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To: Board Members

Subject: Agenda Item XV. Executive Officer's Report

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Department of Consumer Affairs Gavin Newsom, Governor



Discussion of Board's Response to COVID-19 Pandemic and Actions Taken by Other Agencies

As the pandemic has continued, the Board continues to dedicate significant resource to its response to the COVID-19 public health crisis; both independently as well as in collaboration with other government agencies. The Board continues to rely on its subscriber alert system, Twitter account and website to serve as the primary communication tools for licensees and members of the public. Over the past few months the Board has issued 13 subscriber alerts regarding COVID-19 issues and 18 posts on Twitter. Samples of some of these messages are included in **Attachment 1**.

The website also includes a list of all current and expired <u>Pharmacy Law waivers</u>, with the text of the waivers available through a link.

DCA Director Waivers

On April 20, 2021, DCA Director Kirchmeyer issued DCA Waiver DCA-21-142 Order Waiving Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines. Under the provisions of this waiver, pharmacists engaged exclusively in initiating and administering COVID-19 vaccines, and pharmacy technicians engaged exclusively in administering COVID-19 vaccines under the direct supervision and control of such pharmacist, may increase the ratio to allow one pharmacist to supervise no more than two pharmacy technicians.

Subsequent to the release of the DCA waiver, though his delegated authority, on April 21, 2021, President Lippe amended and reissued the <u>Board's Mass Vaccination Waiver</u> to provide for a similar ratio increase, where the pharmacist and pharmacy technicians are solely involved in vaccinations, as specified. This waiver will expire July 18, 2021, unless otherwise extended.

Several other DCA waivers remain in effect. On August 25, 2020, the DCA Director issued <u>DCA-20-45</u>, an order that waives specified professional licensing requirements

and amends the scopes of practice of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to allow them to perform waived, point-of-care tests used to detect SARS-CoV-2; this order remains in effect. As previously reported, the Board developed a process to issue mobile pharmacy licenses under the provisions of BPC 4062 to pharmacies wishing to provide testing at temporary locations consistent with authorizing provisions found within the purview of Laboratory Field Services with the California Department of Public Health. To date the Board has approved 2 mobile pharmacies for this purpose of COVID-19 testing. The Board anticipates additional requests will be received as pharmacies receive approval from Laboratory Field Services.

On December 11, 2020, the DCA Director issued <u>DCA-20-84</u>, an order that waived the provisions limiting a pharmacist from independently initiating and administering a COVID-19 vaccine under specified conditions. This waiver served as a bridge until the provisions of AB 1710 (Statute of 2020) took effect. Such provisions established permanent authority for pharmacists to perform such functions.

Further, on December 22, 2020, the DCA Director issued <u>DCA-20-103</u>, an order that waived provisions that prohibit pharmacy technicians from administering COVID-19 vaccines under specified conditions. Further, consistent with the mobile pharmacy licenses under the provisions of BPC 4062, a process was established for pharmacies wishing to use pharmacy technicians as part of the vaccination team outside of the license pharmacy. To date the Board has approved over 3,275 mobile pharmacies for this purpose.

Broad Waivers Issued/Extended

The Board currently has 12 broad waivers. Provided below is a brief summary of each waiver and the current expiration date.

1. Mass Vaccination Sites

Summary: Provides for the storage and redistribution of COVID-19 vaccines in compliance with CDPH and CDC Guidance Related to Mass Vaccination Sites and allows for the use of pharmacy technicians as part of the vaccination team at such sites sponsored by state or local authorities directly or through contractual arrangements with third parties. Further allows for an increase in the ratio of pharmacist to pharmacy technicians under specified conditions.

Effective: April 21, 2021 Expiration: July 18, 2021

2. Intern Pharmacists (Business and Professions Code section 4114(a))
Summary: Allows for the supervision of an intern pharmacist performing all aspects of COVID-19 vaccine initiation and administration to include California-licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, under specified conditions. Further allows for the supervision of an intern pharmacist solely performing vaccine administration to include any healthcare professional who is experienced in administering intramuscular injections under the specified conditions, including compliance with the provisions of DCA Waiver 21-139.

