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Message From The President

First, I want to start by saying how truly honored I am to have served as the President for this organization over the last year. We have an amazing group of pharmacists, pharmacy students and pharmacy technicians serving our state society. For my last president's message, I would like highlight the success of our organization over the last year.

Legislative committee – Chaired by Adam Porath. AB 199 was passed through our state legislature. This bill addresses collaborative practice and practicing pharmacy outside of a pharmacy.

Membership committee - Chaired by Loida Nguyen. We had several pharmacists, students, and technicians working together on this committee to plan several social functions in both northern and southern Nevada. They lead a successful membership drive and personally reached out to many members to find out how NVSHP could further serve our members. They also developed some great NVSHP pins and polo shirts showing our pharmacy spirit!

Education committee –Chaired by Katherine Ward. They planned an amazing annual meeting (there is more information on the annual meeting in this newsletter). At this meeting, NVSHP members met with many leaders across

the state during the pharmacy management forum. As a result, NVSHP is sponsoring quarterly pharmacy management forum meetings in both northern and southern Nevada throughout 2012. If you are interested in getting involved please e-mail us at nvshpinfo@gmail.com

Technician committee – Chaired by Adrienne Sandiago. They planned our inaugural technician meeting in both northern and southern Nevada. The meeting was such a success, they are planning on making this an annual event.

Awards committee – Chaired by Caryn Bing. The committee was able to recognize some outstanding students, technicians and pharmacists from across the state. All awards were presented at our annual meeting in October.

I would also like to recognize our Board and thank them all for all their work in 2011! Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. As you can see, we accomplished a lot in 2011! I am excited to see what NVSHP has to offer its members in 2012!

Sincerely,

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PQA and Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative Meetings, June 2011

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Over this past summer, several exciting conferences and educational meetings took place in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area that was attended by leaders in healthcare. The agenda included the 6th annual Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) meeting held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel on June 1-2, as well as the Pharmacy e-Health Information Technology (e-HIT) Collaborative meeting on June 3 at the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

PQA's mission is to promote safe medication use and to improve medication-therapy management services and outcomes. At this year's meeting, PQA members had an opportunity to vote on performance measures endorsed by the PQA expert panel which included: (1) Use of statins in patients with coronary artery disease, (2) MTM eligible members receiving Comprehensive Medication Review, and (3) Proportion of Days covered (PDC) for antiretroviral drugs. Exhibitors showcasing their products included: Daily Med, Pharm MD, Script Yourx Future, McKesson, and Mirixa among others. Other highlights of the event included workout breakout sessions, as well as the inaugural PQA Quality Awards Program and Dinner. Topics on medication adherence were addressed and how it is recognized as a growing public problem.

The Pharmacy e-HIT Collaborative meeting was attended by the Collaborative's council organizations and was closed to the public. The Collaborative, in conjunction with the Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC), was created to improve the coding process that supports billing for pharmacists' professional services. The Collaborative, in particular was created because there was a need to create MTM clinical terms and codes that would allow pharmacists to play a more integrated role in electronic health records. The Pharmacist e-HIT Collaborative Director, Shelly Spiro (pharmacist and NVSHP member), briefed the council on the Collaborative's progress, financial report and budget, as well as future projects and meeting dates. Both of these events showcased leaders of healthcare organizations working rigorously in our nation's capital, promoting change and modeling excellence in the field. Their enthusiasm, engagement, and dedication will continue to have an impact on the evolving scope of the pharmacy practice.

Student Perspective

Hello, my name is Anthony Fermin and I have been a student liaison to the PharmD Class of 2013 for Roseman University since December 2010. It has been a privilege to be part of the board of directors this past year sitting in at the meetings and seeing how events are planned and organized and how the organization strives to improve Health Systems pharmacy in Nevada through legislation and education. I have also seen how NVSHP places importance in getting current pharmacy students involved even at this early stage of our careers. The organization continues to sponsor a scholarship for P1, P2 and P3 this year which will be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting. As students, it has been a great opportunity to interact with actual pharmacists who are working in the field in such events as the Social at the Republic last May and during Orientation week last August 2011. Some of our students have also been involved in the legislative and membership committee and there is a strong interest in greater participation this year. As current students, we are concerned about the job market and opportunities that seem to be affected by the economy as well as the saturating market and that is why opportunities to be a part of NVSHP for mentorship and networking is a valuable tool for our careers. Another benefit is learning about trends as well as legislative efforts by the organization to make changes to protect patients and advance the field of pharmacy in Nevada. I encourage current pharmacy students to take advantage of this opportunity to get involved with this great organization.

