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RESOLUTION NO.

100-12-04

TITLE:

Emergency Contraception

ACTION:

DEFEATED

Whereas, the use of emergency contraception is becoming more prevalent; and

Whereas, some pharmacists are reluctant to dispense prescriptions for such products due to ethical, moral, or religious considerations; and

Whereas, patients have the right to make decisions regarding their health care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP recommends that if a pharmacist refuses to fill a prescription for emergency contraception on ethical, moral, or religious grounds, it is the responsibility of that pharmacist to direct the patient to another pharmacist or pharmacy where such a prescription can be dispensed in a timely manner.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-13-04
TITLE: Medication Sample Vouchers Program
ACTION: DEFEATED

Whereas, the provision of pharmaceutical care by pharmacists is an essential component of optimal public health and safety; and

Whereas, the pharmacist's legal and professional medication management responsibilities which include drug utilization, review, and patient consultation also acknowledge and respect the covenant between the pharmacist and patient; and

Whereas, indigent patients may have limited access to pharmacists, pharmaceutical care, and medication therapy and receive sample medications from practitioners other than pharmacists without the benefit of the pharmacist's medication management and care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that programs for indigent patients, and other patient groups, which provide sample medications without the medication management and provision of pharmaceutical care of a pharmacist be eliminated and replaced with medication sample voucher programs which allow indigent patients, and other patient groups, to receive medications through the pharmacy of their choice and with the benefit of a pharmacist providing medication management and pharmaceutical care; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP commission a task force to study this issue and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee for addressing this public health concern.

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RESOLUTION NO.

100-14-04

TITLE:

**National Standards for Pharmacy
Computer Systems**

ACTION:

DEFEATED

Whereas, the computer hardware and software utilized in pharmacy computer operating systems should provide accountability and be able to readily retrieve patient information, dispensing information, and other information necessary to serve and evaluate the needs of the patient; and

Whereas, some pharmacy computer operating systems do not provide ready access to such information and are unable to produce necessary displays or printouts in a timely manner; and

Whereas, no standardization of pharmacy computer operating systems currently exists; and

Whereas, a lack of uniform minimum standards for pharmacy computer operating systems may compromise patient safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP promote efforts to develop appropriate minimum standards for pharmacy computer operating systems that ensure effective audit procedures and facilitate the review of required pharmacy records.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-1-04

TITLE: **Illegal Importation – Federal and State Enforcement of Reimportation Laws**

ACTION: **PASSED**

Whereas, the importation of prescription medications from Canada and other foreign sources is illegal and an imminent danger to the public health and safety and poses a serious risk to patients; and

Whereas, the illegal importation of prescription medications is different from the legal process of reimportation which allows for the importation of medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and manufactured in FDA registered facilities employing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs); and

Whereas, various state and local governments have endorsed and are seeking to direct patients enrolled in prescription medication programs funded by state and local governments to obtain prescription medications from Canada and other foreign sources; and

Whereas, FDA has been unable to engage in legal action that stops states and local governments from endorsing, promoting, and engaging in the illegal importation of prescription medications;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP continue to oppose the illegal importation of medications; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP express to FDA the concerns of its member boards and strongly urge the FDA or appropriate legal authority to pursue actions against state and local governments for endorsing, promoting, or engaging in the illegal importation of medications.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 100th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL)

PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-2-04

TITLE: Canadian-United States Cooperation

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the standards of practice for pharmacy in the United States and Canada are similar; and

Whereas, the present practice emphasis for pharmacists, on both sides of the international border, should be directed at patient-centered practice and the provision of primary health care independently, or as part of the health care team; and

Whereas, the importance of converging pharmacy practice standards and competencies between Canada and the United States will support international initiatives of enhancing the patient care provided by pharmacists, and facilitate the opportunity for pharmacists to seek licensure or registration between the two countries; and

Whereas, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), the Canadian equivalent to NABP, are the two critical players in the discussions of mutual recognition and reciprocity of pharmacist licensure; and

Whereas, the ability of developing and maintaining the respective national pharmacy standards and competencies rests with the national regulatory organizations within the United States and Canada; and

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Whereas, the greater efficiencies of time and resources are realized by having these and other international initiatives represent the greatest number of pharmacists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP establish a policy of conducting discussions and/or development of pharmacy practice standards, competencies, and policies with NAPRA; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP contact the Canadian provincial regulatory authorities that are NABP associate members, but choose not to belong to NAPRA, advising them of this policy and strongly encourage that they become participating members of NAPRA.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 100th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL)

PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-3-04

TITLE: Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, NABP and organizations such as the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the Leapfrog Group have recommended the elimination of handwritten prescriptions and adoption of computer printed or electronic prescriptions as a means to help reduce medication errors; and

