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TRICIA CAMPBELL OF POLSON RECEIVES BOWL OF HYGEIA PHARMACY AWARD

The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) is pleased to announce that Polson pharmacist Tricia Campbell has received the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia Award.

Tricia was recognized during the association's annual award banquet on January 5, 2018 at Big Sky Resort by MPA Chair Stacey Pascoe who said, "Tricia is a dedicated pharmacist who always goes the extra mile to counsel and talk to customers. Those who know her best commend her for the numerous times she has provided immunizations or other pharmacy services to patients who are home bound."

Stacey noted that in addition to being a respected pharmacist, Tricia is a dedicated volunteer in her local community. She said, "Tricia has been an active member of the Polson First Presbyterian Church for 25 years serving in many volunteer capacities. She is also a long-time member of her local PEO Chapter, a volunteer

at the Montechato Clubhouse and a major contributor to the development of the Mission Valley Aquatic community pool as a well a key volunteer with Mission Valley Live."

The Bowl of Hygeia Award is presented annually by participating pharmacy associations in each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the ten Canadian provinces. The recipients are selected by their respective associations for their outstanding record of community service. The first Montana Bowl of Hygeia was awarded in 1959 to John J. Downey of Butte. Congratulations Tricia Campbell on being named this year's Montana Bowl of Hygeia winner!



DEREK BURNS WINS GENERATION RX CHAMPIONS PHARMACY AWARD

Derek Burns, formerly with the Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital, has won the Generation Rx Champions Award.

Derek's award was announced at the recent MPA awards banquet in Big Sky. At the ceremony Derek was honored by Kevin Coffman of Cardinal Health who credited him with, "Always taking the utmost responsibility for assuring safe medication use with the intravenous medication process and improving compliance rates with USP <797> and USP <800>." He added, "Co-workers also commend Derek for helping increase patient safety initiatives and

working to increase employee safety in tasks related to handling hazardous medications."

Coffman noted Derek is an active professional as a member of MPA and a leader on the MPA Health Systems Academy in the state. Derek has also served as a Montana delegate in the national American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) House of Delegates.

Congratulations Derek!

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LONNYE FINNEMAN 2018 FITZGERALD PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Lonnye Finneman, Director of Pharmacy at St. Vincent's Healthcare in Billings, has received the 2018 Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year Award from the Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA). The Pharmacist of the Year Award is presented annually by MPA to a pharmacist who has demonstrated leadership and service to the pharmacy profession.



Lonnye was recognized by MPA Chair Stacey Pascoe at the ceremony who said, "I join with others in recognizing Lonnye's outstanding service to the profession of pharmacy. Lonnye is credited with recognizing and helping illustrate the important role pharmacists play in both hospital and community healthcare systems. When he first became the Director of Pharmacy at St. Vincent's he implemented the Pharmacy Resident Program. He felt it was imperative to create a program that has worked to build confidence for pharmacist residents to achieve their goals and help them gain experience to enhance patient care."

She added, "Lonnye is an inspiration for other pharmacists to become active in pharmacy leadership. He is not only active in state MPA programs, but he is also involved in the national ASHP organization, where he served for 3 years on the ASHP House of Delegates."

In addition to his professional involvement in pharmacy Stacey noted that Lonnye Finneman is active in giving back to his community through his participation in Family Promise, Child Bridge, Montana Family Link, Tour de Cure, and the American Diabetes Association.

TOM RICHARDSON OF HELENA WINS DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACIST AWARD

The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) is pleased to announce that Tom Richardson, a pharmacist with St. Peter's Hospital Pharmacy, was selected as the winner of its Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award. This award is presented annually to a pharmacist who exemplifies professionalism, leadership and is a role model to their peers.



Tom's award was announced at the Montana Pharmacy Association Awards Banquet on January 5th. At the ceremony Tom was commended for his many accomplishments by MPA Chair Stacey Pascoe who said, "Amongst his peers Tom is a rock star and recognized young leader in pharmacy practice across Montana."

Stacey listed Tom's many accomplishments including establishing a pharmacy residency program at St. Peter's, raising pharmacy practice standards at St. Peter's to new heights. She added Tom is a recognized expert in infectious disease (AC-ID) designation through BPS and cited his active involvement as a member of MPA and the MPA Health Systems Academy.

JOSHUA LOVELAND WINNER OF EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATIVE AWARD

Joshua Loveland of Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena is this year's winner of the Excellence in Innovative Award.

Presenting the award was MPA Chair Stacey who explained, "Joshua is widely recognized by his pharmacy peers for his cutting-edge work to improve patient care for the children admitted to Shodair. His recent efforts include working to enhance the use of Medicaid Web portals that allow providers to access pharmacy claims data. These reports allow pharmacists to easily collect a complete medication history for patients, which has provided extremely useful results for those with neurological and psychiatric conditions." She added, "Those who know and work with Joshua consider him an expert in utilizing pharmacogenetic results and applying them to psychiatric inpatients."

It was noted that Joshua is active in the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists, serves as a clinical APPE preceptor and is an active musician that perform at religious institutions, civic events and local music venues.