Nevada delegates Caryn Bing, RPh, MS, FASHP, and Julie Rodgers, Pharm.D., BCPS attended the ASHP House of Delegates in Denver June 12th and 14th. President Diane Ginsburg gave her President's report and President-elect Stanley Kent gave his inaugural address. Henri Manasse, Jr gave report as the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer as he will be stepping down after 16 years and welcomes his successor, Dr. Paul Abramowitz. A New Business Item of Board Certification for Pharmacists was introduced and recommendation that ASHP develop policy. Gerry Meyer was re-elected Chair of the House. The following were Official Language of Professional Policies Approved by the 2011 ASHP House of Delegates:

- 1101 Medical Marijuana
- 1102 Agricultural Use of Hormone and Prohormone Therapies
- 1103 Direct-to-Consumer Clinical Genetic tests
- 1104 Pharmacogenomics (supersedes ASHP policy 0016)
- 1105 Safe and Effective Use of IV Promethazine
- 1106 Pain Management (supersedes ASHP policy 0306)
- 1107 Patient-Reported Outcomes Tools
- 1108 Quality of Pharmacy Education and Expansion of Colleges of Pharmacy (supersedes ASHP policy 0607)
- 1109 Residency Equivalency
- 1110 Pharmacy Internships (supersedes ASHP policy 0802)
- 1111 State-Specific Requirements for Pharmacist Continuing Education
- 1112 Innovative Residency Models
- 1113 Professional Socialization (supersedes ASHP policy 0110)
- 1114 Pharmacist Accountability for Patient Outcomes
- 1115 Just Culture
- 1116 Ethical Use of Placebos in Clinical Practice (supersedes ASHP policy 0517)
- 1117 Pharmacists' Role in Medication Reconciliation (supersedes ASHP policy 0620)
- 1118 Drug Product Shortages (supersedes ASHP policy 0319)
- 1119 Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Prescription and Nonprescription Medications (supersedes ASHP policy 0609)
- 1120 Regulation of Off-label Promotion and Marketing
- 1121 Poison Control Center Funding
- 1122 State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs
- 1123 ASHP Statement on Leadership as a Professional Obligation

For details, go to <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD/OfficialLang2011Policies.aspx>



Caryn Bing and Julie Rodgers at the ASHP House of Delegates



The NVSHP membership committee held a baseball night on August 20th. The Las Vegas 51s professional baseball team of the Pacific Coast League (PCL), Triple-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, barely lost to the Fresno Grizzlies, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants. The Grizzlies were up 8 to 3 until the bottom of the ninth inning when the 51s made a valiant attempt at a comeback but ended up losing 8 to 7. Thanks to all of those that attended!

NVSHP 2011 Annual Meeting Summary

NVSHP had another successful Annual Meeting this year. The meeting was held at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks Nevada on October 14th and 15th. Entitled "Cultivating Quality in Nevada Pharmacy Practice," the meeting focused on progressing the practice of health-system pharmacy in Nevada. The NVSHP Board of Directors met Friday prior to the start of the meeting to discuss future strategic planning to grow NVSHP membership and influence in Nevada health-system pharmacy practice. The Annual Meeting kicked off on Friday evening with a Welcome Reception and Town Hall Meeting. The Welcome Reception included an award ceremony where the Bowl of Hygeia Award was presented in addition to other NVSHP awards. During the Town Hall Meeting, NVSHP members had the chances to discuss topics such as increasing requirements for technician licensure to include national certification and the best strategies to deal with the overwhelming amount of drug shortages. The Town Hall Meeting discussions were both enlightening and thought provoking.

