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TEMPORARY LICENSES
(Issued since last board meeting)

No temporary licenses have been issued since the last board meeting.



Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

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February 4, 2010

Community College of Southern Nevada
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Dear Pharmacy Technician Program Administrator,

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy serves to protect the citizens of Nevada by promoting safe and effective prescription drug practices as well as help control the abuse and misuse of prescription and illicit drugs. Board staff as well as the Board itself has become increasingly troubled by the sheer number of pharmaceutical technicians (PT's) that must appear before the Board for disciplinary action due to theft of controlled substances for resale on the street, or for personal use. Of equal concern is the number of students enrolled in your program that must appear before us to explain past criminal activity or who have tested positive for a controlled substance upon random screening, some of whom may not be granted registration as a result. This is particularly bothersome to the Board knowing that the student before them had spent considerable time, effort and money to attend your program.

A few years ago I requested that the Board form a "Pharmaceutical Technician Advisory Committee" made up of PTs and a Board member, to address these concerns as well as establish a conduit between PTs and the Board. That committee was so formed and has been productive through its recommendations. A recommendation that came out of the December, 2010 meeting of the PT Advisory Committee, which the Board itself then condoned, was to request that I correspond with each of you with the following request:

An applicant to a PT Training Program makes application for his/her Pharmaceutical Technician in Training Registration with the Board of Pharmacy upon entering the training program or no later than 30 days after the beginning of that program.

This would afford the student the knowledge that he/she is eligible for registration prior to spending the money and effort to complete the program.

Thank you for considering our request as we encourage you to give thoughtful consideration to the future acceptance of candidates to your program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Pinson, Pharm. D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry L. Pinson, Pharm. D.
Executive Secretary



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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

ACTIVITIES REPORT

JANUARY 11 & 12, 2011 BOARD MEETING HELD IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

This report is prepared and presented to keep interested legislators and others abreast of the activities of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. Following is a summary of the January 2011 Board meeting.

Licensing Activity:

- 11 licenses were granted for Out-of-State MDEG (Medical Devices, Equipment and Gases) companies.
- 12 licenses were granted for Out-of-State pharmacies.
- 5 licenses were granted for Out-of-State wholesalers.
- 1 license was granted for a Nevada pharmacy (pending inspection).
- 2 licenses were granted for a Nevada MDEG company (pending inspection).

Disciplinary Action:

- Pharmacist JC and Pharmacy WG were disciplined for filling a Provera prescription with a steroid and alleged harm to the patient.
- Physician MP will surrender her controlled substance registration for a time and alter her prescribing practices with respect to those drugs (improved record keeping; staff controls).
- Physician MS (a Florida licensed physician) was granted a continuance after agreeing to cease prescribing controlled substances in Nevada.
- Pharmaceutical Technician JG was revoked for theft of controlled substances for personal use.
- Pharmacist ML was granted a reciprocal license after demonstrating recovery from illicit drug use.
- 7 Pharmaceutical Technician registrations were denied for use and abuse of illicit drugs.

Other Activity:

- Presentations were made by the Methamphetamine Initiative (Senator Leslie; Jerry SeEVERS and Neil Rombardo, DA Carson City) and by Larry Espadero from PRN-PRN.
- The usual Board business reports were given including a report from the PT Advisor Committee.