



# Kentucky Board of Pharmacy

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## **Jeffrey Osman, RPh, PharmD Retires**

Dr Jeffrey Osman, pharmacy inspections and investigations coordinator, retired December 31, 2008, after 20 years of service to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. Jeff served the Board and the Commonwealth of Kentucky with outstanding service. The Board wishes the best to Jeff, his wife Sonya, and their daughters.

## **Board Officers for 2009**

Dr Catherine Shely took office as president and Dr Anne Policastri took office as president-elect of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

## **New Board Members**

Larry Hadley was appointed to the Board of Pharmacy effective January 1, 2009, by Governor Steven Beshear. The appointment shall be effective until January 1, 2013.

Larry graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in the class of 1975.

Larry's pharmacy career began with Begley Drug Company in 1974 as a pharmacy intern. His Begley career took him through several professional and management roles, culminating as director of operations in 1988. Begley was acquired by Rite Aid that year, and Larry served in a number of management capacities, including regional vice president until 2002. At that time he was appointed general manager for the PharMerica Pharmacies serving long-term care facilities in the eastern half of Kentucky, southern Ohio, and southern Indiana. Concurrently, Larry and college of pharmacy classmate, Wayne Morris, opened Wayne's Pharmacy in Frankfort. In 2003, Larry moved back to the community pharmacy setting as general manager of the clinic pharmacies based in McKee, KY. Currently, Larry practices at Wayne's Pharmacy and consults for retail pharmacies.

Larry has served on the Kentucky Pharmacists Association Board of Directors on two different occasions, as a Board member from 1992 through 1995 and as treasurer from 2006 until 2008. He also served on the Kentucky Retail Federation Board from 1996 until 2002. Currently, he serves on the American Pharmacy Services Cooperative Board of Directors.

Larry is chairman of Mission Frankfort Clinic, a medical/dental/pharmacy charitable clinic serving those individuals with no insurance or other resources to provide for their own health care.

Larry was the 2005 Bowl of Hygeia recipient.

Larry and his wife, Sharon, a retired guidance counselor at Franklin County High School, live in Frankfort. They have one grown son, Matt, who lives in Frankfort.

Joel Thornbury was appointed to the Board of Pharmacy effective January 1, 2009, by Governor Steven Beshear. The appointment shall be effective until January 1, 2013.

Joel is an independent pharmacist who lives and practices in eastern Kentucky. His family owns and operates pharmacies in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee. He and his wife, Sandy, (both University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy graduates of 1992) have two girls, Phoebe and Jade. Joel is a third generation Kentucky pharmacist and Kentucky Board of Pharmacy member, following his mother, Patricia, and grandfather, John Hutchinson. He is past president and chairman of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association and a past member of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy's Advisory Council. He is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

## **Board Meeting Dates 2009**

Following are the Board meeting dates for 2009:

- ◆ Wednesday, March 11
- ◆ Wednesday, May 13
- ◆ Wednesday, July 8
- ◆ Wednesday, September 9 (to be held on University of Kentucky campus)
- ◆ Friday, November 13 (to be held in Covington, Kentucky)
- ◆ Wednesday, December 16

All meetings will begin at 9 AM and will be held at the Board office, which is located at Spindletop Administration Building Suite 302, 2624 Research Park Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. (The exceptions include the September 9, 2009 meeting, which will be held on the University of Kentucky campus and the November 13, 2009 meeting, which will be held in Covington, KY. The exact locations will be announced at a later date.)

## **Board Retreat 2009**

At the January 14, 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved Covington as the site for the November Board meeting and Board Retreat. The Board meeting will be on Friday, November 13, 2009, and the Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The exact location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

## **Topics for Discussion at the 2009 Board Retreat**

If you or your organization would like to submit a topic(s) to be considered as a topic(s) for the Board of Pharmacy's 2009 Board Retreat, Saturday, November 14, 2009, please forward them to the Board office. The Board will review these suggestions

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## FDA Web Site Upgrades Support MedWatch's Patient Safety Goal

Two recently launched additions to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Web site are intended to support the "Patient Safety" goal that MedWatch shares in public health efforts to protect patients from serious harm and improve outcomes. The entry pages assist health care professionals and patients to locate timely safety information for FDA-regulated human medical products and assist them in making diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.