The Saturday meeting events started with a general breakfast in addition to a Pharmacy Management Forum. The Pharmacy Management Forum allowed pharmacy leaders from across the state to participate in an open discuss of hot topic issues. This was a wonderful opportunity for leaders to share their successes and opportunities with other leaders. After breakfast, the day of continuing education (CE) programming was kicked off with Jan Carmichael, PharmD, BCPD, FCCP, FAPhA giving an inspiring look at ASHP/ASHP Foundation Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) followed by Gary Boggs, DEA Office of Diversion Control, providing a sobering look at Prescription Drug Abuse – A National Epidemic. The programming then transitioned to Adam Porath, PharmD, BCPS providing an exciting update of New and Emerging Pharmacotherapy in 2011 followed by Jessica Thompson, PharmD, BCPS discussing the challenges that are faced in Antimicrobial Dosing in Special Populations. Linda Tyler, PharmD presented on opportunities and strategies on how to deal with Drug Shortages in 2011 followed by Justin Kullgren, PharmD providing an interactive and pharmacist driven discussion on Acute Pain Management in the Opioid Dependent Patient. The day of CE was wrapped up with Joe Depczynski, Inspector/Investigator for the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, providing an engaging view of the consequences of medications errors and pharmacist's role in prevention. The NVSHP CE programming provided a diverse, well balanced and academic look at relevant topics within the health-system pharmacy realm. The expertise provided by all of the presenters resulted in a high quality CE experience.

The NVSHP Annual Meeting would not have been possible without the generous support from our industry sponsors: BMS/ZymoGenetics, AstraZeneca, Amerdose/NECC, Pfizer, Sanofi Aventis, Forest Labs, Janssen and Astellas. The meeting attendees were able to visit the Exhibit Hall during breaks and at lunch to ask questions and communicate with the industry sponsors.

Thank you to all the new and established NVSHP members that attended the meeting to gain knowledge from the accomplished speakers and to network with fellow health-system pharmacists across Nevada. The next NVSHP Annual Meeting will be in conjunction with CSHP Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada. Save the date for October 18th -21st 2012 for more excellent CE programming and networking opportunities. Visit NVSHP.org for additional details.



Kate Johnson receiving the Bowl of Hygeia Award



Julie Rodgers, Pharmacist of the Year recipient, pictured with Tracie Balvanz and Caryn Bing



Drug Shortages Presentation



NVSHP Reception

NVSHP Leadership - Board of Directors (2012)

NVSHP would like to welcome announce the 2012 NVSHP Board of Directors:

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If you are interested in furthering your involvement in NVSHP and volunteering for a committee, send your interest to nvshpinfo@gmail.com.



Brown Bag - Educate Before You Medicate

By Anthony Fermin and Kodlichi Nwanko

Hello! As Class of 2013 student rep, it has been our goal to increase NVSHP members involvement with the students of Roseman University (formerly University of Southern Nevada) the only College of Pharmacy in Nevada.

One of the proposed projects include the Brow Bag events in conjunction with American College of Clinical Pharmacy Student Network (ACCPSN). A brown bag or “educate before you medicate” is an event that allows patients to spend more time with a healthcare professionals particularly pharmacists to discuss their medications in a comfortable environment. Along with current pharmacy student volunteers, they instill the importance of compliance and disease state management to patients. It is usually held on a Saturday morning between 2-3 hours in length.

Our objective is to educate the patients in the importance of communicating with healthcare providers (pharmacists, doctors, dentists, nurses etc.) all the medications that they are currently taking (over-the-counter, herbals, and prescriptions).

Usually we ask the participants to bring their over-the-counter and prescription medications, herbal supplements, and vitamins to the event in a “brown bag” or any container due to the number of medications that they have to take due to their multiple disease states and condition. We answer their medication-related questions and concerns as well as evaluate their medication regimen. After our counseling session, we provide them with a written record listing their medication profile as well as further recommendations on how to properly take their drugs.