Whereas the evolving practices of telepharmacy, the central processing of prescriptions, and remote dispensing systems impact, and are impacted by, the electronic transmission of prescriptions; and

Whereas the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 mandates that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services develop and adopt uniform standards for electronic transmission and generation of prescription medication orders; and

Whereas, the implementation of national standards for the electronic transmission and generation of prescription medication orders is necessary to assure uniformity and accuracy among practitioners and practice settings;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP work with interested stakeholders involved in the electronic transmission of medication orders and replacement of handwritten medication orders with computer printed or electronic prescriptions to develop national standards which establish and encourage the use of a standardized template for the configuration of prescriptions that are computer printed or electronically transmitted; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP revise the *Model State Pharmacy Practice Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy* concerning the electronic transmission of prescriptions as a separate provision, and in consideration of the evolving practices of telepharmacy, the central processing of prescriptions, and remote dispensing.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 100th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL)

PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-4-04

TITLE: Organization and Operation of Boards of Pharmacy

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the organizational and operational models for boards of pharmacy are being changed and new models implemented to manage economic challenges and other factors facing state governments; and

Whereas, some of the newly implemented organizational and operational models negatively impact the ability of boards to effectively serve and protect the public health and welfare; and

Whereas, one of the missions of NABP is to assist member boards in protecting the health and welfare of their citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP commission a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the various models of organization and operation of boards of pharmacy to protect the citizens' health and welfare and consider utilizing organizations such as the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) to conduct the study.

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Whereas, it has been reported that certain companies offering such technology limit the number of imaged drugs available using this technology;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP work with other interested stakeholders, including those companies which offer imaging and bar code technology, to include the identification, through imaging and bar coding for all prescription medications dispensed to patients, and to urge the manufacturers of medications to provide the digital images and related data needed to develop the identification databases.

(Resolution passed at NABP's 100th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL)

PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-6-04
TITLE: Medication Identification
ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the ultimate goal of all pharmacy practice is to assure positive patient outcomes through the optimization of the correct and most appropriate medication therapy; and

Whereas, the technology presently exists whereby a pictorial representation or written description of a drug can be placed on the prescription label and/or printed patient information; and

Whereas, other states may have mandated that a pictorial representation or written description of a drug be placed on most prescription labels; and

Whereas, the use of a pictorial representation or written description of a drug on a prescription label and/or printed patient information will enhance the opportunity for pharmacists and patients to identify and prevent medication errors before the errors cause harm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP work with interested stakeholders, including manufacturers who develop the digital images and/or written descriptions, to develop, promote, and encourage that all prescription labels and/or printed information contain a pictorial representation and/or written description of the medication.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-7-04
TITLE: Medication Indication on the Prescription
ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, states do not currently require that indication, purpose, or diagnosis be included on the prescription, patient labels, or containers; and

Whereas, the lack of this essential patient care information impedes the delivery of pharmaceutical care and can contribute to the incidence of medication errors; and

Whereas, a number of prescription medications have more than one possible indicated use and look-alike and sound-alike prescription medication names potentially endanger patient safety because such prescription medications are often confused, resulting in medication errors and their consequent harm to patients; and

Whereas, studies have indicated that a pharmacist performing patient counseling as a component of medication management is one of the best protections to prevent medication errors from reaching a patient and a pharmacist, in providing patient counseling, would be greatly benefited by knowing the indicated use of a prescription medication, thus resulting in improved patient counseling and a safer dispensing of prescription drugs;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP encourage national and state medical associations and other interested parties to support legislative and regulatory efforts in the states to require prescribers to include the indication for the medication on all prescriptions and medication orders issued orally, in writing, or transmitted electronically.

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PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO.

100-8-04

TITLE:

**Medication Error Reduction and
Continuous Quality Improvement
Programs**

ACTION:

PASSED

Whereas, medication errors resulting in patient harm or death continue to occur; and

Whereas, the collection and analysis of medication errors and quality-related events is critical to the safe practice of pharmacy; and

Whereas, quality-related event and medication error reports need to be protected from discovery in civil proceedings in order to obtain access to these critical data for system evaluation and quality improvement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP encourage the passage of legislation that provides for the collection and analysis of patient and medication data concerning medication errors and quality improvement, with appropriate protection from discovery in civil proceedings; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP encourage and facilitate the implementation of system-based, continuous quality improvement programs and “best practices” for pharmacies.

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RESOLUTION NO.