Effective: April 22, 2021 Expiration: July 20, 2021

3. Pharmacists Initiating and Administering Vaccines [(Title 16, CCR 1764.d(d)]

Summary: Waives the requirement for a pharmacist to notify a primary care provider of

COVID-19 vaccine administration under specified conditions.

Effective: December 17, 2020 **Expiration**: May 29, 2021

4. Restoration of Retired or Canceled Pharmacist License – BPC section 4200.5(d), Related to Retired Licensees; BPC section 4402(b), Related to Canceled Pharmacist Licenses; and BPC section 4403, Related to Payment of Fees for Reissuance or Renewal of License

Summary: Waives conditions for reinstatement of a cancelled or retired pharmacist

license.

Effective: April 3, 2020 Expires: July 1, 2021

5. Remote Processing (BPC section 4071.1(a))

Summary: Waives limitations on the provisions of remote order entry.

Effective: December 14, 2020

Expires: Effective through May 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration

is lifted, whichever is sooner.

6. <u>Duty to Consult (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1707.2(a))</u>

Summary: Waives the requirement for in-person consultation under specified conditions.

Effective: April 1, 2020

Expires: August 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted,

whichever is sooner.

7. <u>Use of PPE in Certain Compounding Aseptic Isolators or Compounding Aseptic</u> Containment Isolators (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1751.5)

Summary: Allows for the potential waiver of required PPE requirements for compounding

performed in a CAI or CACI under specified conditions.

Effective: April 1, 2020

Expires: May 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted,

whichever is sooner.

8. Signature Requirement for Receipt of Delivery of Drugs (BPC section 4059.5)

Summary: Waives the signature requirement for the receipt of the delivery of drugs

under specified conditions.

Effective: March 17, 2020

Expires: August 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted,

whichever is sooner.

9. <u>Prelicensure Inspection at Proposed Location of an Automated Drug Delivery System</u> (ADDS) (BPC 4119.11(a)(9) and BPC 4427.2(e)

Summary: Allows for the issuance of an ADDS license without a prelicensure inspection.

Effective: November 20, 2020

Expiration: August 31, 2021, or until the 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted,

whichever is sooner.

10. Prescriber Dispensing Medication to Emergency Room Patient (BPC sections 4068(a)(1), 4068(a)(5), and 4068(a)(6))

Summary: Waives the prohibition against a prescriber dispensing medications to an emergency room patient under specified conditions.

Effective: March 27, 2020

Expires: August 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner.

11. <u>Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Intern Pharmacists and General Supervision – Immunizations (BPC section 4114)</u>

Summary: Increases the ratio of pharmacists to intern pharmacist under specified conditions.

Effective: December 16, 2020

Expiration: August 31, 2021, or 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted, whichever is sooner.

12. <u>USP <797> Requirements Related to Use of Personal Protective Equipment (BPC section</u> 4126.8)

Summary: Waives USP <797> requirements related to the use of PPE, to allow for a PPE mask and gown to be reused by staff performing sterile compounding under specified conditions.

Effective: March 17, 2020

Expires: May 31, 2021, or until 30 days after the emergency declaration is lifted,

whichever is sooner.

Site Specific Waivers

Site specific waivers continue to be granted. Such waivers typically address a specific challenge at a worksite that, on balance, can be granted without negatively impacting consumers. Members have previously reviewed some site-specific waivers during public meetings and will be considering one such waiver during this meeting. Other site-specific waivers are granted because the entity cannot meet the requirements of the law, e.g., conducting an in-person inspection as required by Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 4127.2(c).

Temporary Licenses

Since early in the pandemic, the Board has worked to issue temporary licenses to address distribution of PPE, ventilators, vaccinations, as well as temporary licenses for surge locations and other pharmacies. To date the Board has issued 23 temporary licenses.