It is our goal to provide an important health service to those in our community who may not have immediate access to their primary providers . Hopefully, we are able to recruit some participation from NVSHP member pharmacists who can serve as special resources for our student pharmacists during this event. The Brown Bags are scheduled to be held on Feb 18th at the Quail Ridge Retirement Home in Boulder City and on March 24th and April 7th (locations TBA). For more information, please email me at

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Nevada Supreme Court Rules State's Pharmacists Have Duty to Warn in Cases of Known Patient-Specific Risks

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Based upon a ruling issued by the Nevada Supreme Court, November 23, 2011, it is now common law in Nevada that if a pharmacist knows of a patient-specific risk with respect to a prescribed medication, the pharmacist has a duty to exercise reasonable care in warning the patient or the prescribing doctor of the risk. The case, *Klasch v Walgreens*, involved the dispensing of the drug Bactrim® to a patient whose profile on record at the pharmacy indicated a sulfa allergy. In addition, the pharmacy's computer system flagged the risk for allergic reaction to the drug. A pharmacy employee spoke to plaintiff Klasch, who stated she had previously taken Bactrim and did not experience a reaction. The dispensing pharmacist did not consult the prescribing physician; however, the doctor was aware of the allergy and had discussed it with the patient before prescribing the drug. The patient took the dispensed drug, resulting in a fatal allergic reaction.

The court based its ruling on common law principles, and specifically on a modified interpretation of the learned intermediary doctrine, which has traditionally insulated drug manufacturers from responsibility in products liability lawsuits involving patient injury. Over the years, the doctrine has been expanded to immunize pharmacists from liability under the premise that the doctor is in the best position to warn a patient of a given medication's general risks. Although the court affirmed the basic concept of the doctrine, that pharmacists have no duty to warn patients of the generalized risks inherent in the prescriptions they fill, the court limited the scope of the doctrine when a pharmacist has knowledge of a patient-specific risk.

In its opinion, the court cited the 2002 Illinois Supreme Court decision in *Happel v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc*, as particularly instructive. In *Happel*, an aspirin-allergic patient suffered injuries after taking Toradol®, despite the dispensing pharmacy having a record of the patient's allergy and knowledge of the contraindication (see December 2010 *NABP Newsletter* article). NABP filed an *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of the plaintiff in the *Happel* case, supporting the position that pharmacists are educated, trained, health care practitioners whose pharmacy practice laws impose a duty to warn patients of medication-allergy contraindications (see June-July 2010 *NABP Newsletter*, page 131). In *Klasch*, neither party to the case addressed whether the state's pharmacy practice law applied, therefore, the Nevada Supreme Court did not address the potential applicability of such law in its opinion.

The Nevada Supreme Court stated that because factual issues remain as to breach of duty and causation of injury, the court reversed the district court's summary judgment in favor of the defendant pharmacy and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings.

The court's decision is available on the Nevada Supreme Court [Web site](#).



Come join NVSHP at our 5th Annual Meeting, being co-sponsored with the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The meeting will be held in Las Vegas at Bally's/Paris Hotel and Casino, October 18-21, 2012.

Information on programming and registration will follow later in 2012. If you are interested in volunteering at the meeting, please email interest to nvshpinfo@gmail.com.

Prescription Drug Round Up

April 28, 2012

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Acceptable items: Unused or expired prescription drugs (in original containers with the patient's name marked out), over-the-counter pills, prescription liquids, and pet medications.

Drop-off locations

Raleys - 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno

Save Mart - 9750 Pyramid Lakes Highway, Sparks

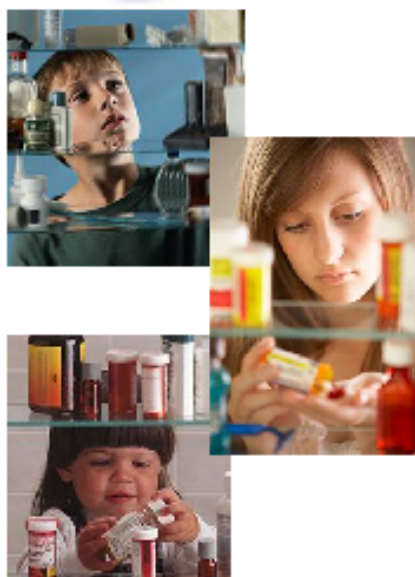
Save Mart - 565 East Prater Way, Sparks

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