The content and links on the new FDA entry page specifically for health care professionals allows busy doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and other health care professionals to find information to make point-of-care decisions. There is information that is specifically safety-related, such as easy access to reporting adverse events or finding new safety alerts, warnings, and recalls. Users can also find content regarding new approvals information, or access to the current version of the label, or prescribing information in "DailyMed." This page can be accessed through [www.fda.gov/healthprofessionals](http://www.fda.gov/healthprofessionals).

FDA's other new page is specifically for patients and provides two patient-friendly articles about reporting adverse events and product quality problems to FDA and to the patient's caregivers. These articles are also available to pharmacists in printer-friendly PDF versions that can be downloaded and distributed to patients. FDA relies on properly and timely reporting of serious and unexpected drug and device-related adverse events, use errors, and quality problems. Pharmacists can ascertain and teach their patients to understand the "what, why, and how" to report to FDA and also learn about what happens to each received report and whether it leads to FDA action that may make product use safer for both patients and providers. FDA's patient specific page can be found at [www.fda.gov/consumer/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/consumer/default.htm).

## Retail Pharmacies Now Providing Medical Clinics to Improve Public Safety



This column was prepared by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP). ISMP is an independent nonprofit agency that works closely with USP and FDA in analyzing medication errors, near misses, and potentially hazardous conditions as reported by pharmacists and other practitioners. ISMP then makes appropriate contacts with companies and regulators, gathers expert opinion about prevention measures, and publishes its recommendations. To read about the recommendations for prevention of reported errors that you can put into practice today, subscribe to **ISMP Medication Safety Alert!**® Community/Ambulatory Edition by visiting [www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org). If you would like to report a problem confidentially to these organizations, go to the ISMP Web site ([www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org)) for links with USP, ISMP, and FDA. Or call 1-800/23-ERROR to report directly to the USP-ISMP Medication Errors Reporting Program. ISMP address: 200 Lakeside Dr;

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Retail pharmacy corporations have set up medical clinics within pharmacies. These nurse-practitioner or physician-assistant run clinics aim to rapidly diagnose and treat a limited number of health problems. Many also offer vaccination programs. The first pharmacy-based medical clinics were opened in Minnesota as QuickMedx in 2000, later becoming MinuteClinic in 2002. Currently there are approximately 1,000 sites in 37 states representing almost three million cumulative visits.

The emergence of pharmacy-based medical clinics offers a unique set of opportunities to improve the safety in prescribing and dispensing medications. Do you have a clinic opening in your store? If so, consider these safety recommendations:

- ◆ Meet the nurse practitioners and physician assistants and introduce them to your staff. Show them how your operation works and invite them in for a tour.
- ◆ If you have prescription scanning capabilities, show them how a scanned prescription displays on your monitor. Show them how different prescription blanks scan (eg, colored prescription blanks, blanks with water marks or seals for diversion) and what to avoid using so as not to distort the actual order.
- ◆ If they are using a device that allows them to send prescriptions electronically, have them send test prescriptions to you, invite them in to see how their prescriptions display on your computer and send them back test refill requests.
- ◆ Work together on any issues that arise, such as conflicting directions and special instructions, where the automatic sig indicates one set of patient directions and then the free text special instructions contradict the sig (see image below).

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| <b>R</b><br>Sig:      | LORAZEPAM 0.5MG TABLET<br>1 Tablet(s) PO Q6-8H PRN anxiety, insomnia x 30 days |
| Dispense:             | 90 Tablet(s)   |
| Special Instructions: | Take one tab as needed for anxiety or insomnia, may repeat x1.                 |
| Refills:              | 5  |
| Signature:            | _____  |

- ◆ Ask prescribers to include the indication for use whenever they write or call in a prescription.
- ◆ Educate them that it is your policy to read back the entire prescription order to them after transcribing it in the pharmacy including spelling the medication name. Let them know you will be using "cock-pit" language, for example, "one six" for "16."
- ◆ Ask them to include both the generic and brand names on all written orders for medications with look-alike and/or sound-alike names.
- ◆ Share with them ISMP safety tools (eg, List of Error Prone Abbreviations, List of Confused Drug Names) found at [www.ismp.org/Tools](http://www.ismp.org/Tools).



