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NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE  
AND

FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

AGENCY: West Virginia Bd. of Optometry TITLE NUMBER: 14

CITE AUTHORITY: Chapter 30 - Article 8 Optometrists

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO     

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Expanded Prescriptive Authority

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED:     

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED:     

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

E. Clifton Hays, C.D.  
Authorized Signature





# West Virginia Board Of Optometry

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June 26, 2001

Secretary of State  
State of West Virginia  
Building 1, Suite 157K  
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East  
Charleston, WV 25305-0771

RE: Title 14- Series 2  
Expanded Prescriptive Authority

Dear Sirs:

The Board has approved Title 14-Series 2-Expanded Prescriptive Authority as a legislative rule to consolidate the drug formulary in a single rule as requested by the standing Joint Committee on Government Organization and expand the current drug formulary.

Please fax us the cover page for this rule when the comment period begins.

Sincerely,

Clifton Hyre, O. D.  
President

Enclosure  
CH/bp

## MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that all applicants for licensure and all Doctors of Optometry currently licensed, practice their profession in a manner that benefits and protects the public, and to ensure that the highest quality optometric eye and vision care is provided in a professional, competent, and ethical manner.

**CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING RULE  
TITLE 14 – SERIES 2  
EXPANDED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

This rule consolidates the drug formulary in a single rule as requested by the standing Joint Committee on Government Organization.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULE, TITLE 14-SERIES 2  
EXPANDED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

Changes to this rule are made at the request of the standing Joint Committee on Government Organization and to expand the current drug formulary.

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule.

DATE: June 26, 2001

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No.) WV Board of Optometry

101 Michael St., Clarksburg, WV 25301-3937 (304) 627-2106

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: 14-2 Expanded Prescriptive Authority

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation Chapter 30-Article 8

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public  
Comment Period:

June 27, 2001 (comment period)

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give  
of the hearing?

Legal advertisements and interested party letters

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) or Public Comment Period ends:

July 27, 2001 8:00 AM

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments  
received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached \_\_\_\_\_ No comments received \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing:  
(be exact)

- f. Name, title, address and phone number(s) of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

E. Clifton Hyre, O. D., President

WV Board of Optometry  
101 Michael Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301-3937      (304) 636-1111

- g. Name, title, address and phone/fax/e-mail numbers of agency person(s) to receive all written correspondence regarding this rule: (Please type)

Barbara L. Palmer, Administrative Secretary  
WV Board of Optometry  
101 Michael Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301-3937

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

- a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

- b. Date of hearing or comment period:

June 27, 2001

- c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

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- d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached \_\_\_\_\_



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APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: 14-2 Expanded Prescriptive Authority

Type of Rule:   X  Legislative   \_\_\_\_\_ Interpretive                     Procedural

Agency: WV Board of Optometry

Address: 101 Michael Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301-3937

Phone: (304)627-2106

1. Effect of Proposed rule:

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>REPAIRS &amp; ALTERATIONS</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER</b>	0	0	0	0	0

2. Explanation of Above Estimates:   None

3. Objectives of These Rules: To consolidate the drug formulary in a single rule as requested by the standing Joint Committee on Government Organization and expand the current drug formulary.

Rule Title: 14-2 Expanded Prescriptive Authority

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

A. Economic Impact on State Government: None

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens: None

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.  
None

Date: June 26, 2001

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative:

E. Clifton Hyre, O.D.

**TITLE 14  
LEGISLATIVE RULES  
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

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**SERIES 2  
EXPANDED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**14-2-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. – This legislative rule establishes the requirements, procedures and standards for the certification and re-certification of individual optometrists, and expanded drug formulary, by the West Virginia Board of Examiners in Optometry, regarding prescriptive authority and expanded prescriptive authority, as defined in Chapter 30-8-2a. and 30-8-2b. of the West Virginia Code.

1.2. Authority. – W. Va. Code 30-8-2a. And 30-8-2b.

1.3. Filing Date-

1.4. Effective Date-

**14-2-2. Certification.**

2.1. In order to be permitted to prescribe oral drugs under the provisions of WV Code 30-8-2a and 30-8-2b, a registered optometrist shall apply to the Board for certification. In order to qualify for certification, an optometrist:

2.1.a. Shall have previously attained topical therapeutic certification.