Operational Changes

Staff continues to respond to the fluidity of the pandemic by making adjustments to operations to ensure the safety of staff and the public. As reported by DCA during the January Board meeting, we strive to maintain 75 percent of office employees teleworking on any given day.

As previously reported, there are several limiting factors that must be addressed long term to sustain this rotational teleworking schedule, most notably more robust and portable computers and a decreased reliance on paper. We continue to complete internal assessments to identify the best methods to make the necessary operational changes to facilitate teleworking while minimizing impacts to processing timeframes.

As reported in July, in partnership with several other state agencies, inspector staff began assessing for compliance with the statewide face mask requirement and other physical distancing and protective measures. To date staff have perform almost 2,000 such assessments, either in person or over the phone.

Appointment to Advisory Committee on Examinations

Ms. Sodergren has been approved to serve on the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Advisory Committee on Examinations. The appointment is a three-year term effective June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024.

Biannual Report of the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination for Pharmacists (CPJE) and the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)

The Board publishes a biannual report of the pass rates for the CPJE and NAPLEX exam. **Attachment 2** includes the aggregate information for examinations administered between October 2020 through March 2021. The report includes pass rate information for the 1,397 CPJE exams administered during the reporting period. The overall pass rate for the CPJE is 50.8 percent and is 88 percent for the NAPLEX.

This information will also be posted on the website.

Attachment 1

From: General Board of Pharmacy Subscriber List on behalf of California State Board of Pharmacy

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Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Expands Statewide Beginning March 15, 2021

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Beginning March 15, 2021, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgment to vaccinate individuals age 16-64 who are deemed to be at high risk from COVID-19 as the direct result of certain conditions and settings, as specified in the California Department of Public Health's Provider Bulletin:

- Individuals with one or more severe health conditions
- Individuals with developmental or other severe disabilities or illness
- Individuals who live or work in a high risk congregate residential setting
- Public transit workers

Healthcare providers should thoroughly read the California Department of Public Health's Provider Bulletin, Fact Sheet and COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines. Providers are also encouraged to review the bulletin and guidelines regularly for updates. California's COVID-19 vaccine website with additional information and resources is available here.

Individuals with the above conditions are strongly encouraged to seek vaccination with a primary health care provider or system, or in an alternate clinical setting. Additional ways individuals can find appointments are through pharmacies, local health departments, community pop-up clinics, online at MyTurn.ca.gov and by calling the COVID-19 hotline at (833)422-4255.

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Guidance on Eligible Personnel for Vaccines Administered in Pharmacies

As COVID vaccines are expected to become more widely available in April, Board staff has received questions regarding whether pharmacies can utilize other health care professionals to administer vaccines in their licensed pharmacy or licensed or approved mobile pharmacy (licensed pharmacy). In order to facilitate the administration of vaccines by pharmacies in accordance with public health authorities' guidance to widen out the administration of vaccines when available, the Board wanted to issue guidance to help pharmacies in assisting in this public health initiative and to remind them of their duties and obligations.

Personnel Able to Initiate COVID Vaccines in Pharmacies

A pharmacy administering COVID vaccines may utilize a pharmacist to initiate the vaccination process provided that the pharmacist has the training specified in Business & Professions Code section 4052.8. A pharmacy also may permit another health care provider to initiate the vaccine process provided that health care provider's normal scope of practice includes the ability to independently initiate the vaccine process, and subject to any applicable restrictions on their ability to initiate vaccines. The pharmacy is responsible for ensuring that health care professionals have the requisite licensing and/or training to independently initiate a vaccine.

Personnel Able to Administer Vaccines in Pharmacies

A licensed pharmacy may utilize the services of pharmacists, pharmacist interns and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID vaccines provided that such personnel has the appropriate hands-on training required under Business & Professions Code section 4052.8 or under DCA Waiver 20-103 Order Waiving Restrictions on Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID Vaccines (https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_20_103.pdf). The pharmacy utilizing such pharmacy personnel must ensure that they have the requisite training to administer vaccines and must maintain records related to the training and qualifications of

such personnel.