- ◆ Let them know you will dispense measuring devices every time they order a liquid medication.
- ◆ Let them know that safety is your priority when filling prescriptions, and invite them to be part of your safety team.

## **FDA Launches Web Sites on Promotion of Medical Products**

On September 3, 2008, FDA launched two new Web sites to provide information for consumers and industry about how FDA regulates the promotion of medical products. Pharmacists can obtain useful information regarding prescription drug advertising regulations as well as refer their patients who may have questions to the site.

The "Advertising Prescription Drugs and Medical Devices" Web site provides a "one-stop shop" portal to information on FDA regulation of medical product promotion. Pharmacists access relevant laws, regulations, and guidances. This site can be found at [www.fda.gov/oc/promotion/](http://www.fda.gov/oc/promotion/).

The direct-to-consumer Web site, "Be Smart about Prescription Drug Advertising: A Guide for Consumers" is designed to educate consumers about how to view such advertising to help inform their discussions with health care providers, and consequently to help improve patient's understanding and medical care. This site was created in collaboration with EthicAd, an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping consumers, health care professionals, and the pharmaceutical and advertising industries with direct-to-consumer advertising for prescription drugs. More information can be found at [www.ethicad.org](http://www.ethicad.org).

The direct-to-consumer site provides interactive example ads for fictitious drugs to illustrate the different requirements for the various types of ads. It also includes a list of questions patients should ask themselves when they see a prescription drug ad. This list can be printed for patients to use while discussing questions with their health care providers. This site can be found at [www.fda.gov/cder/ethicad/index.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/ethicad/index.htm).

## **FPGEE Returns to Computer-based Format**

As advancements in secure testing technology forge ahead, the push for more electronically based systems and less use of the traditional paper-and-pencil mechanisms continues. With this in mind, NABP will soon be returning the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination® (FPGEE®) to a computer-based format, eliminating the paper-and-pencil examination.

The FPGEE is the third computerized examination to be developed by NABP, after the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®). The new computerized FPGEE will debut at the April 14, 2009 administration.

The computerized FPGEE examination will continue to be administered one day in the spring and one day in the fall; however, instead of limiting the available testing locations to three sites, applicants will be able to choose from more than

200 Pearson VUE testing sites located within the continental United States. In addition, it is anticipated that applicants will be able to schedule their test sites electronically 48 to 72 hours after having been accepted to take the FPGEE.

The NABP test vendor, Pearson VUE, will administer the computerized FPGEE as it does with the NAPLEX and the MPJE. Demonstrating a record of solid customer service combined with a secure and consistent test center network, Pearson VUE is committed to providing a reliable and professional testing environment for applicants on behalf of NABP.

The FPGEE is one component of the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee™ (FPGEC®) certification process. In addition to passing the examination, FPGEC applicants are required to have certain documents submitted from educational and licensure institutions that present their educational backgrounds and licensure and/or registration to practice pharmacy. Applicants must also pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language™ (TOEFL®) and the Test of Spoken English™ (TSE®), or the TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT). The FPGEC certificate allows foreign graduates to partially fulfill eligibility requirements for licensure in the 50 United States and the District of Columbia where the certification is recognized.

To prepare for the FPGEE, NABP recommends that applicants take the Pre-FPGEE®, the official FPGEE practice examination written and developed by NABP. This practice examination is designed to help familiarize applicants with the FPGEE by exhibiting the types of questions provided on the actual examination as well as providing a score estimate.

Additional information on the FPGEE as well as the Pre-FPGEE is available in the Examination Programs section on the NABP Web site at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net).