2.1.b. Shall satisfactorily complete, and pass an examination in, a course in clinical pharmacology as applied to optometry. This course shall have particular emphasis on the administration of oral pharmaceutical agents for the purpose of examination of the human eye, and analysis of ocular functions and treatment of visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and its adnexa. In addition, the course shall include instruction on the clinical use of Schedule III, IV, and V agents. This course shall consist of a minimum of 30 hours of instruction in clinical systemic pharmacology. The course shall be taught by (1) a school or college of optometry or a medical school, accredited by a regional or professional accreditation organization which is recognized or approved by the council on postsecondary accreditation or by the United States Department of Education, (2) a federally sponsored health education center; or (3) other non-profit continuing education agencies in cooperation with appropriate optometry or medical school faculty. All courses of instruction shall be approved by the Board; and

2.1. c. Shall pass an examination relating to the treatment and management of ocular disease, which is prepared, administered, and graded by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or other nationally recognized optometric organization as approved by the board.

#### **14- 2-3 Re-certification.**

3.1. Each optometrist applying for ~~annual~~ re-certification shall ~~furnish to~~ have available for the Board, satisfactory evidence that he or she has acquired the continuing education hours required under the Board of Optometry Rule, Rules of the West Virginia Board of Optometry, 14CSR 1, to renew his or her ~~annual~~ biennial registration. Of those required hours, an optometrist certified under the provisions of this rule shall furnish the Board with satisfactory evidence that at least six (6) hours of the required hours were acquired in educational optometric programs in ocular pathology or therapeutic pharmacological agents

#### **14-2-4. Insurance.**

4.1 All optometrists certified under this rule shall carry liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). No optometrist shall practice under the provisions of this rule unless and until he or she has submitted to the board evidence of the liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

4.2 It will be the responsibility of each individual optometrist to furnish proof of current liability insurance coverage to the Board upon application for certification and re-certification.

#### **14-2-5. Procedures for Certification.**

5.1. The educational and training requirements for certification by the Board shall be from a college or university accredited by a regional or professional accreditation organization which is recognized or approved by the council on postsecondary accreditation or by the United States Department of Education.

#### **14-2-6. Fees.**

6.1. The administrative fee for the certification of an individual optometrist for an expanded scope of practice prescriptive authority is \$200.00.

6.2. ~~The administrative fee for the re-certification of an individual optometrist for an expanded scope of practice prescriptive authority is \$200.00.~~

#### **14-2-7. Drug Formulary.**

7.1. The categories of oral drugs to be considered rational to the diagnosis and treatment of visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and its appendages shall include:

7.1.a. Analgesics: ~~provided, that no oral narcotic analgesic shall be prescribed for a duration of more than three days; and for the purpose of treatment of visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and its appendages.~~

7.1.b. Antibiotics.

7.1.c. Antifibrinolytics.

7.1.d. Antihistamines.

7.1.e. Anxiolytics.

7.1.f. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.

7.1.g. Oral Corticosteroids. ~~for a duration of no more than six days; and for the purpose of treatment of visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and its appendages;~~

7.1.h. Hyperosmotics.

7.1.i. Immunosuppresants.

7.1.j. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatorys.

7.1.k. Nutritional Supplements.

#### **14-2-8. Restrictions.**

8.1. An optometrist may not establish a pharmacy in an optometric office or sell pharmaceutical agents prescribed in treatment unless there is a licensed pharmacist on staff and present when these prescriptions are filled. However, nothing in this section or in any other provision of law prohibits an optometrist who is certified under the provisions of this rule from administering or supplying pharmaceutical agents to a patient, without charge for the pharmaceutical agents, to initiate appropriate treatment.

8.2. Any optometrist practicing under the authority of this rule shall be held to the same standards of care as that of other health care practitioners providing similar services

8.3. No optometrist shall practice under the provisions of this rule unless and until he or she submits to the board evidence of satisfactory completion of all of the education requirements of 2.1.a., 2.1.b. and 2.1.c. of this rule and have been certified by the board as educationally qualified.



