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## From the college

Dear Friends:

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is offering a variety of classes this summer for health care professionals as well as laypersons.

Verified instructors and toxicologists with the poison center in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Department of Health will be providing three Advanced HAZMAT Life Support (AHLS) Provider Courses. This is an internationally recognized program endorsed by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology. The classes will be held in Oklahoma City and Tulsa on July 12-13, July 26-27 and August 9-10.

The poison center is also offering an instructor training program with the goal of preparing community leaders to teach poison prevention to children and adult's increasing the number of Oklahoman's who have the knowledge and skills to prevent and manage poisonings. Each person will be able to identify the most common poisons found in the home, learn what to do in poison emergency, know where to go for additional resources and become empowered to help spread the poison prevention message in each community. Pharmacists, nurses, teachers, police officers, childcare providers, as well as concerned parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend this two-hour free program. Classes will be held in Lawton, Ponca City, Guymon, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

To register for these training classes or for more information contact the poison center at 405-271-5062 or visit our Web site at [www.oklahomapoison.org](http://www.oklahomapoison.org).

The poison center is available to take calls from the public as well as from health care professionals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Highly trained registered nurses and pharmacists staff the poison center. Each poison center specialist must take an exam administered by the American Association of Poison Control Centers after answering at least 2000 human exposure calls to become a certified poison specialist. Randy Badillo, Mark Madden, and Marda Riley have successfully passed the American Association of Poison Control Center's certification examination for poison specialists. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center now has nine certified specialists in poison information (CSPIs)! Few centers can boast this degree of excellence in center staffing.

Sincerely,

Tracy McKeown, MPH  
Education Coordinator  
Oklahoma Poison Control Center

## College News

### ▪ **Oren Peacock Elected to NABP Position**

Oren Peacock, Jr, RPh, has been elected to a 3 year term on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Pharmacy (NABP) at their annual meeting in May. Oren serves as a member of the [National Advisory Board](#) for the college.

### ▪ **Jerry Heller Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**



Jerry Heller has been awarded the Sheldon W. Fantle Lifetime Achievement Award by the [NACDS](#). Jerry is a graduate ('59) and currently serves as Chair of the [National Advisory Board](#) for the college.

#### ▪ **OU Tulsa Research Day Results**

The College of Pharmacy proudly announces the results of the OU-Tulsa sponsored Research Day, held on April 9 and 10, 2003. Dr. Renee Trewyn served as coordinator for the College of Pharmacy presentations. Research Committee members from the College of Pharmacy included Doug Carroll, Renee Trewyn and Les Reinke. Judges from the College of Pharmacy included Jack Coffey and Les Reinke.



#### **Poster presentations:**

Dana Carroll in conjunction with the Dept. of Family Medicine presented Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Relieved with Use of Oral Topiramate. Family Medicine won the COM Dean's Award (a traveling trophy).

Nancy Brahm/Dix Christensen presented Naltrexone Effectiveness in Treating Self-Abuse in an Adult Institutionalized Developmentally Disabled Population and Long-Term Risperidone Usage for Self-Injurious Behavior in an Institutionalized Developmentally Disabled Population.



#### **Oral presentations:**

Johnny Stephens presented Medication Adherence Rates with Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) and Virologic Response. He won 1st prize (\$1000.00) in the Faculty Clinical Science Research category and also the President's Award for Research Excellence (\$500.00).

Nancy Brahm in conjunction with Dix Christensen and Robert Brown presented Gabapentin Effectiveness in Treating Physical Assault.

Resident Lori Alred presented Warfarin Medication Interactions Documented in an Indian Health Service Pharmacy-based Anticoagulation Management Service. Lori won 3rd prize (\$250.00) in the Resident Clinical Science Research category.

## **Alumni News**

#### ▪ **Alumni Golf Tournament**

The 6th Annual OU College of Pharmacy Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 28, 2003 at the [Cimarron National Golf Club](#) 500 Duffy's Way Guthrie, Oklahoma. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More detailed information on the silent auction, CE Awards Banquet and other activities will follow.

#### ▪ **Kristin Klein ('99) Job Update**

Kristin reports that she has recently switched jobs and is now a clinical assistant professor of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

#### ▪ **Email update from Kyle Panter ('00)**

Friends and classmates can now contact Kyle at [missyandme@cox.net](mailto:missyandme@cox.net).

#### ▪ **Email Update from Lisa Ashworth ('87)**

Lisa reports that she is living Coppell, Texas and her email address is [lashworth@ijpc.com](mailto:lashworth@ijpc.com).

#### ▪ **Carl Buckner ('65) OPhA Featured Pharmacist**

Carl has been spotlighted as the Featured Pharmacist by the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association (OPhA). He began his tenure at The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in August of 1997 as dean and assumed the role of regular faculty in November of 2002.

His biographical profile can be found on the OPhA site at <http://opha.com/featured/index.asp?InterestID=84>.