## **Updated 2009 Survey of Pharmacy Law Now Available**

The NABP 2009 *Survey of Pharmacy Law*, providing a concise research source for key regulatory questions in pharmacy practice for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, is now available.

The *Survey* updates, graciously provided by the state boards of pharmacy, consist of four sections including a state-by-state overview of organizational law, licensing law, drug law, and census data. Also, a new question in Section VII, "Issuance of Initial Pharmacist Licensure," asks whether or not states require criminal history record checks for initial licensure as a pharmacist.

To order the *Survey*, visit the NABP Web site at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net) and download an order form; the *Survey* costs \$20.

All final-year pharmacy students receive the CD-ROM free of charge through the generous sponsorship of Purdue Pharma LP.

More information on the *Survey* is available by contacting customer service via phone at 847/391-4406 or via e-mail at [custserv@nabp.net](mailto:custserv@nabp.net).

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and prepare an agenda at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at your convenience.

### **Pharmacy Technician Registration Deadline April 1, 2009**

Effective April 1, 2009, a person assisting in the practice of pharmacy shall be registered with the Board as a pharmacy technician. An individual can register online at the Board's Web site at [www.pharmacy.ky.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ky.gov). If you want to send in a paper registration form, this form may be printed from the Board's Web site. All paper registration forms must be in the office by the close of the day Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Examples of a person assisting in the practice of pharmacy that would need to register are:

- ◆ Receiving and/or entering a prescription received from a patient in person, via the phone, fax, or electronically
- ◆ Placing a label on a prescription vial
- ◆ Counting the medication or using an electronic scale or automated system
- ◆ Filling a vial with medication
- ◆ Receiving/checking/stocking drugs
- ◆ Compounding a drug
- ◆ Placing prescriptions in bags
- ◆ Cashier that asks the patient if there are any questions for the pharmacist, whether it is verbally or by use of an electronic device that requires the patient signature
- ◆ Delivery person that may assist in any of the above

**All pharmacists-in-charge shall be responsible to see that all pharmacy technicians are registered as of April 1, 2009, and that their certificates are properly displayed.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at your convenience.

### **Pharmacy Renewal Deadline June 30, 2009**

Pharmacy permits expire June 30, 2009. A pharmacy permit can be renewed online. A postcard explaining the renewal process will be mailed to each pharmacy on or about April 20, 2009. If you want to send in a paper renewal, this form may be printed from the Board's Web site at [www.pharmacy.ky.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ky.gov). If you have any questions concerning the renewal process please contact the Board office. Please be reminded that if your pharmacy has an address change, relocation within the current premises of the existing permit, or ownership change, you must complete a new pharmacy application. A pharmacy application with a United States Post Office Box address only will **not** be accepted and will be returned. All incomplete applications will be returned. Remember the deadline is June 30, 2009. All paper renewal

applications must be in the Board office by the close of the day June 30, 2009.

### **Continuing Education at Board Meetings**

At its January 14, 2009 meeting, the Board approved continuing education (CE) credit for a pharmacist that attends a Board meeting. A pharmacist will receive CE credit if the following are met:

1. Pharmacist must sign in and receive an evaluation form and sign out at the Board meeting.
2. For every hour the pharmacist is present at the Board meeting, one-half hour credit will be issued.
3. Pharmacist must complete an evaluation and submit it upon leaving the meeting.
4. A pharmacist may only obtain a maximum of two hours of CE credit per Board meeting and may only obtain six hours of CE credit per calendar year at Board meetings.

CE for Board meetings will not be granted for Kentucky Board of Pharmacy members or pharmacist staff members. The office will maintain the sign-in/sign-out forms and the evaluation forms for a period of three years. The office shall send out a CE certificate to each pharmacist that completes the above requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office.

### **Official Method of Notification**

The *Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacists, pharmacist interns, pharmacies, wholesalers, and manufacturers credentialed by the Board. **These Newsletters will be used in administrative hearings as proof of notification.** Please read carefully. The Board encourages you to store them electronically in a folder or keep in the back of the *Kentucky Pharmacy Law Book* for future reference.

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