

**WYOMING STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
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Golden Certificate--50 Years of Service

Congratulations to the following pharmacists who have been licensed in good standing with the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy for fifty years. The board of pharmacy recognizes these pharmacists, and is grateful for their years of contribution to the pharmacy profession.

Kenneth Carrico, Rawlins, WY, (6/25/50, date of original licensure); Saul Larson, Thermopolis, WY, (6/20/50, date of original licensure); Gerard Stokes, Isleton, CA, (6/20/50, date or original licensure); Richard Wilder, Cody, WY, 6/20/50, date of original licensure)

New Board Member

Governor Geringer appointed Gaylord Welch, DVM to fill the remaining term of William Hutcheson, DVM who resigned from the Board last winter. Dr. Welch will serve as an ex-officio member of the Board, and his term will expire March 2005.

September Board Meeting Highlights

The last Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy meeting was held in Casper on October 25-26. Highlights include the following.

- Senator Irene Devin will be introducing a bill on behalf of the board of pharmacy at the next legislative session. Items to be addressed in this bill include, amending the provisions for fees charged for licensure to accommodate the fees being charge by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; amending the Generic Substitution Act to remove the two signature line provision; change of wording under unprofessional conduct pertaining to dispensing errors, changing the life of a prescription order from two to one year, and clarification of dispensing prescriptions beyond their expiration date; excepting "syringe" in the definition of drug paraphernalia in the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act; and changing the

requirements for pharmacist license renewal to allow the Board to promulgate regulations concerning any additional information to be obtained during license renewal. The Board will be asking Senator Devin to add to this bill language affecting duties/supervision of pharmacy technicians.

- The Board conducted a public hearing on October 26 to hear comments regarding the proposed rule making. The Board issued an order dated October 26 adopting the proposed rules. A number of changes were incorporated as well as numerous proposed rules were continued till the January meeting. In particular the proposed rules which were continued till January include: Chapter 2, Section 6, Reciprocal License Transfer; Chapter 2, Section 7, Minimum Equipment and Stock Requirements to Open and/or Operate a Pharmacy; Chapter 2, Section 13, Record of Refills; and Chapter 2, Section 15, Return or Exchange of Drugs. All other proposed rules were adopted, although some changes were made based on written and oral testimony provided to the Board. The Governor will have until December 22 to sign the Order. If signed into law, updated chapters will be mailed to all pharmacies licensed with the Board. A copy of the Order issued by the Board may be found on the board of pharmacy's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>). Please contact the Board's office if you have questions. The next Board meeting will be January 17-18 and will be in Cheyenne.

Newly Licensed Pharmacy Technicians

The Board licensed the following individuals as registered pharmacy technicians after the October 6 pharmacy technician exam: Kellie J. Bailey, Liesl M. Bertagnolli, Amy M. Busch, Catherine M. Darnell, Crystal M. Deroche, Nancy Evans, Collie A. Fraley, Lori E. Hernandez, Michelle K. Johnson, Stacy L. Jolovich, Stephanie A. Kindrick, Stephanie A. Kolsen, Bonnie J. Lara, Selena M. Lopez, Christie L. Marsh, Faye A. Mills, Judy E. Murff, Christine J. Nielsen,

Julie G. Perkes, Corby L. Peterson, Susan Raner, John A. Renz, Paige K. Rider, Susan A. Seghetti, Bella J. Tipton, Maria L. Trowbridge, and Susan E. Wise. *Congratulations!*

Advanced Practitioners of Nursing

The following advanced practitioners of nursing have met the Wyoming State Board of Nursing's requirements for prescriptive authority. **Toma Alger-Schauffele** (Cheyenne, WY), **Laurent Avondstondt** (Toppenish, WA), **Karen Harrison** (Cody, WY), **Donell Kelly** (Green River, WY), **Patrick Stephens** (Idaho Falls, ID), and **Sherrie Rubio** (Laramie, WY).

Board's Web Page

If you visit the state board of pharmacy at <http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us> you may notice some new additions! We have recently added a Frequently Asked Questions page for answers to questions that sometimes plague pharmacists and technicians. We have also added links to different sites like the FDA, CDC, WPhA, and even the "Orange Book". Our final addition is to our registration and licensing page where we have added applications for pharmacist licensure by exam and controlled substance practitioner. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on the site, e-mail us at wypharma@wercs.com.

End the Stalemate!

Hello, my name is Jeremy Thompson. I am currently doing my 4th year rotations with the UW School of Pharmacy and will be graduating in May 2001. I recently did an elective rotation with the State Board of Pharmacy and was asked to write up something on my feelings of the future. What I have decided to do is to tell you a bit about where I see myself and the profession headed. While this will inevitably add to the subject of counseling, it will also reflect on what we need to have happen with our technicians.

In opposition to what most see happening with independents, I fully choose to own my own store in the future. While that will have to wait a while for financial reasons, I fully intend to use the knowledge gained in school. YES, that means counseling! I've worked in pharmacies for a couple of years, half of the time as an intern. I've seen and done enough to know that counting by fives is not something you need therapeutics for. While the contradiction falls in that we need to be doing DUR's, looking for interactions, and disease state management as we fondle hundreds of bottles, there are ways around this. Go through this at the end with the patient, they like it when you talk to them.

Technicians are the God-send of our profession. While some of their education seems less than adequate at times, if we really start lobbying for the improvement of their education we can finally be left to using that gray matter that's so packed with information. Give those people some more responsibilities, educate them, and increase their pay (they definitely deserve it). The point that can never be argued is that if our duties remain static, someone's going to realize we aren't really worth a whole lot. That changes right now if we just profess to our customers, through consultation, that we deserve to be called the most trusted profession.

Alcohol or Drug Problem?

If you are concerned about yourself or a colleague, please call Wyoming Professional Assistance Program to discuss your concerns anonymously. We assist impaired healthcare professionals to get the help they need without necessarily jeopardizing their licenses

Confidential assistance is available, call WPAP at (307) 472-1222.

Robinson-Patman Act

On occasion the Board receives inquiries regarding interpretations of the Robinson-Patman Act. We will be the first to state we are not experts on this subject, but for those

interested in reading more about this law, the following sites on the Internet are offered for your review. Two articles deal with the pharmaceutical industry and the third deals in general with the Act. All were written by folks employed with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). If you have questions, I would contact the FTC. www.ftc.gov/bc/adops/008.htm , www.ftc.gov/speeches/steiger/nardst.htm , www.ftc.gov/speeches/other/spring98.htm

Propulsid Patients

Pharmacists who have any Propulsid left on the shelf are able to utilize this stock for any patients who still have active Rx's with the corresponding pharmacy. No Propulsid is available from manufacturers to restock shelves of pharmacies. Patients who meet strict criteria may enter a special limited access program through their physician. If they are entered into the program then Propulsid will be sent to the physician's office specifically tailored to the patient's needs. The number that pharmacists, patients, and physicians may call is 1-877-795-4247. This number provides you with options to gain information on this program. The pharmacy is basically being bypassed in this situation and provides for problems with patients in the future since any contraindicated medications cannot be adequately monitored. This answer comes from questions to said program in the *Pharmacists Letter* (May 2000).

Special Notice about this Newsletter

The *Wyoming Board of Pharmacy News* has been designated as the official method of notification to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed by the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy. Please read these newsletters and keep them for future reference. These newsletters will be used in hearings as proof of notification.