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July 27, 2001

In Reply Refer To: 581/123

Mr. Ronald D. Walton  
Executive Director  
West Virginia Board of Medicine  
101 Dee Drive  
Charleston, WV 25311

SUBJ: Optometry Title 14-2

The West Virginia Board of Optometry is in receipt of your letter of July 18, 2001, detailing your suggestions for the proposed amendments to Title 14-Series 2, Expanded Prescriptive Authority.

In careful review of your comments, the Board would like to thank Dr. Shelley Schliesser and you for taking the time to express your thoughts on this issue. In particular, the Board wants you to fully realize that it takes its responsibility very seriously to insure that the public welfare is protected and that the profession is practiced responsibly by all of the State's optometrists.

Although the Board supports the rule to include immunosuppressants, the Board recognizes Dr. Schliesser's concerns and will carefully review their level of criticality and safety to be appropriately included on the formulary.

The Board very much appreciates the considered input of the West Virginia Board of Medicine as the Board strives to constantly improve and monitor the welfare of patients who receive their eye and vision care from optometrists.

If the West Virginia Board of Optometry can provide any additional information to you, please feel free to contact us at: (304) 627-2106

Sincerely,

E. Clifton Hyre, O.D.  
President, West Virginia Board of Optometry

cc: Sajit Singh, M.D., President, West Virginia Board of Medicine

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Clifton Hyre, O.D., President  
West Virginia Board of Optometry  
101 Michael Street  
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301-3937

Re: Your letter of July 2, 2001, enclosing proposed amendments to Title 14,  
Series 2 – Expanded Prescriptive Authority.

Dear Dr. Hyre:

The above referenced proposal has been received, and the Board of Medicine determined at its regular meeting on July 9, 2001, to obtain input from a Doctor of Pharmacy consultant whose expertise has been most beneficial to the Board in other pharmaceutical matters.

Enclosed please find Dr. Schliesser's comments on your proposal, wherein she specifically notes that immunosuppressants should not be added to your proposed drug formulary due to their high potential for adverse effects and because they often require significant monitoring. Also enclosed for your information is a copy of Dr. Schliesser's resume.

Please accept the enclosed comments as comments from the West Virginia Board of Medicine. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald D. Walton".

Ronald D. Walton

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Enclosures

pc: Sarjit Singh, M.D., w/enclosures

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Sarjit Singh, M.D.  
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July 18, 2001

Ronald D Walton  
Physicians Assistant Committee  
West Virginia Board of Medicine  
101 Dee Drive  
Charleston, WV 25311

RE: Regarding the optometrist proposed expanded prescriptive authority

Dear Mr. Walton,

Thank you for allowing me to review the proposed expanded prescriptive authority for optometrists. The following agents (taken directly from the proposed document) were considered. When necessary, comments and concerns were listed next to the proposed drug class.

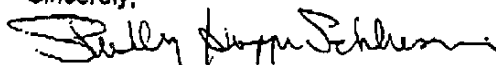
7.1. The categories of oral drugs to be considered rational to the diagnosis and treatment of visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye and its appendages shall include:

- 7.1.a Analgesics
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- 7.1.c Antifibrinolytics
- 7.1.d Antihistamines
- 7.1.e Anxiolytics
- 7.1.f Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- 7.1.g Oral corticosteroids
- 7.1.h Hyperosmotics
- 7.1.i Immunosuppressants  
(Recommend this class of agents not be approved; such systemic agents [example: methotrexate, cyclosporine] have a high potential for adverse effects and often require significant monitoring)
- 7.1.j Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories
- 7.1.k Nutritional supplements

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any of the following numbers.

Pager: 330-6294  
Home phone: 727-5707  
Day phone: 388-6294  
Fax: 388-6735

Sincerely,



Shelley Hoppe Schliesser, PharmD



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### SHELLEY HOPPE SCHLIESSER

#### ADDRESS

Home:  
1011 Green Valley Dr  
St Albans, West Virginia 25177  
(304) 727-5707

Work:  
Charleston Area Medical Center  
Pharmacy and Drug Information  
501 Morris Street  
Charleston, West Virginia 25326-1547  
(304) 348-6294

#### PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: July 1, 1996  
Place of birth: Akron, Ohio  
Licensure: Ohio: 03-2-17787  
Kentucky: 010772  
West Virginia: RP0005720

