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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of ***BPS E-News Quarterly***. The goal of this publication is to keep BPS stakeholder organizations and their constituents up to date on the latest activities of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties. Organizations receiving this publication are free to distribute the content to their membership, key committees or constituent groups in whole or in part. To facilitate the use of this content, the ***BPS E-News Quarterly*** is presented without the use of graphics.

I hope you find this publication useful and thank you for your continued involvement with the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

Best regards,

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BPS News and Notes

New Webinar Series

Individuals looking to learn more about Board certification can visit the BPS website at www.bpsweb.org and view the *Latest News* column to access a series of webinars. The first webinar released provides an 11-minute overview regarding BPS. Future webinars will cover topics such as exam preparation and additional information about the newest BPS specialty in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy.

2011 Recertification Deadline August 1

BPS-certified pharmacists in all specialties are required to recertify every 7 years. The fee for recertification is \$400. It is the responsibility of the BPS-certified pharmacist to submit a completed application for recertification postmarked by August 1. Candidates who are recertifying by continuing education (CE) must submit their application by August 1; however, CE hours for recertification may continue to be earned through the end of the calendar year for

credit toward recertification. Please note that the expiration dates for the various CE programs will vary and it is the responsibility of the BPS-certified pharmacist to check those dates. Providers of BPS-approved CE programs report all CE hours for recertification directly to BPS. Each specialty has its own requirements for recertification and those requirements can be viewed on the BPS website at www.bpsweb.org. Candidates who choose to recertify by sitting for the recertification exam must also submit their recertification application by August 1. Candidates can complete their recertification application online by logging into their *MyBPS* account. Questions about accessing your *MyBPS* account can be answered by calling the BPS offices at 202-429-7591 or via e-mail at info@bpsweb.org.

2011 Exam Registration Open on March 14

Online registration for the 2011 Board of Pharmacy Specialties Examinations opens on March 14. The deadline for applications is August 1, and the examination date is October 1. Additional U.S. and international sites have been added this year to accommodate increased demand for BPS certification.

BPS Engages in Strategic Planning Process

BPS has engaged Knapp and Associates International as consultants to lead the BPS strategic planning process. The development of a new strategic plan for BPS will be a year-long process resulting in a plan to guide BPS over the next 3 to 5 years. The process will take place in two phases. In Phase 1, BPS will design a broad-reaching environmental analysis ensuring representation of multiple stakeholders including certificants in each specialty, Specialty Council members, pharmacy organizations, employers, other health professions, and the public.

Topics to be covered in the environmental analysis include:

- Review of the current Vision and Mission of BPS
- Key drivers of specialty certification in the future
 - Pharmacists needs, wants, and expectations from specialty certification
 - Needs, wants, and expectations from pharmacist specialty certification by other health care providers, employers, and the public
- Capacity and strategic position of BPS

Phase 2 will involve the development and refinement of the plan based upon the information gathered in Phase 1. The final strategic plan will specify goals, objectives, and timeline for implementation.

Additional Professional Development Offerings Approved for Pharmacotherapy

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) now offers a new professional development program for Pharmacotherapy recertification. The program was approved by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) in January 2011.

Please note that while this program offers additional options to recertify by continuing education, BPS recertification requirements have not changed; BPS still requires that board-certified pharmacotherapy specialists (BCPSs) earn 120 hours of credit and that no more than 60 hours may be earned prior to the end of the 4th year of certification. However, all 120

hours may be earned during the 5th through 7th years of certification. For more information on BPS requirements, visit www.bpsweb.org

As an alternative to recertification by examination, BCPs electing to recertify by CE may now earn the BPS-required 120 hours using the ACCP three-component program. A brief description of each program component follows.

Component 1. *Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program, 7th Edition (PSAP-VII)*

The *Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program* is an 11-book home-study program that provides pharmacotherapy specialists with previously unpublished material on contemporary topics related to pharmacotherapy.

PSAP-VII provides a minimum of 40.0 hours of recertification credit each year. BCPs may use PSAP-VII to earn as many recertification hours as they need to attain the required hours during their 7-year recertification cycle.

Component 2. *Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course*

“The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course” will provide a comprehensive review of pharmacotherapeutics topics within the scope of services provided by pharmacotherapy specialists. The course will be offered live every April and will be available for home study in various formats including an online program and a workbook with CD-ROM package product.

A minimum of 21.0 hours of recertification credit will be available for participants each year.

“The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course” may be completed for recertification credit, either in live or home-study format, up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle.

2011 Course Availability: “The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course” will be held April 8–12, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. The home-study version of the course will be made available on or about June 1, 2011. Both the live and home-study formats of the course will include access to a web-based posttest. The web-based posttest must be submitted by September 30, 2011, to be eligible for recertification credit.