A pharmacy also may permit other health care providers to administer vaccines in a pharmacy, subject to any applicable restrictions on their administration of vaccine, and provided that the health care provider's normal scope of practice includes the administration of vaccines and does not require supervision by a health care provider other than a pharmacist, unless the appropriate supervisory health care professional is also on site at the pharmacy.

Required Due Diligence on non-Pharmacy Health Care Personnel

A pharmacy utilizing other health care workers authorized in their normal scope of practice to initiate or administer vaccines also must ensure that such personnel have a current license to practice and meet the background requirements required of all pharmacy staff under all State and federal guidelines. The pharmacy must maintain documents demonstrating this due diligence. If a pharmacy utilizes a third-party agency to screen and hire such staff, the pharmacy must ensure that it can access such screening documents upon request and produce them if requested to do so. Pharmacies using third parties to screen such personnel must also retain copies of those contracts. Copies of such records must be maintained for a period of three years.

Supervision of Personnel Administering COVID Vaccines in Pharmacies

A pharmacy utilizing pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines must ensure that such pharmacy technicians are supervised only by a pharmacist and not another health care professional consistent with Business & Professions Code section 4115.

Guidance on Eligible Personnel for Vaccines Administered in Pharmacies

Pursuant to a waiver issued by the Board on January 27, 2021, intern pharmacists may be supervised by a pharmacist or other California-licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who are statutorily authorized to order and administer vaccines, supervise the performance of vaccinations, perform such vaccination duties as a part of their statutorily authorized scope of practice, and whose license is in good standing with the respective regulatory board. This waiver remains in effect until April 26, 2021, unless subsequently extended by the Board or authorized designee.

Reporting to the Immunization Registry

If vaccines are being administered at a licensed pharmacy, the pharmacy must comply with all CDC requirements, including reporting the vaccination of patients to the appropriate registry and providing patients with a vaccination card. During the pandemic, the Board has waived the requirement for pharmacies to provide documentation to the patient's primary care provider as required under Business and Professions Code section 4052.8(b)(3). The waiver of this requirement remains in effect through May 29, 2021, unless subsequently extended by

the Board or authorized designee.

Recordkeeping

Pharmacies that receive vaccines directly from the U.S. Government, the State of California or other county or local health agencies must comply with all recordkeeping specified by any program from which they receive free COVID vaccines. The pharmacy must also comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Section 4052.8 (excluding documentation being sent to a patient's primary care provider) and the recordkeeping described in this guidance. Such documentation includes, at a minimum, records sufficient to demonstrate who initiated and administered a vaccine to a particular patient, compliance with the registry requirements and other documents mentioned in this guidance. Such records must be maintained for a period of three years.

By issuing this guidance the Board is not expanding the scope of practice of any health care provider but explaining its view on pharmacy law as codified in statute, regulation, and as modified by Board or Department of Consumer Affairs waivers to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Release Date: March 30, 2021

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CDPH Issues Statement on Johnson & Johnson/Janssen

COVID-19 Vaccine

SACRAMENTO – Today the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a statement from Dr. Erica Pan, state epidemiologist, regarding the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

"Today, the CDC and FDA have recommended a temporary pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. Of over 6.8 million doses administered nationally, there have been six reported cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot with symptoms occurring 6 to 13 days after vaccination.

"California is following the FDA and CDC's recommendation and has directed health care providers to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until we receive further direction from health and safety experts. Additionally, the state will convene the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup to review the information provided by the federal government on this issue. As the federal government has said, we do not expect a significant impact to our vaccination allocations. In California, less than 4% of our vaccine allocation this week is the Johnson & Johnson vaccine."

For more information about the adverse effects, and what to do if you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. We will provide additional details on what this means for our state efforts as they become available.

The joint CDC and FDA statement can be found here.

