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From the Dean

Dear Friends:

House Bill 2715, an important piece of legislation for pharmacy, was recently signed into law by Governor Frank Keating. The following excerpts provide information relative to the Oklahoma definition of the practice of pharmacy, as amended, and the recognition that pharmacists, through established agreements, may administer immunizations.

In Section 1 of HB2715, the following components define the "Practice of pharmacy" for purposes of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act:

- a. the interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders,
- b. the compounding, dispensing, administering and labeling of drugs and devices, except labeling by a manufacturer, packer or distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices,
- c. the participation in drug selection and drug utilization reviews,
- d. the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records thereof,
- e. the responsibility for advising by counseling and providing information, where professionally necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices,
- f. the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control of a pharmacy, and
- g. the provision of those acts or services that are necessary to provide pharmaceutical care.

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 353.30 of Title 59 reads as follows:

The use of agreements in the practice of pharmacy shall be acceptable within the rules established by the Board of Pharmacy and in consultation with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

The Board of Pharmacy shall develop and prepare permanent rules relating to training requirements and administration of immunizations in consultation within the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

A pharmacist who has completed a requisite course of training as approved by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, may administer immunizations only on patient specific orders from osteopathic physicians or allopathic physicians.

The bill was sponsored by Representatives Fred Stanley, Jim Glover, Greg Piatt, David Braddock, Bill Nations, and Joan Greenwood and by Senators Ben Robinson and Johnnie Crutchfield. Information and support through the legislative process were also provided by OPhA lobbyists Clayton Taylor and Tommy Thomas as well as by OPhA Legislative Chairperson Mary Buckner. They are all to be thanked for their hard work and assistance.



Additional information about the recent Oklahoma legislative session is available through the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA) web site at <http://opha.com/>. I am looking forward to seeing a large turnout for the upcoming meeting of the OPhA in Oklahoma City.

Sincerely,

College News

▪ Dr. Nathan Shankar – Breakthrough Research Published in Nature

Dr. Shankar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, is first author of a paper that recently appeared in the scientific journal Nature. The article describes a breakthrough discovery that may lead to the development of better antibiotics to treat resistant strains of *Enterococcus faecalis*, which can cause life-threatening infections. Dr. Shankar worked with co-authors A. S. Baghdayan and M. S. Gilmore to identify genes involved as potential drug targets in future therapeutic regimens.

▪ Spring Semester, 2002, Dean's List Announced

Pharmacy students who are enrolled full-time in good standing, earn a grade point average of 3.00 or above with no grades below B, and rank in the upper 20% of their class for each semester are placed on the Dean's List. Students designated by an asterisk (*) below obtained a perfect 4.00 grade point average for the semester.

P-3 Students:

Matthew Steven Baker
Gena Elizabeth Berish*
Sarah Emily Brewer
Shala Dawn Devlin
Chad Allen Douglas
Ryann Rene Downard
Winter Joy Gibbs
Mark Benton Hill
James Brian Hughes
Kari Anne McCracken
Jennifer Michelle Taylor-Holbrook
John Robert Walker
Julie Beachel Whitmire*

P-2 Students:

Leigh Rochelle Adams
Sarah Katrina Bartee
Jacqueline Tania Beers
Erica Dale Branham*
Erin Kay Burden
Jennifer Leigh Hart
Kris Douglas Hunley
Richard Frank Justik
Ilana Betuel Loomis
Tamara Joyce Mlekoday
Christopher Lee Monnot



Nga Thi Nguyen
Lesley Ranay Roth
Sheri Leigh Wahrmond
Kristin Anne Williams

P-1 Students:

Emily Christin Babcock*
Jennifer Lea Buckingham
Margarita Victorovna Chebakova
Randa Marie Cox
Lisa Dianne Goodrich
Jordan Hill
Amanda Kay Humble*
Gina Jo Humble*
Gretchen Elaine Imel
Sarah Ann Myers
Deborah Jeanette Poland
Kelley Renay Raley
Lindsey Michelle Ray
Jennifer Yvette Reese
Hao Thai Tran
Amanda Lea Tunnell
Paula Gail Wells

▪ **Jim Payne ('65) – New Pharmacy Learning Coordinator**

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the arrival of Jim Payne who has recently joined the college as Pharmacy Learning Coordinator. He will serve as Clinical Assistant Professor helping to teach the Drug Delivery Systems course and laboratory as well as pharmaceutical calculations to students in the first year of the doctor of pharmacy program. Jim is based at the Schusterman Center in Tulsa and can be contacted at james-payne@ouhsc.edu.

Alumni News

▪ **Class of 1993 Reunion – New Request for Ideas**

The class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion, but needs ideas! Please let Paul Cockrum know those ideas as soon as possible. His contact information is: cockrums@netzero.net or 817-551-4436 (phone) or 817-615-3307 (fax).

Pharmacy News

▪ **FDA Interim Compounding Policy**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a new "guidance" for pharmacists in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in April striking down the entire compounding section of the 1997 FDA reform law. "FDA is considering the implications of that decision and determining how it intends to regulate pharmacy in the long term," the agency said. "However, FDA recognizes the need for immediate guidance on what types of compounding might be subject to enforcement action under current law." The agency insisted that "traditional" extemporaneous compounding was unaffected by the policy guidance and remains under state jurisdiction. Among the activities that could trigger FDA enforcement actions include compounding drugs removed from the market for safety reasons, compounding finished drugs from bulk products not components of FDA-approved drugs, and compounding "in anticipation of receiving prescriptions, except in very limited quantities in relation to the amounts of drugs compounded after receiving valid prescriptions." A copy of the guidance can be found at http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/02D-0242_gdl0001.pdf.

Job Openings

The University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Children's Hospital

- Clinical Assistant Professor

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Schusterman Center, Tulsa

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Pharmacist

The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City

- Research Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Clinical Pharmacist
- Assistant or Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
- Assistant or Associate Professor

Eckerd Drug Company

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc

- Staff Pharmacist and/or Assistant Pharmacy Manager
- Staff Pharmacist

USPHS/Indian Health Service

- Staff Pharmacist
- Staff Pharmacist