 in humans and it has not been proven to be safe or effective for this indication. Pharmacists receiving prescriptions for ivermectin for the treatment or prevention COVID-19 should use their professional judgment in determining whether to fill them. If you have concerns related to the prescribing practices of a practitioner, it may be appropriate to reach out to their licensing board.

The following rules may apply:

OAR [855-019-0200](#) General Responsibilities of a Pharmacist

ORS 689.025 states that "the practice of pharmacy in the State of Oregon is declared a health care professional practice affecting the public health, safety and welfare". Pharmacy practice is a dynamic patient-oriented health service that applies a scientific body of knowledge to improve and promote patient health by means of appropriate drug use, drug-related therapy, and communication for clinical and consultative purposes. A pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy by the Board has the duty to use that degree of care, skill, diligence and professional judgment that is exercised by an ordinarily careful pharmacist in the same or similar circumstances.

OAR [855-019-0210](#) Duties of the Pharmacist Receiving a Prescription

(2) A pharmacist receiving a prescription is responsible for:

(a) Using professional judgment in dispensing only pursuant to a valid prescription. A pharmacist shall not dispense a prescription if the pharmacist, in their professional judgment, believes that the prescription was issued without a valid patient-practitioner relationship. In this rule, the term practitioner shall include a clinical associate of the practitioner or any other practitioner acting in the practitioner's absence. The prescription must be issued for a legitimate medical purpose by an individual practitioner acting in the usual course of their professional practice and not result solely from a questionnaire or an internet-based relationship;

Per Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-12, the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is closed to the public. Board staff will primarily work remotely for the duration of the order, therefore, email is the most efficient mode of communication at this time. We appreciate your patience.

In Health;

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