

NHPA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019


State Regulations / NH Board of Pharmacy Updates

New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy - As of November 2018, changes to the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy's rules regarding pharmacy technicians went into effect. If you are a pharmacist-in-charge at a NH pharmacy, please review/share these updated rules with all your technicians. [read more](#)

Ph 1700 - Continuous Quality Improvement - A reminder that RSA 318:45-a regarding Continuous Quality Improvement went into effect September 7th, 2017. It requires all pharmacies to establish a program to record and discuss quality related events that reach the patient. These may be tracked internally or reported to a Patient Safety Organization (PSO). The pharmacist in charge or consultant pharmacist are responsible for making sure these reviews are done at least quarterly and a meeting is held to discuss and make appropriate corrections to avoid similar errors. The program is non-punitive. Please review statute for further details. The rules attached to this RSA, Ph 1700's were voted on by the Board Wednesday, February 20th. They included near misses as quality related events. This in our opinion violates the legislative intent of the statute. It now goes before JLCAR for approval. We are voicing an objection to the inclusion of near misses. Stay tuned. Remember, however, that the statute is in effect and programs should be established and running. [read more](#)

Effective January 1, 2019 SB 376 requires all pharmacies in New Hampshire that sell over the counter pseudoephedrine (PSE)/ephedrine (EPH) products to participate in NPLeX, which provides real time PSE electronic tracking in accordance with the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act (CMEA). NPLeX is provided **FREE of charge**. [read more](#)

Ph 700 Standards of Practice - Proposed Revisions

The revision process of Ph700 continues. Stakeholders reviewed, discussed and recommended additional changes to the proposed Ph700 rules. As meetings in January and February 2019 are now complete, the proposed changes will be reviewed by the Board of Pharmacy for evaluation. Upon response from the Board of Pharmacy, additional stakeholder meetings will be scheduled. [read more](#) 

Articles of Interest

Deprescribing: A simple method for reducing polypharmacy. Polypharmacy brings with it increased risks for adverse drug events and reduced functional capacity. This 4-step plan will help you safely deprescribe in older adults. [read more](#)

National Institute of Health 2018 - The New Hampshire Report - [read more](#)

Pharmacy Technician's Corner

Renewal notices for pharmacy technicians were emailed on February 5, 2019. If you did not receive the notice, first check your spam/junk mail folder as it may be there. After verifying it is not in your junk mail folder, call the Board office (603-271-2350) to verify we have your correct email address. It is critical that you check your email daily as the Board will advise you by email if your renewal is incomplete.

Technicians will be submitting registration biennially starting with the April 1st registration date. The fee will be \$100.00 for this two year registration.

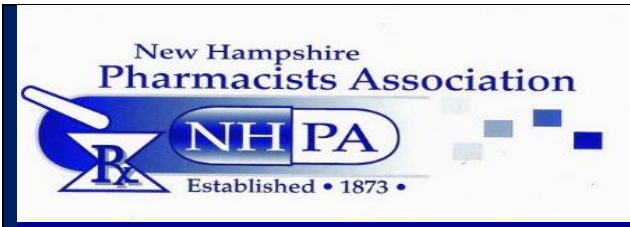
Considering becoming a CPhT? – [click here](#) for NH Board of Pharmacy regulations

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Legislative Update:

Did You Know? – During the 2018 Legislative session HB 1791 was signed into law by Governor Sununu. The bill addresses allowing pharmacists to disclose information relative to lower cost drugs under the managed care law. Accordingly, any entity may report a related grievance to the NH Dept. of Insurance which will investigate such matters relative to HB1791. [read more](#)

2019 is turning out to be the year of pharmacy legislation! More than twenty house and senate Bills have been proposed. Now is the time for you to become active in these processes. Please consider attending scheduled hearings regarding these matters. All of these bills will affect your profession. NHPA is proud to represent pharmacy/pharmacists interests.

[HB 463](#) (Licensed Pharmacist Assistant): Passed ED&A and no discussion. Prior to moving to the Full House, it will proceed to the Senate for additional hearings.

[HB 359](#) Opioid labelling- voted ought to pass. Red sticker with the word opioid will need to go on a bottle. NHPA did not take a stance. NH Board of Pharmacy does not support bill. Mandatory counseling be better as such labeling might increase the risk of diversion.

[HB 656](#)- Will re-establish the 2018 commission to study the impact of financial initiatives for commercially insured members by drug manufacturers on prescription drug prices and health insurance premiums.

[HB 657](#) - Relative to The Lowest Cost Option In The Formulary Under The Managed Care Law. (Rep. Edward Butler)

[Click to View Additional 2019 Bills](#)

Appointments

NHPA President Maryann Cooper has been appointed by governor to the Opioid Misuse Prescribing Committee (OOAMPC).

Upcoming Events

Save the Dates

2019 Continuing Education Conferences:

Tuesday April 8th 2019
MCPHS University
1260 Elm St
Manchester NH
5 – 8 PM
2 CE Credits

Thursday June 6th 2019
Cisco Brewery
35 Corporate Drive
Portsmouth NH
4 – 8 PM
2 CE credits

Thursday Sept. 12th 2019
Common Man
25 Water Street
Concord NH
3 CE Credits

Sunday October 27th 2019
LaBelle Winery
345 Route 101
Amherst NH
7AM to 4PM
5 Credits

Important Notice Regarding Our Last Chance Continuing Education Program

Due to NH State Board of Pharmacy requirements regarding the reporting of CE Credits for licensure renewal, we have moved the date of our Last Chance CE program to Sunday October 27th 2019. This will allow ample time for you to report your CE credits to the CPE Monitor.

Membership Dues

You have until March 31st to take advantage of our reduced annual fee! The New Hampshire Pharmacists Association needs your support!

- We represent and advocate for pharmacy interests.....your interests!
- We offer continuing education programs where you can obtain current, up-to-date and pertinent information!
- Our website offers you a window into your profession! Our home page is constantly updated with important professional information and current events!

Pharmacists may renew for \$75.00

Technicians may renew for \$10.00

[click here to join or renew your NHPA Membership](#)

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NHPA 2018 Awards Recipients

50-Year Gold Certificates by NH BOP

* Gary Brenner * Janet O'Grady * John Sullivan

NH Pharmacist of the Year Award

* Suzanne Stevens, PharmD, BCOP

Excellence in Innovation Award

* Linda Sawyer, BS Pharm, RPh

NH Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award

* Elizabeth M. Bergeron, CPhT

NH Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award

* Amanda M. Morrill, PharmD, BCPS

Bowl of Hygeia

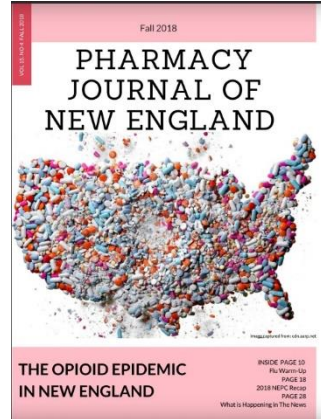
* Jennifer Towle, PharmD

Lifetime Achievement Award 2018

* Bradley Whitney, BSP, RPh

Lifetime Achievement Award 2017

* William Keefe, RPh



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The PJNE includes U.S News, State Association News (contributing associations include the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, the New Hampshire Pharmacists Association, the Vermont Pharmacists Association and the Maine Pharmacists Association), University/Colleges Update (University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, Northeastern University - Bouve College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (Boston & Worcester), Rx and the Law, Continuing Education, and much more!

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