The Montana Pharmacy Association congratulates Joshua on receiving the Excellence in Innovation Award and for all he has done to advance the pharmacy profession in Montana.





MPA STUDENT CORNER

In the fall, students from several University of Montana health profession schools host an annual health fair at the mall in Missoula. Each fair is an opportunity for students to educate the public about health topics, offer screening tests, and represent their programs.

The MPA sponsors a table every year and last October, Steven Pierson, MPA P3 Student Director, and Christie Blaskovich, P2 Student Director-elect had the privilege of representing the MPA and their pharmacy school at the fair.

Steven and Christie used the opportunity to educate the public about the opioid crisis. Steven especially emphasized the growing impact of the epidemic and possible future policy changes that may affect patient access to opioids. Christie enjoyed discussing the pharmacology of addiction using her “state-of-the-art” orange, toothpick, and marshmallow model of a brain synapse.

MONTANA INSURERS NOW COVER OUTPATIENT CLINICAL PHARMACY SERVICES

By Carla Cobb, Pharm.D., BCPP, Montana Pharmacy Association member (carlacobb@charter.net)

If you’ve ever wished that you had a clinical pharmacist on staff help you with complex patients, your desire is now a possibility. As of July 2017, Montana Medicaid will reimburse physician practices for drug therapy management services provided by a Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner (CPP). Blue Cross Blue Shield and Pacific Source of Montana quickly followed suit and will also reimburse for CPP services.

Not every pharmacist is a CPP. To become a CPP pharmacists must complete residency training or have equivalent practice experience, be board certified, and have a collaborative practice agreement with a Montana provider.

CPPs must provide patient care face-to-face in a physician’s office. Patients must have at least one chronic condition to be eligible for the service.

Pharmacists are credentialed by insurers using the same process as other providers. Medicare does not yet reimburse for this service but practices can bill chronic care management or transitions of

care codes for applicable clinical services provided by pharmacists.

Employing a CPP is now within reach for many practices, expanding the team approach to care for patients with complex conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and behavioral health conditions. Patients can benefit from the extra attention of a pharmacist’s expertise to address drug interactions, motivate adherence, or tackle polypharmacy. Pharmacists can assess complex medication regimens and provide medication education. Pharmacists have long been key team members in hospitals and are now increasingly valued in new advanced payment models in the outpatient setting. It is now possible for physician practices to add clinical pharmacist practitioners to their patient care team.

For more information about how to become a CPP or for sample collaborative practice agreements please contact the Montana Pharmacy Association at info@rxmt.org or visit the MPA website at <http://www.rxmt.org/patient-care-alliance>. The Medicaid provider notice is available here <http://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/Portals/68/docs/providernotices/2017/provnotice2744025556ClinicalPharmacistPractitioner07032017.pdf>.

MPA SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

BILL SYBRANT

Members at this year’s annual awards banquet also took a special moment to recognize long-time MPA member and supporter, Bill Sybrant who announced his retirement as a state pharmacy inspector for the Montana Board of Pharmacy effective February 1st. Bill is past president of MPA and former Bowl of Hygieia Award Winner in 2009. Over the last 14 years Bill has been a dedicated state inspector who has traveled the state and conducted his work as true professional as well as friend and advocate for the pharmacy profession. Thank you Bill for all you’ve done and please take time to enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

LAVONE SCHWAB-BRAND

This year MPA recognized LaVone Schwab-Brand of Florence Pharmacy for her 15 years of licensure as a Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT). Lavone and her husband Paul operate Florence Pharmacy and have been leaders in their local community in providing a variety of patient services as well as supporting other pharmacy professionals and technicians. LaVone received her national certification as a technician in 2003. MPA congratulates Lavone and pharmacist technicians across Montana for their work in the pharmacy profession.



RACHEL BURDEN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE NAMED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AWARD WINNER

The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) Board of Directors announces that Rachel Burden of Silvertip Pharmacy in West Yellowstone has won the association's Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award.

MPA Board Chair Stacy Pascoe stated, "Rachel has worked as the lead Tele Pharmacy Technician at Silvertip since 2009. In this position she has done an excellent job of helping grow the business and establishing a year around pharmacy as a needed fixture in a small town. Rachel has also been the key in helping meet the demands of processing an average of 24 transfers a day, plus filling approximately 90 scripts a day during the summer months." She added, "Rachel has become a resource and trusted health care provider in her local community and her inventory management

is impeccable. She is the perfect example in illustrating the key role pharmacy technicians play in the pharmacy profession and in meeting the health care needs of small towns in Montana."

Rachel has twice been elected to her local school board and is a very active member of the West Yellowstone Boosters Club. She also served on the West Yellowstone Health Care Council and volunteers during the World Snowmobile Expo. MPA congratulates Rachel Burden on winning the Pharmacy Technician the Year Award.



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NALOXONE ACCESS, MEDICATION DISPOSAL, & OPIOID STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is working on several projects related to opioids, and the Board has been working with DPHHS on such efforts.

Naloxone: To help increase access to naloxone, the Montana Legislature passed two laws in 2017: House Bill (HB) 333, the Help Save Lives from Overdose Act, Title 50, Chapter 32, Part 6, MCA; and HB 323, which authorizes emergency use of opioid antagonists in a school setting, 20-5-426, MCA.

