Board of Pharmacy Update – June 2021

Welcome to a monthly news roundup from the California State Board of Pharmacy. More information about news reported here is on the Board's website, www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

Recent news:

- The Board met May 27. Links to the meeting agenda and materials are posted online.
- The Office of Administrative Law approved regulations regarding <u>automated drug</u> <u>delivery systems</u> and <u>off-site storage of records</u> that take effect July 1, 2021. The Orders of Adoption for the regulations can be found under <u>Approved Regulations</u>.
- The Board of Pharmacy has proposed additional modifications to the text of Title 16 CCR § 1717.5, related to Automatic Refill Programs. Information about submitting comments can be found at https://pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/pending_regs.shtml.

Coming up:

- New Board officers begin one-year terms June 1: Dr. Seung Oh, president; Dr. Maria Serpa, vice president; and Jignesh "Jig" Patel, treasurer.
- The Board will meet June 17. The agenda and materials will be posted at least 10 days in advance under <u>Board meetings</u>.
- The CPJE will be administered June 26. Exam information is posted under Pharmacist Examination and Licensure Information. Participants must have two-forms of proper ID to take the exam and must complete an exit form during the checkout process.

A final word:

- The Board is conducting a workforce survey to help determine if working conditions in community pharmacies may contribute to medication errors. All responses are anonymous. The survey is available until June 7, 2021, at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSBPWorkforceSurvey.
- Has your pharmacy completed a <u>self-assessment form</u>? PICs are required to complete a pharmacy self-assessment <u>before July 1 of each odd-numbered year</u>. Current forms and updated draft forms are available under <u>Facility License Information/Renewal</u>. Although licensees are required to complete currently adopted self-assessment forms, either the current <u>or</u> draft forms are acceptable.
- Be sure to check the Board's website for updated information on Pharmacy Law waivers, vaccinations, and other COVID-19 resources.
- Continuing education is required for California pharmacists! To renew your pharmacist license in California, you must complete 30 hours of CE every two years including at least two hours in law and ethics training provided by the Board. Information is available under Continuing Education.