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Order Waiving Staffing Ratio of Pharmacists to Pharmacy Technicians Relating to Administering COVID-19 Vaccines

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a <u>State of Emergency</u> to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements and amend scopes of practice pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

Accordingly, for pharmacists engaged exclusively in initiating and administering COVID-19 vaccines, and pharmacy technicians engaged exclusively in administering COVID-19 vaccines under the direct supervision and control of such pharmacists, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 4115, subdivision (f)(1) to the extent it limits pharmacies with only one pharmacist to having no more than one pharmacy technician working, subject to the condition that such pharmacies may have no more than two pharmacy technicians working.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: April 20, 2021

Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director

You can read the full waivers and see a list of current waivers on the <u>DCA website</u> .	
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Subject: Pharmacy Law Waiver: Supervision of Pharmacist Interns - AMENDED AND REISSUED

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In response to Department Consumer Affairs Waiver 21-139, Order Waiving Restrictions On Healthcare Students Administering COVID-19 Vaccines In Association With State or Local Vaccination Efforts issued April 2, 2021, the Board is extending and amending its waiver issued in January 2021 to provide an alternative route to supervise pharmacy interns **solely** administering COVID vaccines.

Supervision of Pharmacist Interns Performing COVID Vaccine-Related Functions in Connection with State, Local, Federal or Institutional Vaccination Efforts

In connection with state, local, federal or institutional vaccination efforts, an intern pharmacist may perform authorized COVID-19 vaccination-related functions, including vaccine administration, at the direction of and under the supervision of a pharmacist, or other California-licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who are statutorily authorized to order and administer vaccines, supervise the performance of vaccinations, perform such vaccination duties as a part of their statutorily authorized scope of practice, and whose license is in good standing with the respective regulatory board.

Supervision of Pharmacist Interns Solely Administering COVID Vaccines

When solely administering vaccines in a pharmacy or in association with state, local, federal or institutional vaccination efforts, a pharmacist intern may be supervised by a practicing healthcare professional who is experienced in administering intramuscular injections if all of the conditions of DCA Waiver 21-139 are met. The vaccine sponsoring entity at such sites should determine whether other healthcare professionals are experienced in administering intramuscular injections such that they may appropriately supervise pharmacist interns at such sites.

For pharmacy interns operating within the scope of this waiver, the designated vaccination provider organization (i.e., pharmacy, clinic, health department, or other applicable entity) shall maintain a record that identifies the supervising health care professional under whose supervision the intern pharmacist performed vaccination-related functions. The record must be maintained and readily available for three years following the end of the declared emergency and provided to the Board upon request.

Effective: April 22, 2021

Expiration: July 20, 2021

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View the CDPH statement regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at

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🚳 CA Public Health 🤣 @CAPublicHealth - Apr 13

#California is pausing the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and convening the Western States Scientific Safety Review Group to review the information provided by the federal government.

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and CDC's recommendation and has directed health care providers to pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until we receive further direction from health and safety experts.



Attachment 2



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California State Board of Pharmacy CPJE Statistics October 2020 – March 2021

The charts below display data for all candidates who took the CPJE examination between October 2020 to March 2021, inclusive.

The board also displays NAPLEX scores associated with any candidate who took the CPJE during this time period and was reported to the Board, regardless of when the NAPLEX may have been taken (it could have occurred outside the five-month reporting period noted above). Typically, the Board reports CPJE performance data at six-month intervals.

