



Georgia Board of Pharmacy *NEWS*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Let me begin by saying how humbled I am to serve as President of the Board of Pharmacy for 2024. It's an incredible honor and one that I take very seriously. You have my sincere pledge that I will work hard each day to provide the direction and support to make our profession thrive. We have an incredible eight-member team along with many other persons who make our mission successful. Our Executive Director and staff, Georgia Drugs and Narcotics and the Attorney General's office come together to support and guide our profession daily. I certainly could not function without those around me and I'm thankful for their support and guidance.

With that said, I hope this message finds each of you well and enjoying the beginning of summer. I hope that you have plans to enjoy some very much needed vacation time away with friends and family.

In the past, the summer season marked a slow down to a fast-paced everyday life. However, I have found that over my 38 years in this incredible profession, pharmacy does not follow that trend. If anything, the demand for our services increases daily as we continue to show the world how important we are to the total healthcare structure. Our profession is constantly changing, and I'm not surprised at all by the commitment and emphasis you place on patient care daily. The citizens of this great state are in great hands when it comes to pharmacy services so "Thank You"!

As you read over our newsletter, please keep in mind that the Board is charged with protecting the public interest but also here to support each of you in all aspects. We are here to help you through the changes. The information contained in each edition is important so please share it with your associates and staff. I sincerely hope you find it useful in your everyday practice.

Sincerely
Chuck

Board of Pharmacy Staff Changes

The Board would like to welcome Clint Joiner as the new Executive Director. Clint has several years of experience from previously working as a Board Attorney. The Board members unanimously supported Clint in his move to Executive Director. The Board would also like to thank Eric Lacefield for his years of dedicated service as he departs the Executive Director position.

It is a time of change for multiple positions within the Board of Pharmacy staff. The Board would humbly ask for your patience and understanding while these open positions are filled in the coming weeks so that we may serve the needs of all Georgia pharmacists.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Pharmacy Technician CE Requirements

On and after July 1, 2023, as a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her registration, a pharmacy technician must complete not less than twenty (20) hours of approved continuing education. (a) "Approved continuing education" means courses approved by the Board as described in Rule 480-3-.03. (b) One hour of C.E. is defined as 0.1 C.E.U. Each pharmacy technician in the State of Georgia must obtain 20 hours of continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.'s per biennium for registration renewal. 1. Certificates documenting 20 hours of approved continuing education or 2.0 C.E.U.'s must be completed and date within the biennium. (c) During the technician's first registration cycle, 1. A pharmacy technician registered during the first six (6) months of the biennium July 1 Year-One to Dec 31, Year-One, shall be required to obtain 20 hours of C.E. 2. A pharmacy technician registered during the following twelve (12) months Jan 1, Year-Two to December 31, Year-Two, shall be required to obtain 10 hours of C.E. 3. A pharmacy technician registered during the last six (6) months January 1, Year-3 to June 30, Year-Three of the biennium, shall be exempt from continuing education for that biennium only.

Just a heads up. Don't let it sneak up on you!

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Public Board Meetings

June 5, 2024
July 17, 2024 (UGA)
August 21, 2024 (PCOM)
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 6 & 7, 2024
December 18, 2024