

PHARMACIST TO PHARMACIST BOARD COMMUNICATION

Highlights from the Oregon Board of Pharmacy February 2015 Board Meeting

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Best Practices

- ✓ **Corresponding Responsibility:** In March, the NABP will publish guidance, which will clearly define the role and responsibility of the pharmacist when dispensing a controlled substance.
- ✓ **Medication reconciliation:** The Board continues to evaluate the role of the technician in the medication reconciliation process. Concerns were expressed on the appropriate oversight of technicians by pharmacists. Establishment of a task force, including a patient advocate, to review the medication reconciliation concept, but does not create barriers to patient care.
- ✓ **Oregon Patient Safety Commission:** Presentation by Bethany Walmsley and Jessica Lenar defining the mission of the Patient Safety Commission and the importance all pharmacies providing reports on prescription errors and near misses.
- ✓ **Legalization of Marijuana:** New laws on recreational marijuana become effective July 1, 2015. The board discussed how the cases occurring before and after July 1, 2015 will be handled. Working impaired is a violation and handled accordingly.

What's New?

- ✓ The Board currently has no requirement that it **must** be notified if a pharmacist is terminated or leaves in lieu of employer discipline. After discussion, the Board referred this matter to staff, asking staff to craft a new rule for Board review, recommending it is that the responsibility is on the outlet to report.
- ✓ Natalea Suchy, PharmD, BCACP, Clinical Assistant Professor, OSU/OHSU College of Pharmacy made a presentation to Board Members, Board Staff, and others present on Cultural Competence and Health Disparities Training. The training was well received and can be applied in all settings.

Compliance Recap

- ✓ Pharmacist Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 10
- ✓ Technician Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 15
- ✓ Outlet Cases Resulting in Disciplinary Action: 13

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 8-9, at the Red Lion in Salem.