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## NVSHP Updates

NVSHP is in the process of planning a Pharmacy Directors' Breakfast in both the North and the South for July. Please be on the look out for e-mails regarding the day, time and location. We hope all those who want to attend can!

We are also holding our next CE event on June 18th in the South, please see our website for more information and a link to register for the event. It is FREE for members and \$10 for non-members. Dinner will also be provided.

We are finalizing the plans for our Annual Meeting to be held in the South in October. Be on the look out for more information as well.

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Stay up to date on NVSHP news and events. Email changes to contact information to: [nvshp@nvshp.org](mailto:nvshp@nvshp.org)

## Message From The President

I'm proud to say that NVSHP aspires to be a highly effective professional organization devoted to ensuring that its members are valued members of the healthcare team. We deliver on this vision by our mission of providing visible leadership, education, advocacy, and networking opportunities that support you, our NVSHP members.

So far this year, we have had a social event, live CEU event, and an amazing provider status awareness program. NVSHP teamed up with Student Alliance at Roseman University to co-sponsor an evening that brought awareness on how pharmacists in the state of Nevada may obtain provider status and better serve the community in our various practice sites. The event was well attended to include several local political representatives. There is no doubt that NVSHP is leading the way as the face of healthcare changes and reforms.

Don't miss out on another valuable event sponsored by NVSHP, visit our website to get event dates for our upcoming CEU program presented by the VA of Southern Nevada residents, a director's breakfast, our annual meeting in Las Vegas, and a brand new technician workshop. Our website will have dates, locations, and registration for events in both the north and the south.

So if you are tired of sitting on the sidelines and watching, get in the game by getting involved. I encourage each and every one of you to volunteer, share your knowledge and ideas, and to challenge our organization to continue to evolve to support our members and profession. There are many ways for you to get involved as a member including:

NVSHP has many active committees that meet periodically throughout the year via conference call including:

1. Legislative Committee
2. Membership Committee
3. Education Committee

We are also actively soliciting volunteers for our technician education and event committee. Visit our website for committee contact information. I am excited for the upcoming year of service and look forward to seeing you at one of NVSHP's upcoming events!

*Robin Hager, Pharm.D.*  
NVSHP President

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### **Awards and Nominations**

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Candidate, Class of 2016

## **Updates in Nevada Legislation**

During the last Board of Pharmacy Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Board discussed veterinary medications. Currently, there are no regulations regarding veterinarians who dispense medications for animal use. The Board is working to develop an advisory committee that will look into developing regulations for dispensing veterinarians. There was also discussion on FDA outsourcing facilities and how the board should license these facilities. These facilities compound medications and there were questions on whether they need to be licensed as manufacturers. This discussion was sent back to the Board for review and further discussion.

Here are the amendments that were discussed at the meeting:

Nevada Administrative Code 453.530-Schedule III. The amendment was passed that defines ketamine HCl to include all its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers to the controlled substance list as Schedule III.

Nevada Administrative Code 639.748-Identification of person to whom controlled substance is dispensed. This amendment discussed the identification requirements needed to pick up a controlled substance medication. There was some discussion that the need for identification may hinder a patients' ability to get the medication(s) that they need especially in the situations of home care, hospice, and mail order pharmacy. This amendment was sent back to the Board for review.

Nevada Administration Code 453.510-Schedule I. The amendment was passed to include unregulated products containing synthetic cannabinoids to Schedule I.

Updates on pharmacy provider status:

Last week, Avalere released a white paper entitled: Exploring Pharmacists' Role in a Changing Healthcare Environment. Avalere is independent company that reviews literature and provides a gap analysis and recommendations to stakeholders concerning many healthcare topics. These reports are important in our efforts to pursue provider status for pharmacists. The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP); American Pharmacists Association (APhA); American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP); American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP); National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA); and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) provided support for this report.

The report summarizes, "The evidence around pharmacists' impact on clinical and economic outcomes is growing, and overall, points to improving therapeutic outcomes and reducing costs," and notes that "continued research that clearly reports the specific pharmacist services ... and the impact these services have on outcomes and healthcare costs" can help to further inform policymakers and healthcare providers. This is especially true as the healthcare environment continues to change. "<sup>1</sup>

The report concludes, "As payment and delivery models, such as ACOs and PCMHs, become more prominent, they will further shape the opportunities for pharmacists to contribute their services to deliver more efficient patient care. Moving forward, it will be critical that reimbursement policies are aligned to incent appropriate utilization of pharmacist services in order to deliver the highest value healthcare to patients."<sup>1</sup>

To read the entire report: <http://www.avalerehealth.net/expertise/life-sciences/insights/exploring-pharmacists-role-in-a-changing-healthcare-environment>

1. American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Evolving Health Care Landscape Provides New Opportunities for Pharmacists' Patient Care Services. <http://www.ashp.org/menu/AboutUs/ForPress/PressReleases/PressRelease.aspx?id=810#sthash.2gaHTaxP.dpuf>. Accessed May 28, 2014.

# Provider Status Night: One Step in Moving Pharmacy Forward

Written by: Matt Nelson, PharmD Candidate  
Class of 2016, Roseman University of Health Sciences

In collaboration with Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NVSHSP), Student Alliance at Roseman University College of Pharmacy hosted Provider Status Night on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. This event was the first seminar by Student Alliance and NVSHSP with the specific goal of delivering information regarding current pharmacy legislation.

