

March Board Meeting

The Board held a meeting in Casper on March 26th and 27th. Highlights are as follows:

- Legislative initiatives for the 2003 session was reviewed and proposed language discussed and agreed to for the following:
 - W.S. §§7-19-201, 33-24-116, & 33-24-101 to allow the Board to obtain criminal history records on applicants for licensure as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.
 - W.S. §§33-24-113, 33-24-152, & 33-24-153 to allow the Board to issue a letter of admonition or assess a fine for violations involving resident/nonresident pharmacies and manufacturers/wholesalers/distributors.
 - W.S. §33-24-121 modifications of the pharmacist license renewal process.
 - W.S. §33-24-134 modifications to allow the issuance of a temporary pharmacist license.
 - New language for a controlled substance prescription tracking program.
- Proposed revisions to the Board's Rules were reviewed. This will be reviewed again at the June Board meeting. A rule-making notice will not be issued until July or August. These draft revisions to the Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>).
- Foreign Pharmacy School Graduates- the Board discussed the possibility of accepting foreign pharmacy school graduates for licensure by examination or reciprocity. Currently the Board will only accept candidates for licensure by examination or reciprocity if they graduated from a school accredited by the American Council On Pharmaceutical Education, which eliminates any foreign pharmacy school graduates. The Board agreed to not make a change at this time.
- Board newsletter- Due to increased cost to distribute this newsletter, the Board will only mail copies of the newsletter to in-state pharmacists, technicians, and pharmacies. The newsletter

may be viewed on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>) or NABP's web page www.nabp.net. This change will be effective with the September 2002 issue.

- Public Hearing- The Board conducted a public hearing for those rules continued from the January Board meeting. Those rules continued dealt with the electronic transmission of prescriptions. The Board issued Order 02-2.

Using the Electronic Orange Book (*Don Deyo*)

Many pharmacies with Internet access are now using FDA's electronic orange book to determine ratings on generic drugs. As you know, our regulations require that only products bearing an "A" rating shall be used as a substituted product. The electronic orange book is quick and easy to use. You may search by the active ingredient or proprietary name. If you search by active ingredient, you will get a more complete listing of available drugs. In some cases, you will see a 3-character designation, such as AB1 or AB2, which may be confusing. The number following the AB rating means that only generic drugs with the same number are equivalent. Here is an example:

You are looking for the generic to substitute for Procardia XL 30 mg. When you search the electronic orange book for active ingredient "nifedipine" you will find the following:

<u>TE Code</u>	<u>Active Ingredient</u>	<u>Dosage Form</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Proprietary name</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
AB2	Nifedipine	Tab. Ext Rel	30 mg.	Procardia XL	Pfizer
AB2	Nifedipine	Tab. Ext Rel	30 mg.	Nifedipine	Biovail
AB1	Nifedipine	Tab. Ext Rel	30 mg.	Nifedipine	Elan

This means that you may substitute generic nifedipine manufactured by Biovail, but not the generic from Elan. If you have questions, please contact the Board office or you may attend the CE session at the Wyoming Pharmacist's Association meeting June 27, 2002.

Electronic Orange Book Home Page is <http://www.fda.gov/cder/ob/default.htm>

Patient Identification (Mike Stadick)

Question: Is identification required for all drugs picked up at the Pharmacy?

Answer: Yes, it may be by visual recognition or by driver's license or similar I.D. form if the person is not known to the pharmacist or employee at the pick up window.

Question: What else is required if someone else picks up the prescription?

Answer: The name of the person receiving the dispensed drug is to be recorded on the prescription document, patient profile or signature log if an agent and not the patient receives the drug.

Question: Where is this requirement found in the Board's Rules?

Answer: Check out Chapter 2, Section 17. Identification of a Patient

Question: How can you enforce these rules?

Answer: This is a difficult rule to enforce. However, many forgeries are prevented when the rule is applied. In many cases, successful forgeries happen when identification was not confirmed.

Question: Then, why don't I have to document that I verified the I.D. of the unknown person?

Answer: Good question. Maybe there would be fewer individuals getting away with forging prescriptions in Wyoming if the law required documentation that included picture identification and driver's license number when an unknown person picks up a prescription.

