

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-1-06

TITLE: Standardized Experiential and Practical Experience Requirements for Student Pharmacists

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the designation of the doctor of pharmacy degree as the entry-level pharmacy practice degree necessitated an increase in the number of required experiential hours within a pharmacy school curriculum; and

Whereas, some boards of pharmacy do not require practical experience hours beyond the structured experiential program; and

Whereas, the terminology describing students completing curriculum experiential requirements within pharmacy practice settings may vary from state to state; and

Whereas, the scope of duties students perform under a pharmacist's supervision may vary from state to state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP collaborate with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to establish standardized experiential requirements for students beyond ACPE's *Accreditation Standards and Guidelines for the Professional Program in Pharmacy Leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree*, Standard No. 14, and seek to create uniformity among the states through possible amendments to the *Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy*; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if necessary, the NABP Executive Committee commission a task force to complete this objective.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-2-06

**TITLE: Safe and Environmentally Friendly Medication
Destruction Programs**

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, patients often need guidance on the proper disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired medication; and

Whereas, the inappropriate disposal of unused or expired medication may pose a significant risk to the public and the environment; and

Whereas, there is an increased incidence of theft of prescription medications from homes and residential trash, resulting in the diversion and abuse of such medications; and

Whereas, patients with excess or unused medication often share their medication with other individuals in the absence of any pharmacist or medical supervision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP and the boards of pharmacy work with the pharmacy community, environmental community, and regulatory agencies to develop programs whereby patients can safely and properly dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medications; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP develop guidance for the boards of pharmacy and the pharmacy community addressing the environmentally safe and legal collection and destruction of unwanted, unused, or expired medications from patients.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-3-06
TITLE: US Recognition of CCAPP Accredited Programs
ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, there is noted uniformity of the required competency to practice pharmacy within Canada and the United States; and

Whereas, the accreditation standards of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) and Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) are equivalent to a certain degree; and

Whereas, the member boards of NABP have strongly encouraged CCAPP and ACPE to collaborate on the mutual recognition of pharmacy educational programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP escalate discussions with the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities to research the mutual recognition of graduates from CCAPP-accredited programs in Canada and graduates of ACPE-accredited programs in the US; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP engage the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in the discussions and work with ACPE to consider recognition of CCAPP-accredited programs.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-4-06

TITLE: Emergency Preparedness, Response, and the US Drug Distribution System

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the recent occurrence of natural disasters, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, have tested the viability of the medical response systems at local, state, and federal levels; and

Whereas, the United States drug distribution system was severely impacted by said natural disasters causing delays and disruptions in therapy of those who were impacted by said natural disasters; and

Whereas, local, state, and federal disaster relief agencies, along with the support of private enterprises, made a concerted effort to provide medical and pharmaceutical assistance for those impacted individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP continue its efforts in collaboration with government agencies, national professional associations, and industry representatives in the development of a response to natural and man-made disasters that affect the US drug distribution system.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-5-06

TITLE: Regulatory and Legislative Initiatives to Protect the Public from Counterfeit and Diverted Drugs

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, counterfeit and diverted drugs continue to pose a significant threat to the protection of the public health; and

Whereas, unscrupulous, as well as unsuspecting, wholesale distributors operating in the secondary market often serve as an entry point for the introduction of counterfeit and diverted drugs into the United States drug distribution system; and

Whereas, NABP has developed and is currently in the process of updating the Model Rules for the Licensure of Wholesale Distributors, which address the regulation of wholesale distributors in such a way as to significantly help reduce the chances of counterfeit or diverted drugs entering the US drug distribution system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP continue to serve as a resource to the boards of pharmacy and other regulatory agencies that are revising rules and regulations and developing legislation to strengthen the licensure requirements for wholesale distributors through inspections, pedigrees, surety bonds, criminal background checks, increased penalties and fines, and utilization of NABP's Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors program;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP offer educational opportunities addressing appropriate wholesale distributor inspection procedures to board of pharmacy staff.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-6-06

TITLE: Nurses as Agents of Prescribers in Long-Term Care Facilities/Alternate Care Sites

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, on April 25, 2001, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting comments regarding preventing accumulation of controlled substances at long-term care facilities (LTCF) (66 FR 20833). In that notice, DEA clarified their interpretation regarding physician's agents, stating that no legal agency relationship exists between a LTCF nurse and a physician and, therefore, controlled substance orders written or verbalized by physicians then relayed by LTCF nurses to pharmacists are not in compliance with DEA requirements; and

Whereas, this issue of legal agency is also found in hospice and other alternate care sites; and

Whereas, the *Model State Pharmacy Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (Model Act)* currently does not address in detail the issue of agency relationships, but recognizes agents of all prescribers (as opposed to only physician prescribers) and allows agents to communicate prescription drug orders to pharmacies; and

Whereas, a recent proposed amendment to the *Model Act* states that, in institutional facilities, for an agency to be valid, agents must be "authorized by and in accordance with written policies and procedures of the facility and applicable state and federal laws" and would allow LTCF and alternate care site nurses to legally communicate non-controlled substance medication orders to pharmacies, provided the facility maintains written policies and procedures facilitating the prescriber-LTCF/alternate care site nurse agency relationship; and

Whereas, the DEA interpretation referenced above, as it presently exists, creates barriers to quality and timely patient care by requiring multiple contacts among prescribers, LTCF and alternate care site nurses, and pharmacists with regards to controlled substance medication orders; and

Whereas, patient care would be significantly improved if DEA modified the interpretation reference above;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP ask DEA to reexamine its interpretation of the agency relationship between LTCF and alternate care site nurses and prescribers and consider recognizing the agency relationship in the presence of written facility policies and procedures that comply with applicable state and federal laws to allow for the LTCF and alternate care site nurses to legally communicate controlled substance orders and changes to such orders to pharmacists responsible for the care of the patient.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-7-06

TITLE: Recognition of Retiring Executive Officers/Former NABP Presidents

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the following executive officers have provided outstanding service to the members of their respective boards of pharmacy during their tenure:

David E. Holmstrom, executive director, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, 30 years
Kevin E. Kinkade, executive director, Missouri Board of Pharmacy, 23 years
David R. Work, executive director, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, 30 years

Whereas, they have shown dedicated commitment by taking a lead role in promoting the health and safety of the citizens of their states; and

Whereas, their significant accomplishments in promoting the public health and safety have impacted the practice and the profession of pharmacy and the protection of the public health; and

Whereas, they have received numerous awards recognizing their contributions to the profession of pharmacy throughout their careers; and

Whereas, they have served and supported NABP through membership, service on various committees including the NABP Executive Committee, and as NABP president;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Committee, on behalf of the boards of pharmacy they served and NABP, thank these fine gentlemen and wish them the very best in their retirement.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 102-8-06
TITLE: Recognition Resolution
ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the individuals listed here have made significant contributions to NABP, the protection of the public health, and the profession of pharmacy:

Dyke Anderson (NE)
Warren F. DeBoard (MO)
Frank Fitch (IN)
Merrill J. Insley (OH)
William Lackey (AZ)
Clinton E. Munch (IL)
Donald Jack Myers (WI)
Nicholas Repke (OH)
Hewitt P. Theriot (LA)

Whereas, NABP and its member boards of pharmacy are saddened by the death of these individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP and its members formally acknowledge the leadership and contributions made by these individuals; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP and the boards of pharmacy extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of these members.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 102nd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA)