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Tramadol Now Schedule IV

On July 2, 2014, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published its Final Rule in the Federal Register placing tramadol into Schedule IV effective August 18, 2014*. (Tramadol is a centrally acting opioid analgesic first approved for use in the U.S. in 1995 under the name "Ultram." Since then, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved for marketing generic, combination and extended release versions.)

It is important to note that as of August 18, 2014, manufacturers are required to print the designation "C-IV" onto every bottle and it is unlawful for commercial containers of tramadol to be distributed without that designation. The DEA believes that the 45 day window between July 2nd and August 18th will "provide a reasonable time for distributors to sell existing stock" without the designation and to stock inventory with the proper designation. Also, on August 18, 2014, every DEA registrant possessing tramadol must take an inventory of all tramadol stock in compliance with 21 C.F.R. §1304.11(d).

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) provides that a prescription for a schedule IV controlled substance may not be filled or refilled more than six months after the date the prescription was issued [21 U.S.C. §829(b)]. Therefore, if a prescription for a drug containing tramadol was issued before August 18, 2014, and refills were authorized, as of August 18, 2014, those refills (no more than five) must be dispensed no later than six months after the date the prescription was issued.

Call for Licensing FAQs!

Do you have a question for our licensing department? We want to hear it! Follow the link below to submit a question anonymously. Answers to the most frequently asked questions will be posted in upcoming newsletters. This survey link will expire on **October 15**, so be sure to get your question in before then.

[Click HERE to submit your questions!](#)

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The DEA's Office of Diversion Control is organizing a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on September 27, 2014. This initiative "aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications" (DEA).

This initiative follows closely on the heels of the ever-growing pandemic of prescription drug abuse. According to AWARe, "more than 50% of people aged 12 and older who abused prescription drugs [...] got them from friends or family for free." Efforts to combat this rising crisis run the gamut from the recent FDA approval of extended-release oxycodone with abuse-deterrent properties, to increased emphasis on educating pharmacists in ways to combat the dispensing of non-therapeutic use of drugs, and to various public outreach initiatives such as National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Allowing drugs to languish in the medicine cabinet after their therapeutic need has passed is one of the most innocuous—and most insidious—perpetuators of pharmaceutical drug abuse. Visit [this link](#) to locate expired and unused drug collection sites beginning September 1.

Email Newsletter Subscription Available

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy has proudly presented a Citation of Achievement to the following pharmacists who completed fifty years of service from September 2013 through August 2014 as a licensed pharmacist in Texas.

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JACOB PETER BRAUN
JOHN ROSCOE MASSEY
JAMES DARRELL MCMELLON
THOMAS ELLIS NEAL
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JOHN CHARLES ANDERSON
MARGARITA E. CHAVEZ
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MURRY ED LANTZ
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KARL A. TIBBETTS
NORMAN G. BERG
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ALFRED WILLIAM GILL
JOHN DAVID KOONCE

ROBERT EMIL LUEDKE
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GEORGE P. BARNES
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SANDRA CONNER TUCKER
PRENTISS GUY CROWE
ROBERT J. DE LACHICA
DAVID DEVIDO
DENIS RICHARD FRANK
BILLY JACK GARNER
LLOYD ANTHONY GEISSEN
DWIGHT ROOSEVELT GREEN
LYDIA ROCHELLE GASSIOTT
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FRED S. MCDUFFIE
NICHOLAS JEROME MARTINO
MICHAEL MUSTACHIA
AUGUSTUS RAY NEAL
DONALD MICHAEL PADGETT
EDDY CARYL PETERSON
LARRY JAY PITTMAN
GEORGE JOHN POUTRA
HERBERT D RANDALL
JAMES KENNETH REEVES
JON EDWARD RIDOUT
WARREN RINN
TIM RODRIGUEZ
HARVEY W RUDD
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BETH PLACEK

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SAM E WOOD
JAMES EUGENE BIZER
JAMES LEE DANEKER
WAYNE ARTHUR GILMAN
EUGENE ANTHONY RICHARD
GEORGE W. SUTTON
JOSEPH DANIEL BECTON
MORRIS ARMON DEAN
DON CARL FINKENBINDER
CHUNG LIN GEE
SHIRLEY YOUNG GREER
LUTHER GEORGE SUMMERS
DONALD RAY AMMANN
EDWARD EARL BROWN
DAN BRYANT
CHARLES DON DESHAZO
BEN MIKE ETHRIDGE
JAMES BEALL GARNER
BILLY ROSS JACKSON
JOHN W. KOUTNIK
YVONNE JOHNETTE KRUM HELWIG
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RODOLFO C RUIZ
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LICENSURE STATISTICS

This data is based on current licenses as of July 2014.

PHARMACIES			
	2013	2014	% Change
Number of Pharmacies	7,292	7,593	4.1%
CLASSIFICATION BY CLASS			
Class A (Community)	4,938	4,927	<-1%
Class B (Nuclear)	35	35	0%
Class C (Institutional)	1,136	929	-18.2%
Class D (Clinic)	374	364	-2.7%
Class E (Non Resident)	701	640	-8.7%
Class F (Free Standing EMCC)	93	134	44.1%
Class G (Central Processing)	15	15	0%
Class H	-	1	-
Class A-S (Community SC*)^	-	168	-
Class C-S (Institutional SC*)^	-	236	-
Class E-S (Non Resident SC*)^	-	144	-
CLASSIFICATION BY OWNERSHIP			
Corporation	4,348	4,358	<1%
Government	388	392	1%
Individual	240	234	-2.5%
Partnership	1,417	1,422	<1%
Other	899	1,187	32%

*SC = sterile compounding pharmacy.

^TSBP began licensing sterile compounding pharmacies in FY2014.

PHARMACISTS			
	2013	2014	% Change
Number of Pharmacists	29,128	30,167	3.6%
Residing in Texas	23,126	23,890	3.3%
Residing out-of-state	6,002	6,277	4.6%
TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY			
CLASSIFICATION BY FIELD			
Community (Independent)	2,965	3,083	4%
Community (Multiple/Chain)	8,680	8,896	5.1%
Community (Government)	245	265	8.2%
Hospital (Non-Government)	4,207	4,366	8.2%
Hospital (Government)	1,235	1,257	3.8%
HMO	77	87	13%
Long Term Care	555	565	1.8%
Mail Service	796	790	2.3%
Nuclear	119	118	<-1%
Sterile Compounding	110	106	-3.6%
Armed Services	37	31	-16.2%
Education	237	239	<1%
Government	240	253	5.4%
Manufacturer or Wholesaler	143	142	<-1%
Pharmacy Management	346	352	1.7%
Unemployed	673	711	5.6%
Retired	675	672	<-1%
Home Health	117	116	<-1%
OTHER	1,669	1,841	10.3%
CLASSIFICATION BY REGISTRATION METHOD			
Examination	18,116	18,816	3.9%
Reciprocity	4,148	4,310	3.9%
PHARMACY TECHNICIANS/TRAINEES			
	2013	2014	% Change
Pharmacy Technicians/ Trainees	56,088	57,500	2.5%

ATTENTION: PHARMACIST-IN-CHARGE You Are Responsible!

The pharmacist-in-charge is responsible for the legal operation of the pharmacy. This includes ensuring the individuals working in the pharmacy are authorized by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) to work in the pharmacy.

Pharmacy technicians, pharmacist-interns, pharmacy technician trainees, and pharmacists all receive documentation from TSBP indicating that the individual is appropriately licensed or registered with TSBP. An individual who cannot provide appropriate credentials should not be allowed to work in the pharmacy until the information is verified. Registration and licensure status should be periodically verified on the TSBP web page at the following link:

<http://www.tsbp.state.tx.us/dbsearch/default.asp>

Allowing an individual to work in the pharmacy without an active registration or license could lead to disciplinary and legal consequences for the individuals involved and the pharmacy where the activity occurred.

Have you recently moved or changed jobs?

Be sure to keep your business and permanent addresses current with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. Update your address by clicking the link below:

<http://www.tsbp.state.tx.us/changeaddress.htm>

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2014 Texas State Board of Pharmacy Continuing Education Webcast Schedule

Texas Pharmacy Laws and Rules Update *Approved for 1 hour of continuing education*

These free programs will review recent changes to pharmacy rules and review the most common deficiencies found during inspections of pharmacies.

Click on the session date you would like to register for to go directly to its registration page, or visit the continuing education page at the address listed below. Registration space is limited.

September 25, 2014 10:00 a.m.

November 18, 2014 2:00 p.m.

Pharmacist-in-Charge Training *Approved for 1 hour of continuing education*

Are you a new pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) or just need a refresher on the requirements and responsibilities as PIC? This program is for individuals interested in learning about the responsibilities of the PIC, primarily in community pharmacy settings.

Click on the session date you would like to register for to go directly to its registration page, or visit the continuing education page at the address listed below. Registration space is limited.

October 9, 2014 10:00 a.m.

For more information on continuing education programs offered by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and to register, click on the URL below to visit our education site:

www.tsbp.state.tx.us/ce_program.htm

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.

BOARD CALENDAR FY2015

SEPTEMBER 2014

1 LABOR DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

NOVEMBER 2014

4 TSBP BOARD BUSINESS MEETING, Austin

11 VETERAN'S DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

27-28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

DECEMBER 2014

24-26 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

JANUARY 2015

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

19 M.L. KING JR. DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

FEBRUARY 2015

3-4 TSBP BOARD BUSINESS MEETING, Austin

16 PRESIDENT'S DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

MAY 2015

5-6 TSBP BOARD BUSINESS MEETING, Austin

25 MEMORIAL DAY - STATE HOLIDAY - Office Closed

AUGUST 2015

4-5 TSBP BOARD BUSINESS MEETING, Austin

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became effective January 26, 1992, for all public and private organizations offering goods and services to the public. It is the goal of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to assure the public and all constituencies that the agency is in full compliance with ADA and that our office, programs, activities, and publications are accessible to anyone needing reasonable accommodations.

The Director of Administrative Services and Licensing has been designated to coordinate compliance efforts and provide information concerning the provisions of the ADA and rights provided. An ADA Grievance Procedure is available to the public, and complaints should be addressed to the ADA coordinator, Cathy Stella, at (512) 305-8013 (Voice), or (512) 305-8082 (Fax).

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