100-9-04

TITLE:

**National Patient Safety Goals:
Prohibited Abbreviations**

ACTION:

PASSED

Whereas, all health care professionals, especially pharmacists, have as their primary objective the provision of optimal patient care, demonstrated by improved patient outcomes, it follows that improved written communication between health care providers is necessary to achieve the objective; and

Whereas, various accrediting bodies for health systems identified potential patient safety problems related to the use of specific abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used in written communications and developed "DO NOT USE" lists of these abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP and the boards of pharmacy endorse and encourage communication of the prohibited lists to all appropriate health care providers and educators; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP and the boards of pharmacy encourage all health care providers and educators to utilize the lists and demonstrate efforts to comply with the lists; and

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NABP and the boards of pharmacy encourage, endorse, and support the efforts of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), and other national patient safety groups to prohibit the use of confusing abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols in communication between health care providers and educators.

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PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-10-04
TITLE: Definition of Compounding
ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, pharmacy compounding is an integral part of pharmacy practice and its use is increasing; and

Whereas, the definition of compounding is important in the regulation and enforcement of the practice of pharmacy and appropriate oversight of compounding activities; and

Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is seeking to clearly define the differentiation between compounding and manufacturing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP and the FDA review the existing Memorandum of Understanding on Interstate Distribution of Compounded Drug Products between FDA and NABP, which defines and addresses the regulation of pharmaceutical compounding, to more clearly define the practices of compounding and manufacturing.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-11-04

TITLE: Sterile Products

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) has revised the sterile products section of the USP-National Formulary (USP-NF); and

Whereas, the General Information Chapter 1206, Sterile Drug Products for Home Use, has been replaced by General Tests and Assays Chapter 797, Pharmaceutical Compounding–Sterile Preparations; and

Whereas, the revised section on sterile products is formally incorporated into the USP-NF as a standard of the USP-NF; and

Whereas, states are implementing sterile compounding regulations or laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NABP communicate to its member boards information concerning the USP Tests and Assays Chapter 797, Pharmaceutical Compounding–Sterile Preparations, and its integration into the *Model State Pharmacy Practice Act and Model Rules of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy*.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-15-04

TITLE: California Membership

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, California has adopted the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) as a requirement for licensure; and

Whereas, the Executive Committee and staff of NABP have devoted substantial time and effort working with the California State Board of Pharmacy and California governmental officials seeking changes in the California legislation and board policy to facilitate Active Member status of the California Board; and

Whereas, the California Board achieved Active Member status effective March 1, 2004;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NABP Executive Committee, NABP staff, the California Board, and California governmental officials be recognized for their efforts and congratulated for their success.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-16-04

TITLE: 100th Anniversary

ACTION: PASSED

Whereas, NABP was established in 1904 and is the national organization which represents boards of pharmacy and provincial jurisdictions within the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa; and

Whereas, NABP celebrates its 100th year anniversary during 2004; and

Whereas, NABP has, through the hard and excellent work of its members, committees, and staff throughout these first 100 years, become a national presence for the protection of the public health and the country's boards of pharmacy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the jurisdictions and individual members constituting NABP congratulate the Association on reaching this historic milestone and commend NABP for its continuing leadership and efforts to assure the health and welfare of citizens served by boards of pharmacy and provincial jurisdictions within the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

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RESOLUTION NO.

100-17-04

TITLE:

Prosecution of Entities Aiding and Abetting in the Illegal Importation of Prescription Medications

ACTION:

PASSED

Whereas, the solicitation for the illegal sale of prescription drugs on the Internet including controlled substances is dangerous and increasing; and

Whereas, the solicitors involved in this activity, with few exceptions, do not have the required state license or permit to distribute or dispense medications to patients and dispense or distribute these medications without a valid prescription; and

Whereas, the dispensing of prescription medications, particularly controlled substances, without a valid prescription is illegal and constitutes a felony in some circumstances; and

Whereas, the source of this illegal distribution and dispensing may be outside of the United States and outside the jurisdiction of US law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, this practice is an obvious danger to the public health and safety;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NABP urge the United States Department of Justice to more vigorously investigate activities related to knowingly abetting the illegal importation of prescription medications, and where probable cause is found, prosecute individuals and entities operating or abetting Web sites, distributors, and solicitors involved in the illegal distribution and/or dispensing of prescription medications, particularly controlled substances, including but not limited to credit card companies and private shippers.

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PASSED



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RESOLUTION NO. 100-18-04
TITLE: Recognition Resolutions
ACTION: PASSED

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

Clifford Barnett (ID)
Eugene “Gene” P. Drake (AZ)
William H. Randall, Jr (NC)

Whereas, NABP and its member boards of pharmacy are saddened by the illness 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 well wishes to Clifford Barnett, Eugene “Gene” P. Drake and William H. Randall, Jr.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100-19-04
TITLE: Recognition Resolutions
ACTION: PASSED

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

Allen Pfeifle (SD)
Harold Vann Day (NC)
Ernest Wyre (NY)

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.

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