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New Administrator Named for Board

The members and staff of the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy are pleased to announce that Lee Ann F. Bundrick, RPh, was recently named the administrator of the Board of Pharmacy. Ms Bundrick has worked with the Board since 1997 as a pharmacist investigator/inspector and as the manager of Regulatory Compliance. She was named interim-administrator in June 2002. Ms Bundrick came to the Board after 12 years with the Department of Mental Health, where she was director of pharmacy and a clinical pharmacist. She has worked with the Board serving on numerous committees and representing the Board at several national conventions and conferences. Ms Bundrick has completed the National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training.

Originally from Lake City, South Carolina, she now lives in Irmo, South Carolina. Ms Bundrick graduated from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in pharmacy. She is married to Daniel Bundrick, RPh, and has two children, Tyler, 14, and Burch, 9. They are members of St Andrews Baptist Church.

Her commitment to the improvement of the practice of pharmacy and dedication to serve the citizens of South Carolina is evident in her previous work with the state and in institutional care settings. The Board and staff are happy to welcome her into her new position.

License Renewals

License renewal applications will be mailed prior to March 1, 2003, to every currently licensed pharmacist at his or her mailing address of record. The correctly completed renewal application, with all required fees and attachments, must be received by the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy office no later than April 1, 2003.

Do not send continuing education (CE) certificates to the Board office unless specifically requested to do so. The South Carolina Board of Pharmacy will not be responsible for any CE certificates unless they have been requested.

In order to prevent your application from being returned, please do the following:

- ◆ Read and follow all instructions.
- ◆ Sign and date the application.
- ◆ Include the proper fee of \$80 for applications received on or before April 1, 2003. A fee of \$130 must accompany applications received after April 1. If you have practiced after April 30, 2003, you may be assessed a civil penalty for practicing with a lapsed license.
- ◆ You must have a total of 15 CE hours. Six of these must be live and seven-and-a-half hours of this total must be in drug

therapy or patient management. All must be American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) or Continuing Medical Education Category I (CME) approved. All hours must be earned between January 1, 2001, and the date on which you submit your renewal. You must have your certificate in hand. If exempt from CE, proper documentation must be attached to the application.

Internet Prescriptions

According to the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners regulation 81-28:

- A) It is unprofessional conduct for a physician to initially prescribe drugs to an individual without first establishing a proper physician-patient relationship. A proper relationship, at a minimum, requires that the physician make an informed medical judgment based on the circumstances of the situation and on his/her training and experience. This will require that the physician:
1. Personally perform an appropriate history and physical examination, make a diagnosis, and formulate a therapeutic plan. This process must be documented appropriately;
 2. Discuss with the patient the diagnosis and the evidence for it, and the risks and benefits of various treatment options; and
 3. Ensure the availability of the physician or coverage for the patient for appropriate follow-up care.
- B) Prescribing for a patient whom the physician has not personally examined may be suitable under certain circumstances. These may include, but are not limited to: admission orders for a newly hospitalized patient, prescribing for a patient of another physician for whom the prescriber is taking call, prescribing for a patient examined by a licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a physician assistant, or other physician extender authorized by law and supervised by the physician, or continuing medication on a short-term basis for a new patient prior to the patient's first appointment.
- C) **Prescribing drugs to individuals the physician has never met based solely on answers to a set of questions, as is common in Internet or toll-free telephone prescribing, is inappropriate and unprofessional.**
- D) Section 40-47-200(F)(8) of the South Carolina Medical Practice Act authorizes the Board to discipline a licensed South Carolina physician who is **guilty of engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.**

Section 40-43-86(F) of the South Carolina Pharmacy Practice Act states: "a prescription drug order must be issued for a legiti-

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mate medical purpose by a practitioner acting within the course of legitimate professional practice.”

Section 40-43-86(F)(4) of the Pharmacy Practice Act states: “the pharmacist shall exercise professional judgment regarding the accuracy or authenticity of the transmitted drug order consistent with existing federal or state laws or regulations.”

The Board of Pharmacy strongly supports the policy of the Board of Medical Examiners. Pharmacists are responsible for ensuring that all prescriptions comply with the laws and regulations of South Carolina. Prescriptions issued by authorized practitioners on the basis of an Internet consultation are inappropriate and unprofessional and should not be filled.

Also, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners wishes to remind pharmacists that a valid veterinary/client/patient/pharmacist relationship must exist to release a prescription drug.

Updated Board Policy on Compounding #132

The minimum requirements for a compounding pharmacy upon inspection shall include the verification of the source of chemicals, the ability to ascertain that the level of products delivered and the duty are equal, and that the facility is in compliance with compounding laws with appropriate record keeping, ie, logs, calibrations. If compounding of sterile products exists, the pharmacy shall be in compliance with the South Carolina Pharmacy Practice Act and review the United States Pharmacopeia guidelines regarding the compounding of sterile products and keep abreast of any new changes.

In addition, at the November 2002 Board meeting, the Board amended Policy #132 recommending that the minimum expected compliance for a pharmacist selling compounded products to a physician or licensed practitioner is that the pharmacist have a contract with the physician or licensed practitioner specifying that the compounded medications are for office administration only, and that lot numbers and expiration dates shall be maintained and readily retrievable on patient records/charts.

Calendar of State Holidays Board of Pharmacy Will be Closed in 2003

- New Year’s Day Wednesday, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr, Day Monday, January 20
- Presidents’ Day Monday, February 17
- Confederate Memorial Day Friday, May 9
- National Memorial Day Monday, May 26
- Independence Day Friday, July 4

- Labor Day Monday, September 1
- Veterans’ Day Tuesday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27
- Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 28
- Christmas Day Thursday, December 25
- Day after Christmas Friday, December 26

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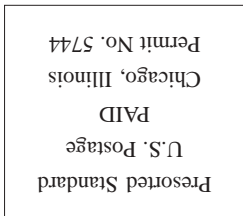
The Board staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. The staff is available to answer questions or assist pharmacists, interns, and technicians Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. If you have a question or concern, please contact one of the following individuals, who can help you with your specific needs:

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