CPJE Overall Pass Rates

Pass/Fail	Frequency	Percent
Fail	687	49.2
Pass	710	50.8
Total	1397	100.0

NAPLEX Overall Pass Rates

Pass/Fail	Frequency Percei	
Fail	147	12.0
Pass	1078	88.0
Total	1225	100.0

CPJE Pass Rates – Location by Number

Location	Fail	Pass	Total
California	308	319	627
Other US	316	334	650
Foreign	63	57	120
Total	687	710	1397

CPJE Pass Rates – Location by Percent

Location	Fail	Pass
California	49.1	50.9
Other US	48.6	51.4
Foreign	52.5	47.5

NAPLEX Pass Rates – Location by Number

Location	Fail	Pass	Total
California	66	504	570
Other US	64	490	554
Foreign	17	84	101
Total	147	1078	1225

NAPLEX Pass Rates – Location by Percent

Location	Fail	Pass
California	11.6	88.4
Other US	11.6	88.4
Foreign	16.8	83.2

CPJE Pass Rates – Gender by Number

Gender	Fail	Pass	Total
Female	419	444	863
Male	268	266	534
Total	687	710	1397

CPJE Pass Rates – Gender by Percent

Gender	Fail	Pass
Female	48.6	51.4
Male	50.2	49.8

NAPLEX Pass Rates – Gender by Number

Gender	Fail	Pass	Total
Female	85	670	755
Male	62	408	470
Total	147	1078	1225

NAPLEX Pass Rates – Gender by Percent

Gender	Fail	Pass
Female	11.3	88.7
Male	13.2	86.8

CPJE Pass Rates – California School of Pharmacy by Number

CA School	Fail	Pass	Total
UCSF	7	13	20
UOP	57	51	108
USC	34	38	72
Western	23	43	66
Loma Linda	23	14	37
UCSD	4	8	12
Touro U	20	28	48
Cal Northstate	29	17	46
Keck	23	35	58
West Coast U	19	18	37
Chapman	22	22	44
CA Health Sci U	32	20	52
Marshall B Ketchum	15	12	27
Total	308	319	627

CPJE Pass Rates – California School of Pharmacy by Percent

CA School	Fail	Pass
UCSF	35.0	65.0
UOP	52.8	47.2
USC	47.2	52.8
Western	34.8	65.2
Loma Linda	62.2	37.8
UCSD	33.3	66.7
Touro U	41.7	58.3
Cal Northstate	63.0	37.0
Keck	39.7	60.3
West Coast U	51.4	48.6
Chapman	50.0	50.0
CA Health Sci U	61.5	38.5
Marshall B Ketchum	55.6	44.4

NAPLEX Pass Rates – California School of Pharmacy by Number

CA School	Fail	Pass	Total
UCSF	0	16	16
UOP	9	89	98
USC	6	58	64
Western	3	59	62
Loma Linda	4	32	36
UCSD	0	11	11
Touro U	6	34	40
Cal Northstate	8	36	44
Keck	4	48	52
West Coast U	6	28	34
Chapman	4	38	42
CA Health Sci U	9	39	48
Marshall B Ketchum	7	16	23
Total	66	504	570

NAPLEX Pass Rates – California School of Pharmacy by Percent

CA School	Fail	Pass
UCSF	0.0	100.0
UOP	9.2	90.8
USC	9.4	90.6
Western	4.8	95.2
Loma Linda	11.1	88.9
UCSD	0.0	100.0
Touro U	15.0	85.0
Cal Northstate	18.2	81.8
Keck	7.7	92.3
West Coast U	17.6	82.4
Chapman	9.5	90.5
CA Health Sci U	18.8	81.3
Marshall B Ketchum	30.4	69.6

CPJE Pass Rates – School of Pharmacy by Number

School	Fail	Pass	Total
Auburn	1	1	2
Samford	1	0	1
U of AZ	2	8	10
U of AR	1	0	1
UCSF	7	13	20
U of Pacific	57	51	108
USC	34	38	72
U of CO	13	13	26
U of Conn	1	1	2
Howard DC	2	0	2
FL A&M	3	3	6
U of FL	3	5	8
Mercer	2	2	4
U of GA	1	2	3
Idaho SU	2	1	3
U of IL Chi	5	4	9
Purdue	4	2	6
Drake	0	1	1
U of IA	5	0	5
U of KS	1	2	3
U of KY	2	2	4
NE LA U	2	1	3
Xavier	2	2	4