Dr. Susan Nguyen, Assistant Professor at Roseman University and NVSHSP Director-at-Large for the Legislative Committee, and Dr. Scott Stolte, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, presented on what provider status is and its impact on pharmacists and patient care, as well as the current national and state efforts that support provider status. Part of this event focused on H.R. 4190, a proposed U.S. bill that seeks to amend the Social Security Act to allow pharmacists to be recognized as providers under Medicare Part B and allow reimbursement for clinical services. In addition to these two speakers, Student Alliance Policy Vice Presidents Keith Wellman and Matt Nelson shared local efforts that pharmacists and student pharmacists are currently participating in to support these movements, including a policy writing contest that aimed to better integrate pharmacists into the health care team.

Along with student pharmacists and pharmacy practitioners, we were privileged to have in attendance Nevada State Assemblyman John Hambrick, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Member Dr. Leo Basch, and representatives from U.S. Senator Harry Reid's office and U.S. Representative Joseph Heck's office.

With the recent passing of SB 493 in California and the introduction of H.R. 4190, Provider Status Night was successful in educating and empowering those in attendance to do their part to support provider status legislation. The event was recorded and the link to the video will be released as soon as it is available. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the presentation, please email Susan Nguyen at [snguyen4@roseman.edu](mailto:snguyen4@roseman.edu).



## Provider Status Night: A Student Perspective

Written by: Derek Quinn, PharmD Candidate, Class of 2015, Roseman University

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Roseman University of Health Sciences, in conjunction with the Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Student Alliance, sponsored an event called Provider Status. The meeting was focused on: the current state of healthcare in the United States, the roles pharmacists will play in advancing the quality of healthcare people receive in the future, bringing to light the efforts being made in different states towards establishing pharmacists as recognized healthcare providers, and what we here in Nevada can do to get involved in legislation to push towards provider status. The meeting did a great job of outlining the goals of healthcare in our country and highlighted how many Americans live in areas that have a shortage of healthcare providers or in areas that are medically underserved. Pharmacists are some of the most accessible professionals in healthcare today. Gaining provider status would make thousands of additional healthcare providers available to the public, especially in those areas that are underserved. Having greater accessibility to healthcare providers is one of the major priorities in improving healthcare in our country. Additionally, provider status would ensure that pharmacists are appropriately compensated for the services they provide. I found the event to very informative and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I was also happy to see that representatives of both Senator Harry Reid and Representative Joe Heck were in attendance, as well as Assemblyman John Hambrick. It was a great way to showcase to those legislators in Nevada just how important pharmacists are in our communities.

# NVSHP Student Corner

## Step Up Therapy: From Student to Pharmacist

Written by: Sherley Tsang, Pharm.D. Candidate, Class of 2016, Roseman University



Student Alliance had a guest speaker event by Dr. Michelle Lew talking about the transition from graduating school to becoming an actual pharmacist. Michelle was wonderful on helping me answering my questions. Just like Michelle, I want to eventually move to California and work in a retail store there. She gave great advice on how to study for the California law exam and what the process was like. She also recommended studying the Rxprep book to be better prepared for the NAPLEX.

Michelle said we should also do our P2 rotations in California so we can network around because they could be our future employers. She also said sometimes she still doesn't recognize certain medications so it is best to utilize all your resources at the pharmacy such as Facts and Comparison, as well as Micromedex. I appreciate all the advice she gave us and the stories she told us, it made me more hopeful on my future.



## Roseman University Student Alliance Chapter Wins Award!

Written by: Scott K. Stolte, Pharm.D., Dean, College of Pharmacy, Roseman University

The Henderson chapter of Pharmacy Student Alliance has earned the "Best Practices" Award for the project (Share and Reapply Handout) they submitted at the 2013 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL. This is a national award given by the Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy, and the Roseman chapter was selected from all the Colleges/Schools of Pharmacy in the US. The project will be featured on the ASHP website so that other chapters can learn from the experience of Roseman students. I am so proud of the students of our chapter, specifically Della Bahmandar, Michelle Fong, and Nestle Austero.

# NVSHP Student Corner

## Spring It Forward

Written by: Michelle Szeto, Pharm.D. Candidate, Class of 2016, Roseman University

The Spring it Forward Fair was a chance for students to share their knowledge with the community while representing Roseman University. I had a really fun time interacting with kids and adults of different ages. The majority of the children would timidly walk up to the tables, but as I spend more time talking to them I can see the shyness lift. Some in return tried to teach me what they had learned in school about diet and nutrition. Overall, it was nice spending time with fellow students and staff, watching Ingrid Michelson live, and cheering on little kids as they dance on stage.



NVSHIP wants to congratulate all of its student pharmacist members on their graduation. We look forward all you will do for the profession and hope you will continue to grow with NVSHIP as pharmacist members.

Good luck in your future endeavors!

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### Become involved with NVSHIP!

NVSHIP is seeking members who would like to actively participate in changing the profession of pharmacy. We would love to have you serve on one of our standing committees, Education, Membership and Legislation.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please email us at [nvshp@nvshp.org](mailto:nvshp@nvshp.org).