

Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy

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New Board Members



Governor Brad Henry has appointed Gordon Richards, Jr. of Shawnee, OK, to a term ending June 30, 2008. Gordon is a 1963 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. He is the owner of Richards Drug in Shawnee. Gordon is a past president of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA) and Pharmacy Providers of Oklahoma (PPOK). He is a member of OPhA, PPOK, the National Community Pharmacists Association, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is also active in his community as a member of the First Baptist Church, Lions Club, and the Pottawatomie County Historical Society. Best wishes to Gordon as he serves the public for the next five years.

Governor Henry has also appointed Diana Elizabeth Hampton, MD, of Edmond, OK, to serve on the Board as a public member. Dr Hampton replaces Thomas Dudley, DDS, and will serve a term coterminous with the governor. We look forward to working with Dr Hampton.

Other Board members include:

- ◆ Janis K. McAllister, DPh – Woodward – President (expiration: June 30, 2004)
- ◆ Jerry Allen, DPh – Weatherford – Vice President (expiration: June 30, 2005)
- ◆ James O. Spoon, DPh – Sand Springs – Member (expiration: June 30, 2006)
- ◆ William E. "Bill" Osborn, DPh – Miami – Member (expiration: June 30, 2007)

Judge Grants Temporary Injunction Against Rx Depot

The Board has filed a motion for a permanent injunction and a temporary injunction against Rx Depot. Oklahoma County District Judge Bryan Dixon heard and reviewed the testimony and evidence presented for the request of a temporary injunction. The hearing took place in Oklahoma City, OK, on May 30 and June 3, 2003. The injunction was granted and stayed until August 31, 2003. He declared that Rx Depot had, in fact, violated state statutes. There will be written statements presented to the Judge on the permanent injunction and, as we understand, Rx Depot may file an appeal with the Oklahoma Court of Appeals.

Board Meeting – May 22, 2003

Disciplinary Action

Leigh Ann Hamby, Tech #3783 – Case 662: Probation revoked and permit placed on suspension.

Lisa Lynch, Tech #4840 – Case 676: Permit revoked. *Charge:* Overdose of controlled dangerous substances (CDS).

Peggy Sallee, Tech #2819 – Case 674: Permit revoked. *Charge:* Took CDS for personal use.

Pam Crawford, Tech #1774 – Case 673: Permit revoked. *Charge:* Felony drug conviction.

Gregory George Barnas, DPh, #10252 – Case 664: Must complete 45 hours of continuing education (CE) by June 30, 2003. \$3,000 Fine. *Charge:* CE violation.

Robert K. Wampler, DPh, #8953 – Case 666: Must complete 45 hours of CE by June 30, 2003. \$3,000 Fine. *Charge:* CE violation.

David Gilson, DPh, #8607 – Case 667: License placed on Inactive status. *Charge:* Unauthorized method of verifying a prescription.

Gayle Guthrie, DPh, #7265 – Case 675: License placed on probation for one (1) year; must view "Error Correction Video" and complete the accompanying course within 90 days; \$500 Fine. *Charge:* Had not made an effort to resolve some prescription errors.

Patricia Baker, DPh, #11847 – Case 672: Received Letter of Reprimand; must view "Error Correction Video" and complete the accompanying course within 90 days. *Charge:* received two or more warning notices within a 12-month period.

Haskell Kohen Tabor, DPh, #7292 – Case 671: License placed on probation for one (1) year; must view "Error Correction Video" and complete the accompanying course; \$750 Fine. *Charge:* Made prescription errors and allowed a non-licensed person to perform duties of a pharmacy technician.

Danny Frame, DPh, #8828 – Case 670: License placed on probation for one (1) year; must view "Error Correction Video" and complete the accompanying course; \$750 Fine. *Charge:* Made prescription errors and allowed a non-licensed person to perform duties of a pharmacy technician.

The Board also took action in two (2) impaired cases: **Case 603A – DPh, #11834** had the probation of her license revoked and her license was suspended. She may apply for probation after being able to show twelve continuous months of sobriety; **Case 591 – DPh, #10306** appeared to request probation. After testimony by Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists, his license was placed on probation.