U of MD	10	4	14
MA Col Pharm	14	15	29
NE-MA	0	11	11
U of MI	3	4	7
Wayne SU	1	3	4
U of MN	0	4	4
U of MS	1	0	1
St. Louis Col of PH	7	7	14
ИМКС	0	1	1
Creighton	6	5	11
Rutgers	5	6	11
U of NM	2	3	5
Western	23	43	66
Midwstern U Chicago	12	13	25
A&M Schwartz	3	3	6
St. Johns	2	3	5
SUNY-Buff	3	2	5
Union U	5	6	11
UNC	2	8	10
OH Nrthrn U	1	0	1
OH State U	2	4	6
U of Cinn	0	1	1
U of Toledo	2	1	3
U of OK	1	1	2
OR State U	1	3	4
Duquesne	0	1	1
Phl C of Pharm	6	2	8
Temple	3	5	8
U of Pitt	0	1	1
U of RI	4	2	6
Med U of SC	1	1	2
U of SC	2	2	4
SD SU	0	1	1
U of TN	1	0	1
TX SO U	1	2	3
U of Hous	1	0	1
U of TX	4	2	6
U of UT	2	3	5
Med C of VA	3	2	5
U of WA	2	7	9
WA State U	3	6	9
WV U	0	1	1

U of WI-Mad	1	6	7
U of WY		6 2	2
	0	1	1
Nova Southeastern	7	2	9
Wilkes University	1	0	1
Texas Tech	0	2	2
Bernard J Dunn	1	1	2
Midwestern AZ	10	7	17
Nevada College of Pharm	28	25	53
Loma Linda U	23	14	37
UCSD	4	8	12
MA School of Pharm - Worcester	13	16	29
Lake Erie Col	4	11	15
Touro U	20	28	48
U of Charleston	1	2	3
South U School of Pharm	2	0	2
Hampton U (VA)	2	1	3
Pac U of Or	7	16	23
Wingate U	1	1	2
U of Findlay	1	1	2
U of Incarnate Word	0	1	1
Sullivan U	7	1	8
Cal Northstate	29	17	46
Other/FG	63	57	120
U of HI - Hilo	13	9	22
NE Ohio Universities	6	1	7
Thomas Jefferson U	0	2	2
Belmont U	3	2	5
Harding U	1	1	2
Husson U	1	1	2
Appalachian College of Pharm	7	2	9
Chicago St U	0	2	2
U of New England	6	5	11
Regis University	0	1	1
East Tennessee State U	3	1	4
Notre Dame of MD	3	1	4
St. John Fisher	0	1	1
Rosalind Franklin U	3	2	5
U of Saint Joseph	1	2	3
Roosevelt U	1	2	3
Touro New York	1	1	2
South College	3	1	4

Manchester U	3	0	3
KECK GRAD INST SCHL PHARM	23	35	58
CA Health Sci U	32	20	52
Cedarville U	1	0	1
U of the Sciences	0	4	4
WEST CST UNIV COL PHARM	19	18	37
CHAPMAN U SCHL PHARM	22	22	44
Marshall B Ketchum U	15	12	27
U MD Eastern Shore	1	1	2
University of Texas at Tyler Ben and	2	0	2
Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy			
Larkin University College of Pharmacy	2	0	2
Total	687	710	1397

CPJE Pass Rates – Country by Number

Country	Fail	Pass	Total
Argentina	1	0	1
Bulgaria	1	0	1
Brazil	1	0	1
Costa Rica	1	0	1
Algeria	0	1	1
Egypt	14	21	35
United Kingdom	1	1	2
India	3	6	9
Iraq	0	3	3
Iran	4	4	8
Jordan	4	3	7
Lebanon	2	1	3
Libya	0	1	1
Nigeria/New Guinea	0	1	1
Philippines	21	8	29
Pakistan	7	2	9
Romania	0	1	1
Russia	0	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0	1
Syria	2	3	5
USA	624	653	1277
Total	687	710	1397