In October, DPHHS issued a statewide naloxone standing order, implementation guide, and overdose educational brochure, pursuant to the new law. The three documents are available online at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/emsts/prevention/opioids>. DPHHS mailed naloxone program welcome packets to all pharmacists and pharmacies located in Montana. DPHHS requests that any pharmacy utilizing the naloxone statewide standing order return the pre-paid postcard included in the packet to DPPHS to help track utilization of the statewide standing order.

Below are a few key naloxone issues for pharmacists in Montana to be aware of as awareness of naloxone access increases:

- Naloxone is still a prescription product and may be dispensed pursuant to a prescription, a naloxone collaborative practice agreement, or the new naloxone statewide standing order.
- The new law authorizes medical offices and designated harm reduction coalitions to also dispense naloxone to patients.

- The two new laws authorize eligible recipients such as police/fire departments, schools, and others to be identified as the patient on a prescription.
- Specifically, 50-32-603(5), MCA, provides the following definition for eligible recipients:

“Eligible recipient” means:

- a person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose;
- a family member, friend, or other person who is in a position to assist a person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose;
- a first responder or a first responder entity;
- a harm reduction organization or its representative;
- the Montana state crime laboratory or its representative;
- a person who, on behalf of or at the direction of a law enforcement agency or officer, may process, store, handle, test, transport, or possess a suspected or confirmed opioid;
- a probation, parole, or detention officer;
- a county or other local public health department or its representative; or
- a veterans’ organization or its representative.

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- See 20-5-426(1)(b), MCA, for additional provisions related to schools, including the following patient designation: "The opioid antagonist must be prescribed by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant. The school must be designated as the patient, and each prescription for an opioid antagonist must be filled by a licensed pharmacy."

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

DPHHS utilized grant funding to purchase and provide thousands of Deterra® bags for medication disposal in household trash. DPHHS sent bags to county contacts this summer, who helped distribute the bags to medical offices and pharmacies to then provide to patients.

Additional information on medication disposal locations in Montana is available

through the Montana Department of Justice at <https://dojmt.gov/consumer/prescriptiondrugabuse/rx-dropbox-locations>.

OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER STRATEGIC PLANNING

In November, DPHHS released a draft report, Addressing Substance Use Disorder, Strategic Plan: Interim Draft Report, available on the DPPHS home page at <http://dphhs.mt.gov>. The interim draft report highlights key takeaways from a series of workgroup meetings with many stakeholders. Focus areas include partnerships, prevention and education, enforcement, monitoring, treatment, and family and community resources. The MPDR program and the Board are referenced in several provisions, and Board staff will continue to engage with DPHHS and other stakeholders as discussion continues and the strategic plan evolves.

MPA HEALTH-SYSTEMS ACADEMY UPDATES

5TH ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR—APRIL 20-21, BILLINGS AND MISSOULA ASHP CEO DR. PAUL ABRAMOWITZ TO SPEAK

Planning is well underway for the fifth annual MPA Health-Systems Academy Spring Seminar on April 20-21, 2018. The seminar will be held at the Billings Clinic and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy in Missoula, with the two sites linked by teleconference. The seminar will highlight pharmacy residents throughout the state presenting their research projects in preparation for the regional Residency Conferences. We are also pleased to announce that

ASHP CEO Dr. Paul Abramowitz is going to be joining us in Billings to make a special presentation. Other speaker highlights will include ASHP Board Member Jennifer Schultz's presentation on resiliency and burn out in pharmacy, updates from the Montana state delegates to the 2018 ASHP House of Delegates, and tips on how to expand the role of technicians in your pharmacy practice. Hope you can join us!

2018 ASHP HOUSE OF DELEGATES ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN

Thank you to all of our nominees for this year's ASHP House of Delegate election. Jason Nickisch from St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula and Lonnye Finneman from St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings will represent the state of Montana when the ASHP House of Delegates convenes in June at the ASHP Summer Meeting in Denver, CO. Jeff Ferber from Billings Clinic will be this year's

alternate delegate and will serve as our state delegate in 2019 and 2020. Congratulations to Jason, Lonnye and Jeff!

Questions, comments, or concerns about the MPA Health-Systems Academy: Please contact Stuart Doggett, MPA Executive Director (stuart@montana.com) or Amanda Patel, MPA Health-Systems Academy Chair (amanda.patel@providence.org).

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Calendar of Events

Nominations are now open for MPA Board of Directors.

March 2: Nominations close for MPA Board of Directors. Two pharmacists will be elected for four-year terms and one pharmacy technician will be elected for a one-year term.

April 13: Montana Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting

May 2: Board of Director Ballots must be returned to MPA office.

May 31: MPA Board of Directors Meeting

June 2: MPA General Membership Meeting

July 13: Montana Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting

Continuing Education Offerings

Health Systems Academy Spring Seminar
April 20 & 21 — Teleconference sites in Billings and Missoula

Northwest Pharmacy Conference
May 31 - June 3 — Coeur d'Alene, ID

MPA Winter CE Meeting
January 11-13, 2019 — Big Sky