From the Inspectors:

- ◆ **Pharmacy Manager:** When a pharmacist accepts the responsibility of pharmacy manager, ie, pharmacist-in-charge (PIC), it should not be taken lightly. A pharmacist assuming the duties of pharmacy manager must notify the Board and a controlled dangerous substances inventory must be taken to establish a

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baseline of responsibility of these drugs. Notification and a copy of the inventory must be sent to the Board within ten (10) days of a PIC change. The responsibilities of a PIC are set out under OAC 535:15-3-2 (page 54 in the 2002 *Pharmacy Law Book*). Please review this section of the rules.

- ◆ **Technicians:** Please keep your technicians and clerks updated. Make sure they are aware of the laws regarding their duties. Have them review the “Technician Rules” on a regular basis. The pharmacist, not the technician, should answer any questions by patients regarding their medication. Technicians and clerks should identify themselves as such when answering the phone. Work with them to make them better technicians.
- ◆ **Drugs in Ambulances:** If you are involved with emergency medical services personnel on stocking drugs for ambulances, be sure to make them aware of proper storage of drugs. Heat and cold can possibly cause a change in the efficacy of the drugs.

New Rules

There are new rules effective July 1, 2003, and rules regarding “hospital drug rooms” that will be effective January 1, 2004. You may view these rules at www.pharmacy.state.ok.us. We will review these new rules in future *Newsletters*.

Vet Compounding

Food and Drug Administration has indicated that the agency will be actively enforcing “Vet Compounding Rules” regarding prescriptions for “Food Producing Animals.” Basically, the only acceptable compounding would be the mixing together of two approved manufactured products. No compounding from bulk chemicals is allowed for “Food Producing Animals.”

Watch for Counterfeit Drugs

International prescription drug markets are seeing the introduction of counterfeit drugs. Drugs become counterfeit whenever they are mislabeled, diluted, or otherwise adulterated and then sold as the original manufactured product. A drug of a lower strength may be relabeled to portray a higher strength in order to sell the product at a greater profit. Pharmacists should examine packages carefully for subtle differences in labeling that may be a clue that tampering has occurred. In addition to personal observations, you need to be alert to drug distributors or brokers who offer drugs at significantly lower prices than normal. Food and Drug Administration estimates that as much as 10% of the American market may be counterfeit.

Fifty-Year Gold Certificates Issued

The following individuals have been issued gold certificates in recognition for the distinction of having been registered pharmacists for 50 years. The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy recognizes these pharmacists and gratefully acknowledges their years of contribution to the pharmacy profession. These individuals may take great pride in being part of such an honorable profession for so long. **1952-2002:** Garold L. Alexander, Edwin Earl Brown, James H. Carpenter, Frank H. Cooper, John R. Gray, Camille Harrison, Dill J. Heiman, Mildred M. Kelly, Jacqueline T. Long, Phil A. Martin, Philip E. Orr, William A. Richey, Rita T. Russell, Clayton R. Shirley, Raymond R. Wilson. **1953-2003 (presented at the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association Annual Convention in June 2003):** Gerald Faubion, Richard C. Gray, Jack N. Hamel, James A. Hargrove, Alvin I. Haxel, R. D. Henry, Jerome B. Hourigan, James F. Jarrett, Herbert Langsam, Roy E. Lyles, James G. Martin, Jr, Recil E. Moan, Robert J. Reynolds, Robert C. Scott, Donald F. Scott, Donald D. Self, Jim B. Spears, Louis M. Street, Thomas E. Vogel.

Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP Help-Line at 1-800/260-7574 ext 5. All others may call OPHP at 405/528-3338. All calls are confidential.

Board Web site: www.pharmacy.state.ok.us

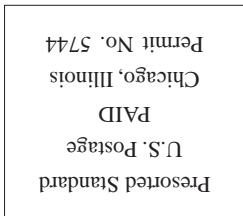
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