



# Kentucky Board of Pharmacy

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## ***New Board Inspection Program to be Implemented***

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy at its recent meeting approved a new operations plan for the inspection of pharmacies in the commonwealth. One of the two inspections each year will be conducted with prior notice by the inspector to the pharmacist-in-charge of the date of the inspection. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for the pharmacist-in-charge and the pharmacy staff to review their procedures in advance of the inspection; to provide for adequate staffing during the inspection; and to enable the inspectors to spend more time assisting the pharmacists and staff of changes in pharmacy laws and administrative regulations, thereby providing a greater potential for compliance without the necessity of discipline.

The Board hopes that this program will prove successful and requests your cooperation during this shakedown period. The Board will begin this program effective January 2002. It is important to be aware that not all pharmacies in a particular area will receive the notice the first time the inspector is in a particular town. The implementation will be staggered, and no inference can be made about who is receiving notice and who is not. Should you have questions concerning this program, please feel free to contact your inspector or the Board office.

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## ***Board Meeting Dates for 2002***

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy has set the following meeting dates for 2002. All meetings, except examinations, are held at the Board office and begin at 9 AM Eastern Time. However, one meeting is planned on the University of Kentucky campus. Pharmacists and the public are invited to attend. Should you wish to have a matter considered by the Board, kindly provide seven copies of the information to the Board office not less than 14 days before the meeting date.

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| January 9                       | July 10                 |
| January 26-27, Board Exams      | July 27-28, Board Exams |
| March 6, University of Kentucky | September 11            |
| April 10                        | October 9               |
| June 12                         | December 4              |

## ***New Board Appointees***

Governor Paul Patton appointed G. Timothy Armstrong and Patricia H. Thornbury to serve on the Board, effective January 1, 2002. The appointments shall be effective through January 1, 2005.

Mr Armstrong practices as a community pharmacist for Kroger Company in Louisville. He is a 1987 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and is currently a member of Kentucky Pharmacists Association, Jefferson County Academy of Pharmacists, and Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

Ms Thornbury has been a practicing pharmacist for 41 years, having had experiences in positions in independent, chain, hospital, and consultant pharmacy in rural and urban areas of Kentucky and Virginia. Pharmacy is an integral part of the history of Ms Thornbury's family spanning three generations from her father to her children. She is also a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

Mr Armstrong's appointment succeeds the appointment of William A. Conyers III, who served one term and was president of the Board in 2001. Ms Thornbury's appointment succeeds the appoint-

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ment of Melinda Joyce, who served two terms and was president of the Board in 1998. The Board members and staff wish to extend their most sincere appreciation to Mr Conyers and Dr Joyce for their dedication and service to the citizens of the commonwealth.

### **2002 Pharmacist License Renewals**

License renewals for 2002 will be mailed to all Kentucky licensed pharmacists in early January. Pharmacists continuing to practice after the February 28, 2002 licensure expiration deadline without a renewal and pocket card are in violation of statute. Pharmacists should have proof of general continuing education and Cabinet for Health Services (CHS)-approved HIV/AIDS continuing education, completed and certified by December 31, 2001, at their primary place of practice for review by the pharmacy and drug inspectors. The Board has approved a change in 201 KAR 2:015 to establish an HIV/AIDS requirement; whereas, the Board will accept either an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education- or CHS-approved program as long as the program meets the requirements of KRS 214.610/615. If passed, every Kentucky licensed pharmacist will be required to complete one hour of HIV/AIDS continuing education every decennial renewal, ie, 2010, 2020, 2030, etc. Additional information will follow in future Board *Newsletters*.

### **DEA Shifts Dichloralphenazone to Schedule IV**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has moved dichloralphenazone to Schedule IV status, since it contains two molecules of chloral hydrate. Dichloralphenazone is an ingredient in Midrin and its generics. This means the substance is subject to the registration, storage, security, and recordkeeping requirements of a Schedule IV controlled substance.

Dichlorphenazone was moved to Schedule IV status in Kentucky in August 2000. Kentucky pharmacists should already be treating dichloralphenazone as a controlled substance. Advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants may not prescribe dichloralphenazone. A prescription for dichloralphenazone shall be written on a Kentucky controlled substance security prescription blank and shall not be filled or refilled more than six months from the date issued or refilled more than five times. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Drug Control Branch at 502/564-7985 or the DEA at 502/582-5908.

## **News from the Impaired Pharmacists Committee**

*Submitted by Brian Fingerson*

I had a call from a new client who was experiencing difficulties in his life. He said he had a hard time finding out whom to call, and if there was help available for him. This has been a problem for those of us who are advocates of treatment and recovery from the disease of addiction since "day one." How do we get our names out into the professional arena? People do not just look in the Yellow Pages to find the Kentucky Pharmacist Recovery Network phone number (1-888/392-4621). One way has been the opportunity to write a brief piece for each Board of Pharmacy *Newsletter*. Now all we have to do is hope someone reads it.

Another way is through continuing education programs. We have done continuing education programs at the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA). I am part of a multidisciplinary group (We call ourselves the "All of Us" group) that is planning our second annual conference on substance abuse titled *Clinical Applications of the Principles in Treatment of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse*. It will be in Lexington on February 15-16, 2002.

Short of going around to each and every one of you personally and introducing myself, I can only hope that you will read about what we can do to help you, your partner, or someone else in your life who is afflicted with this disease.

Anyone wishing for more information, please feel free to contact Brian Fingerson by pager at 1-888/392-4621, or you may access some information on Kentucky's program to help fellow pharmacists with this disease on the Internet at [www.aphanet.org](http://www.aphanet.org). If you or anyone you know has a problem with substance abuse, please call Brian Fingerson for confidential help.

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