

December 2014 Board Meeting

Communication Outreach

Best Practices

- ✓ **Veterinary prescriptions.** Build into your practice a double check on veterinary prescriptions and document it. Animals are not simply smaller humans for medicine needs. For example, dogs may require 2-3 times the thyroid dose of a typical person. Xylitol, praised by dentists for people and in many pharmaceuticals, can be toxic to dogs. If dispensing medications to a non-human patient, have an appropriate reference to check. Merck manual is available free online at <http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/index.html>. If you would like the same information the veterinarian has at their fingertips, purchase Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook. A DUR is required on all new and refill prescriptions, human or animal. **OAR 855-019-0220**
- ✓ **Truthfulness in all board communication.** From the licensing and relicensing process to written communication, be truthful. Benign situations that can be explained truthfully often are escalated to disciplinary action because of a lie. **OAR 855-019-0205.**
- ✓ **Prescriptions for self and family.** To protect yourself, the best practice is to have another pharmacist fill/check prescriptions in this situation.
- ✓ **Refrigerator monitoring of drugs and vaccines.** Monitoring and documentation of temperatures is important. What is even more important is to correct a situation where a temperature is out of specification. Inspectors are not only checking documentation logs, but also verifying the temperature of fridges/freezers while on site. **ORS 689.155**

What's New

Technician certification rules change. Technicians will no longer be required to maintain certification with programs such as PTCB or NHA. While the board encourages technicians to do so, it is not a legal requirement to maintain Oregon licensure after January 1, 2015. To learn more, visit the Board of Pharmacy website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/index.aspx>

Links

Pharmacist in charge inspection forms for 2015 are available. These need to be completed prior to February 1st, 2015. Even if not a pharmacist in charge, the board encourages staff to review the forms for better understanding of what to expect during annual inspection and to clarify issues prior to becoming problems. <http://www.oregon.gov/pharmacy/Pages/InspectionForms.aspx>

Compliance Recap

- Number of Cases Adjudicated: 40