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Ketorolac (Toradol®) Duration of Therapy Reminder

As a reminder the duration of ketorolac use (by any combination of routes) should be limited to five days. The only use for oral ketorolac should be the continuation of intramuscular or intravenous therapy.

Advanced Practitioners of Nursing

The following advanced practitioners of nursing have met the Wyoming State Board of Nursing's requirements for prescriptive authority: Marilyn Allen, 420 Enxing Ave, West Carrollton, OH; Twyla Boyson, 612 s. 9th St, Douglas, WY; Virginia Conley, 3201 April Lane, Palm Harbor, FL; Kristie Goens, 400 N. Buchanan Ave, Pierre, SD; James Harned, 4117 N 125 W, Pleasant View, UT; Patricia Kelly, 14591 Westbrook Rd, Brookville, OH; Maria Kidner, 4487 Orchard Bench Road, Basin, WY; Nancy Knape, 1154 N 3050 E, Layton, UT; Nancy McNulty, 307 Canyon View Drive, Calimesa, CA; Donna Nurss, 1705 S. Spruce, Casper, WY;

Keri Pulley, 6516 Armant Ct, Cheyenne, WY; Patricia Spiegelberg, 5422 Sunset Drive, Cheyenne, WY; Florence Vance, 1803 Columbia Drive, Cheyenne, WY.

Rule-Making Order 02-1

This rule-making order was issued by the Board on January 24, 2002 and approved by the Governor on March 1, 2002. This rule making Order may be viewed on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>). Chapter 2, 10, and 12 of the Board's rules as well as Chapter 6 of the Controlled Substance Act Rules are affected. Highlights of changes in the rules are as follows:

- Chapter 10, Pharmacy Technicians was revised in its entirety.
 - Pharmacy functions, which may be performed by a technician or technician-in-training, are identified for both a retail and institutional setting.
 - Allows compounding by a pharmacy technician, but not a technician-in-training, under the supervision of a pharmacist, provided documentation is on file at the pharmacy which documents the training/competency of the pharmacy technician to perform compounding.
 - Clarifies that a pharmacist may not supervise more than two technicians who are performing pharmacy functions at one time.
 - Clarifies operation of the pharmacy when the pharmacist is out of the pharmacy, but remains in the building or when the pharmacist leaves the building for both a retail and an institutional pharmacy setting.
 - Clarifies that it will be unprofessional conduct by a pharmacist who allows a pharmacy technician or technician-in-training to violate the Board's rules and statutes.
 - Clarifies requirements for licensure of pharmacy technicians and registration of pharmacy technicians-in-training.

A copy of the revised chapters, which were affected by the rule-making order will be mailed to all pharmacies (resident/non-resident) in May. If you have any questions, please contact the Board's office.

Rule-Making Order 02-2

This rule-making order was issued by the Board on March 27, 2002 and signed by the Governor on April 17, 2002. This rule making Order may be viewed on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>). Chapter 2 of the Board's rules as well as Chapter 6 of the Controlled Substance Act Rules are affected. These rules were considered at the January public

hearing, but were continued till the March meeting to allow some changes to be incorporated as a result of written or oral comments received. Highlights of changes in the rules are as follows:

- These rule changes deal exclusively with the electronic transmission of prescriptions from practitioners to pharmacies.
- The rules allow the electronic transmission of prescriptions from computer to computer provided the practitioner utilizes a digital signature.
- The rules allow the electronic transmission of prescriptions from computer to fax provided the practitioner utilizes an electronic signature.
- Digital and electronic signatures are defined.
- A computer generated prescription with an electronic signature may be given to the patient provided it is printed on paper that utilizes security features that will ensure that the prescription is not subject to any form of copying and/or alterations.
- Controlled substances prescriptions may be electronically transmitted only to the extent allowed by federal law.
- Prescriptions transmitted electronically be transmitted to a licensed pharmacy of the patient's choice, with no intervening person or entity having access to the prescription.

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Alcohol or Drug Problem? Confidential Assistance is Available

Call WPAP at (307) 472-1222

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.

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The *Wyoming Board of Pharmacy News* had 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.