Component 3. *From Theory to Bedside: Clinical Reasoning Series*

The “Clinical Reasoning Series” will explore cutting-edge, contemporary therapeutic topics and demonstrates scientifically sound clinical reasoning and decision making. The program will be presented live each year and will first be offered for recertification credit in conjunction with the 2011 ACCP Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

A minimum of 6.0 hours of recertification credit will be available for participants each year.

BCPs may participate in the “Clinical Reasoning Series” every year throughout their 7-year recertification cycle to attain the required recertification hours.

For more information on each program component, 2011 program availability, the minimum recertification credit hours offered, per year, by each program component, and the minimum eligible hours available between 2010 and 2016, go to www.accp.com/careers/boardbcps.aspx

Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Role Delineation Study

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) is initiating a role delineation study of pharmacists practicing in the area of pain and palliative care. This activity is a result of a formal request—from Christopher Herndon, PharmD, BCPS, CPE, Assistant Professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Chairman of the Pain and Palliative Care Summit—for BPS to consider Pain and Palliative Care as a recognized specialty within the profession of pharmacy.

Conducting a role delineation study is a critical step in evaluating a proposed specialty. The purpose of the role delineation study is to determine if Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy is based upon a specialized knowledge of the pharmaceutical sciences as well as specialized functions routinely performed by practitioners in this proposed specialty.

BPS is seeking volunteers to serve on the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force for the study. The Task Force will work with a consultant to create a practice description for the pain and palliative care pharmacist including responsibilities performed and knowledge and skills required. The Task Force will be composed of 8 to 10 pharmacists representing the diversity of pain and palliative care pharmacy practice. Members will include practitioners, researchers, academicians, and consultants at all levels of experience in pain and palliative care pharmacy.

BPS is inviting the submission of names of candidates for appointment to the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force.

Task Force members would be expected to:

1. Attend a 2-day meeting on May 1–2, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ, to create an initial draft description of pain and palliative care pharmacy practice.
2. Nominate additional subject matter experts to participate as external reviewers and telephone interviewees.
3. Participate in two to three conference calls during June, July, and August 2011 to finalize the description of pain and palliative care pharmacy practice.
4. Review and approve a survey instrument that will be sent to hundreds of practicing pharmacists in September 2011.

Task Force members will be reimbursed for their coach airfare, hotel room, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses.

Please use the link below to nominate pharmacists for appointment or forward this link to pharmacists you believe are qualified to serve:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/53W96JG>

Individuals who are nominated will be asked to submit their CV to BPS at info@bpsweb.org

Candidates who are not selected to serve on the Task Force will be considered to assist in this project through participating in a telephone interview, an e-mail–based external review of documents developed by the Task Force, or pilot test the survey. The nomination form also allows individuals to designate interest in participating in these activities, if they are unable to serve on the Task Force.

Please submit the online nomination form no later than March 25, 2011. Task Force participants will be appointed by BPS on April 1, 2011.

The general process and timeline for conducting the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Role Delineation Study is listed below:

- BPS will constitute a Practice Analysis Task Force of 8 to 10 subject matter experts in the area of pain and palliative care. Nominations will be due by **March 25, 2011**.
- Appointments will be made to the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force on or about **April 1, 2011**.

- The Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force will work with BPS staff and our psychometrician, from Professional Examination Service, during the month of **April 2011** to collect preliminary data regarding the proposed specialty.
- BPS will convene a 2-day meeting with the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force on **May 1–2, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ**, to create a preliminary content outline for the proposed specialty.
- The preliminary content outline for the proposed specialty will be reviewed by the Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force and external subject matter experts appointed by BPS. Based upon the feedback collected from these groups, the preliminary content outline will be refined. This work will take place during **June, July, and August 2011**.
- The revised preliminary content outline will become the basis for a validation survey fielded to pharmacists working in the area of pain and palliative care in **September 2011**.
- Following the administration of the validation survey, a technical report containing the results will be produced in **December 2011**.
- The BPS Board will review the technical report; if the Board finds that the survey validates pain and palliative care as a potential pharmacy specialty, then a full petition will be sought from a sponsor or sponsors in early **2012**.

We hope you will join us in this exciting and important initiative. Thank you for your consideration.

Look for BPS at the Following Meetings

Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association Annual Conference
March 23–26, 2011
Salt Lake City, UT

American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting
March 25–28, 2011
Seattle, WA

College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Annual Meeting
May 1–4, 2011
Phoenix, AZ

Society of Nuclear Medicine Annual Meeting
June 4–8, 2011
San Antonio, TX

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Summer Meeting
June 12–15, 2011
Denver, CO

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting
July 9–13, 2011
San Antonio, TX