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Computerized Prescriptions

The Board of Pharmacy recently considered the prospect of computer-generated prescriptions that appear to have a computer-generated signature of the prescriber. The Board feels that computer-generated prescriptions are probably a good idea in that they could accurately describe the drug being prescribed and the details of the prescription. On the other hand, the Board does not feel a computer-generated signature alone would be sufficient. If the doctor would countersign the computer-generated signature in his own handwriting, the Board sees no problem.

New Inspector

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that Jim Kinderknecht has been rehired as pharmacy inspector for northeast Kansas. Jim's experience in the field will be invaluable to the Board office and pharmacists. We want to welcome him back.

Board Office Staffing Changes

Babette Scott has resigned from her position at the Board office for health reasons. We were sorry to lose her but are lucky to have a very qualified replacement with an appropriate name, Sunshine Blue.

Board Meeting Dates for 2001

Pharmacists and the public are invited to attend the Board's quarterly meetings. Pharmacists may obtain continuing education credits for attending Board meetings. All meetings, except for June, will be held at the Amerisuites, 6021 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, KS. Board meetings generally begin at 8:30 AM. Should you wish to have a matter considered by the Board, please provide copies of the information to the Board office at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

The following dates have been planned:

March 13-14 June 4-5 meeting in Hays

Fifty Years of Service

Congratulations to the following pharmacists who have been licensed in good standing with the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy for 50 years. The Board of Pharmacy is grateful for their years of contribution to the profession.

Jack K. Allegre, Hugh E. Ferguson, Jack R. Isaacs, Lloyal G. Leard, Sam R. Hudson, William S. Trebilcock, Jamie L.

McElwain, Burton C. Keeble, Lee F. Garich, Jack O. Brooks, Robert D. McAuley, Gerald G. Stucky, Gomer Q. Stukesbary, Corwin L. McIntyre, and Paul B. Steinhauser

Continuing Education

Pharmacist license renewals are fast approaching. The Board will no longer require all pharmacists to include copies of their continuing education certificates with their renewals but will require that a list be provided to the Board office. The Board has instituted an **audit process** for continuing education. If you are audited, you will receive a notice included with your renewal packet. Call the Board office if you have any questions. Laminated, billfold-sized licenses will be sent beginning this year.

Consumer Complaints

One of the most common remarks the Board office receives from a consumer making a complaint about a medication error is, "The pharmacist did not even apologize." The Board would like to remind pharmacists that sometimes a simple apology, along with adequate counseling, goes far to lessen the number of consumer complaints received by the Board.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do we do to change the pharmacist-in-charge at an established pharmacy?

A: No pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) shall terminate the relationship with a joint registrant unless the pharmacist-in-charge gives at least **two weeks** prior notice to the joint registrant, and a copy of the notice is filed with the executive secretary of the Board (KAR 68-2-5(c)). If the pharmacy plans to continue dispensing prescriptions, the **original** pharmacy registration shall be returned within **five days** of the termination date, and a new application, required fee, and supporting documentation shall be submitted immediately to the executive secretary of the Board. (KAR 68-2-5(b)). These items may be sent with a copy of the letter of resignation described above.

The application for new pharmacy registration can be obtained either on our Web site at www.ink.org/public/pharmacy or by phone 785/296-4056. A copy of a checklist that includes a list of supporting documentation which should accompany the completed application can be obtained as well.

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The new prospective PIC candidate should schedule a time with the Board office to take the PIC examination (if needed). The candidate must pass the exam with a score of at least **85%**. If the candidate has been a registered pharmacist-in-charge in Kansas within **60 days** or has successfully passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination™ within **60 days** of the application date, the examination is not needed (KSA 65-1643(a)(3)).

To avoid a violation of the law, the pharmacy must have a pharmacist-in-charge within **30 days**.

Q: Can a pharmacist be a PIC at more than one location?

A: No pharmacist shall be a pharmacist-in-charge of more than one full-time pharmacy operation, which is defined as one where the on-premises pharmacist services a total of **30 hours** or more weekly (KAR 68-7-13).

Mid-level Practitioners

We continue to have questions about prescriptions received by advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants. The mid-level practitioner must identify, **on the prescription**, the physician with whom they have a protocol. Prescriptions written by a mid-level practitioner must contain the names of **both** the physician and the mid-level practitioner.

Package Insert Labeling Proposal

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently proposed a new format for prescription drug labeling that would help reduce medical errors. An FDA study showed that practitioners found drug labeling to be lengthy, complex, and hard to use. The proposed new format would provide user-friendly labeling that would allow practitioners to quickly find the most important information about the product. The proposal would apply only to relatively new prescription drug products.

Labeling Reminder

Inspectors are finding two expiration dates on prescription labels of **reconstituted products**. The one-year, beyond use date should not appear on the prescription label. The expiration date of the reconstituted drug should appear on the prescription label or on an auxiliary label.

Check Out the Web Page

The Board of Pharmacy Web site at www.ink.org/public/pharmacy continues to be updated with new information. The following information can be obtained from the Web site: frequently asked questions, applications, licensing and renewal information, consumer information, statutes and regulations, and approved Board minutes. In the near future, you will also be able to search the statutes and regulations by using one or two words, and do licensure verification and online renewals.

Administrative Enforcement Actions

For the period of November 1, 2000, to January 31, 2001, nine pharmacies received “Notices of Corrections” for violations of laws and/or rules. These violations ranged from misfills, lack of incident reports, patient name errors, storage problems, no counseling, and miscounting.

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The *Kansas State Board of Pharmacy News* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacists licensed by the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy. **These Newsletters have and will continue to be used in hearing as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully and keep them for future reference.

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