▪ **Greetings from Kristy Reed ('93)**

Kristy has just gotten back from the 10 year pharmacy school reunion, held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. She has a great time together with her classmates. Keep in touch! Kristy

Friends and classmates can email Kristy at [superv@nex.net](mailto:superv@nex.net)

▪ **Marya Williams ('93) Email Update**

Marya reports that she is working in Dallas and living in Flower Mound, Texas. Friends and classmates can contact her at [willikww@mail.airmail.net](mailto:willikww@mail.airmail.net).

## Oklahoma Poison Control Center News

### ▪ Pesticide Safety for Home Gardening

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Gardeners with children should pay particularly attention to proper use of pesticides. The American Association of Poison Control Centers reports that in 2002, poison centers received more than 96,000 calls regarding exposure to pesticides—more than half involving children under age six. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center reported more than 2,300 calls in 2002 about pesticide poisoning exposures. More than 1,000 of these calls were exposures in children under the age of six.

Pesticides are, of course, designed to eliminate insects and rodents. The chemicals used to accomplish this may be dangerous to humans and pets as well if used incorrectly. The rules of thumb for safe handling of pesticides include:

#### When Buying Pesticides:

- Choose the right pesticide for the job.
- Buy and use only legally sold EPA-registered pesticides.

#### When Using Pesticides:

- Carefully follow all instructions on the container.
- Wear protective clothing, mask, and eye protection when spraying.
- Choose a calm, wind-free day.
- Do not spray near children and pets, and keep them away from treated areas.
- Follow the restricted time for reentering an area after a pesticide has been applied.

#### After Using Pesticides:

- Wash hands and face thoroughly after applying pesticides. Launder clothing.
- Keep pesticides locked up, out of sight and reach of children and pets.
- Keep the pesticide stored in its original container—do not transfer a pesticide to a food or drink container.
- Store pesticides away from food, including pet food.
- Dispose of empty pesticide containers and unused pesticides properly.

#### In Case of Poisoning:

- Call your poison center at 1-800-222-1222 immediately if a pesticide comes in contact with skin, is inhaled, or is swallowed.
- If possible, have the container with you when calling.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers and your local Oklahoma Poison Control Center urges gardeners to be safe and to keep the poison emergency hotline number, 1-800-222-1222, near all telephones. Safe practices are what make gardening a relaxing and rewarding hobby.

Pharmacists and registered nurses at the Oklahoma Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222) are available to answer questions about pesticides and pesticide safety, and to provide poison education materials like brochures and stickers. Poison experts are available round-the-clock, seven days a week.

Poison information is also available at the AAPCC Web site, [www.1-800-222-1222.info](http://www.1-800-222-1222.info) and the Oklahoma Poison Control Center web site at [www.oklahomapoison.org](http://www.oklahomapoison.org). The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

For more information: Chris Falk, AAPCC Media Director, at [falk@poison.org](mailto:falk@poison.org) 202/363-7657 or Tracy McKeown, Education Coordinator, at [tracy-mckeown@ouhsc.edu](mailto:tracy-mckeown@ouhsc.edu)

### ▪ The Oklahoma Poison Control Center Achieves National Certification Status

The American Association of Poison Control Centers has designated the Oklahoma Poison Control Center as a Certified



Regional Poison Control Center. The association's certification process ensures certified poison centers meet high standards of excellence. The only two acute care physicians in Oklahoma who also are board certified in medical toxicology direct the Oklahoma Poison Control Center. The Oklahoma House of Representatives will recognize the completion of certification status through House Resolution 1018 on Monday, May 19 designating May 18 - May 24 as Oklahoma Poison Control Center Recognition Week.

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center provides life saving poison information to families and health care professionals in all 77 counties in Oklahoma. There were 33,417 calls from people that were exposed to poison in 2002. Almost 56 percent or 18,685 poisoning cases were children up to age five. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center saves taxpayers \$7 for every dollar invested by safely managing 80 percent of poisonings at home rather than in emergency rooms. The Oklahoma Poison Control Center managed nearly 6,000 more poisoning emergencies last year than three years earlier without increased costs to taxpayers.

The poison center has been working closely with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and other agencies to be prepared for bioterrorism emergencies.

"Certification is a big accomplishment and means that we have met national standards of excellence for poison centers", says Lee McGoodwin, managing director for the poison center.

The standards for certified poison control centers included providing toll-free 24-hour access to health care professionals and the public, a quality improvement program, written operational guidelines for evaluation and management of toxic exposures, registered pharmacists or nurses directed by a medical toxicologist available to answer questions from the public, providing education for health care professionals and the public.

Poison experts are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The poison center's highly trained pharmacists and registered nurses are available to answer questions about poisoning and can provide poison education materials including brochures and stickers. The telephone number for the Oklahoma Poison Control Center is 1-800-222-1222. Poison information is also available at the Oklahoma Poison Control Center Web site at [www.oklahomapoison.org](http://www.oklahomapoison.org). The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy and the Children's Hospital at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

## Job Openings

### **The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, Oklahoma City**

- Pharmacy Support Services Rep. I
- Nuclear Staff Pharmacist
- Clinical Assistant Professor

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

- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Clinical Assistant Professor

### **Eckerd Drug Company**

- Pharmacist

### **Wal-Mart Stores, Inc**

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