

## ***January Board Meeting***

The Board held a meeting in Cheyenne on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Highlights are as follows:

- A public hearing was held to hear comments, review written comments, and vote on proposed changes in the Board's Rules. These proposed rule changes were continued from the October 2, 2002 board meeting. The Board issued an Order adopting Rules (03-1). The full text of the Order may be found on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>). The Governor has until March 30, 2003 to approve the rules and file with the Secretary of State. The rules adopted deal with compounding and address the following areas:
  1. Definitions including "active ingredient", "compounding", "manufacturing", and "component"
  2. General provisions requiring that compounding requires a valid pharmacist/patient/practitioner relationship and the existence of a valid prescription; the requirement that pharmacists must obtain a certificate of analysis (C.O.A.) when procuring active ingredients, which are not U.S.P./N.F; that pharmacists shall not offer for sale any compounded product for resale to other pharmacies or licensed entities for resale, but that they may sale to an institutional pharmacy or practitioner provided the compounded product is administered to a patient in the hospital or practitioner's office; and that any product compounded which includes a cytotoxic drug as a component must be prepared in a class II biological safety cabinet.
  3. Organization and personnel section, which clarifies pharmacist responsibilities regarding compounding activities.

4. Drug compounding facilities, which specifies dedicated space and other requirements for the specific area for compounding.
  5. Equipment section which specifies requirements for certification/recertification of laminar flow cabinets and biological safety cabinets as well as maintenance requirements for equipment utilized in compounding.
  6. Compounding controls, which specify quality control requirements.
  7. Records and reports, which requires maintaining records for a minimum of two years and log book requirements for compounding of products in excess or bulk quantities.
  8. Sterile compounding, which deals with all aspects of sterile compounding.
- Pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) responsibilities—The board adopted a policy requiring all pharmacists who become a PIC as of 2-1-03 in a pharmacy located in Wyoming to complete and return to the Board’s office a certification statement regarding their responsibilities as PIC.
  - Canadian pharmacies—this topic was discussed but no resolution of how to deal with a pharmacy operating outside of the United States. The problem is a jurisdictional issue with little authority by the Board to intervene other than to file a complaint with the district attorney for unlicensed practice.

**The next board meeting will be March 26-27 in Casper.**

### ***Controlled Substances Inventory***

On May 1, each pharmacy shall inventory all controlled substances. Please review the following items when taking your inventory:

- Drugs in all schedules (CII-CV) must be inventoried.

- Put date and time (beginning of business or end of business) on inventory.
- Inventory must be signed by pharmacist responsible for the inventory.
- All controlled substances, including outdated drugs and drugs to be returned must be inventoried.
- If inventory is to be taken on date other than May 1, 2003, then a written request must be made to Board office. A written reply will be sent to the pharmacy submitting the request.
- A legible copy of the inventory must be sent to Board office. A copy must also be kept on file in the pharmacy

***New prescription labeling requirements in 2004!***

Effective January 1, 2004, each drug container used in a traditional dispensing system shall be labeled with its physical description, including any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules. This physical description is the color and shape of the tablet; color of the capsule, or color of capsule contents, if clear, and any identification code that may appear on the tablets and capsules. This physical description would ordinarily be printed on an auxiliary label, which would be affixed to the prescription container. You may wish to check with your software provider well ahead of January, 2004 to ensure that this service can be provided to your pharmacy. Inquiries will be made at your pharmacy during pharmacy inspections regarding your software, and any problems that you have encountered in complying with this new requirement. A waiver will be granted for new drugs for the first 120 days on the market and 90 days on drugs for which the national reference file has no description on file.

***Advanced Practitioners of Nursing***

The following advanced practitioners of nursing have met the Wyoming State Board of Nursing's requirements for prescriptive authority: **ALBRECHT**, George, Cody, WY; **CARLSON**, Richard, Rapid City, SD; **EDWARDS**, Jennifer, Cheyenne, WY; **HICKS**, Tanda, Wheatland, WY; **KING**, Nancy, Fort Washakie, WY; **LEINEN**, Carla, Laramie, WY; **MAUER**, Karen, Rapid City, SD; **PETRO**, Kathleen, Hudson, WY; **SCOFIELD**, Nada, Kinnear, WY; **SPIEGELBERG**, Patricia, Cheyenne, WY; **SOMLYAY**, Janet, Cheyenne; **WHITE**, Nancy, Kent, OH.

***Are you ready for HIPPA?***

The privacy regulations take place on April 14, 2003. The requirements for compliance are extensive and affect any pharmacy that conducts business electronically. Do not wait until the last minute! More information may be found on the federal government's web site at [www.hhs.gov/oct/hipaa](http://www.hhs.gov/oct/hipaa) and by contacting the Wyoming Pharmacy Association.

***Licensed Pharmacists***

The following pharmacists have met requirements for licensure in Wyoming: Cynthia A. & William S. Adkins; Allan C. Anderson; Jessica R. Bannister; Sara B. Bockhorn; Heidi R. Cooper-Justus; Patti Nelson; Joel T. Nicholls; Kristi L. Radosevich; Leslie K. Nies; Christina M. Reaves; Wade A. Reher; Cheryl A. Richardson; Justin D. Septer; Jeffrey P. Sullivan; Bryan A. Watson; Nicole O. Wilcox; Tonja M. Woods; & John H. Voorhies, Jr..

***Licensed Pharmacy Technicians***

The following individuals have met requirements for licensure in Wyoming as a pharmacy technician: Amy L. Ammerman; Mandi C. Apperson; Jimmie L. Bond; Devin E. Clark; Kimberly C. Fargen; Shelley J. Hanks; Connie J. Heady; Warren D. Kling; Retha F. New; Angela M. Newsome; Kathleen V. Reyes; Renee M. Ridenour; Linda S. Rogers; Carol

G. Rose; Danni C. Rossetti; Reda M. Salem; Bobbie C. Smith; Angela K. Swenson; Korlynn M. Trussell; Jeanenne J. Ward; Starla D. Williams; Melinda D. Wright; & Della J. Younkin.

***Confidential Help is Available***

If you or a colleague that you know is in trouble with drugs or alcohol, the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) is here to offer professional assistance. WPAP is a source of confidential help for impaired pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who seek the help they need without necessarily jeopardizing their licenses. The board of pharmacy acknowledges and affirms that it will not receive information from WPAP concerning the identity of the impaired pharmacist or pharmacy technician who voluntarily applies to, signs, and completes an aftercare and monitoring agreement with WPAP.

Call WPAP (307) 472-1222 for more information. Your call is confidential!

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