#### EDUCATION

- 1991 - 1993 Doctor of Pharmacy  
The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy  
Toledo, Ohio
- 1984 - 1989 Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy  
The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy  
Toledo, Ohio

#### CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

- 1995 - present Drug Information Specialist  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia

##### Experiences include:

Directing the activities of a drug information center, answering drug information questions, reporting and impacting the decisions of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, coordinator of the Medication Use Committee (sub committee of Pharmacy & Therapeutics), coordinator of the CNS/ Autonomic/ Psychiatric Work Team (working committee of Pharmacy & Therapeutics), member of the advisory team for Alternative Health, developing and revising policies (including non-pharmacy department), education implementing, evaluating, and reporting a computerized multidisciplinary adverse drug reaction reporting program, precepting residents and students, staff development, writing information for *the Professional* (monthly hospital-wide newsletter), writing and editing for *Medication Safety Alert* and *Charleston Area Medical Center Drug Information Alert* (quarterly hospital-wide news memos to nursing), precepting PSAP modules, monitoring nonformulary usage, maintaining formulary

- 1994 - 1995 Drug Information Specialty Residency  
University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky

##### Experiences gained in clinical residency included:

Revising, writing, and preparing articles for *News for Nurses* and *Current Topics* (monthly internal newsletters), responding to drug information questions, preparing and presenting at Pharmacy & Therapeutics monthly meetings,

evaluation of formulary compliance, assisting in coordination of the adverse drug reaction program, drug policy development, leading group discussions including journal clubs

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995 – present Drug Information Specialist

Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia

Responsibilities include: staff development, providing drug information, active participant in Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, adverse drug reaction analysis and reporting, monitoring nonformulary usage, maintenance of formulary

1993 – 1995

Resident/ Staff Pharmacist

University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky

Responsibilities included: pharmaceutical care, distribution, order entry, providing drug information to physicians, nurses, and patients

1992 – 1993

Teaching Assistant

The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

Responsibilities included: adverse drug reaction documentation, drug study of erythropoietin cost and quality of care

1991 – 1992

Part Time Staff Pharmacist

The Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio

Responsibilities included: order entry validation, screening of medications and orders, providing drug information to physicians, nurses, and the general public

1990 – 1991

Clinical Surgery Satellite Pharmacist

Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio

Responsibilities included: developing drug policies and procedures, training personnel, tracking medication errors, consultation for drug dosing in renal dysfunction, and drug use evaluation

1989 – 1990

Staff Pharmacist

Akron City Hospital, Akron, Ohio

Responsibilities included: order entry validation, intravenous order entry, intravenous compounding, screening of medications and orders, providing information to physicians, nurses, and the general public

1989 – 1989

Staff Pharmacist

Finney's Drug Store, Canton, Ohio

Responsibilities included: prescription screening and dispensing, compounding, patient counseling, physician consultation, and generating nightly reports

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

West Virginia Pharmaceutical Association (1999 – 2000)

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Clinical Specialist subgroup

April 1993

*OKT-3 Aseptic Meningitis*  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio  
Presented to pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

March 1993

*Total Parenteral Nutrition and Compatibility*  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio  
Presented to physicians, nutritionists, nurses, and pharmacists

February 1993

*Cyclosporine Induced Hypertension*  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio  
Presented to pharmacists

September,  
November,  
December 1992

*Fluoxetine Use in Borderline Personality Disorder*  
University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio  
University Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio  
Veterans Administration Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio  
Presented to clinical faculty, staff, and PharmD candidates

#### LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

Responsible as author and editor of *Medication Safety Alerts* (initiated fall 1998 to present)

A quarterly news memo distributed via e-mail to nurses within CAMC  
Topics include: medication and administration errors

Responsible as author and editor of *Charleston Area Medical Center Drug Information Alert* (initiated fall 1998 to present)

An as needed news memo (usually quarterly) distributed via e-mail to nurses within CAMC.

Topics include: short monographs on new agents recently added to formulary, quick tips regarding drugs and administration, information relating to drugs, administration, therapeutic interchange and formulary

Co-author to *Physician's News*

A newsletter distributed via website to physicians and allied healthcare professionals within CAMC.

Schliesser SH, McKenna EF. *Herbals and Natural Products Impact Traditional Medicine*. *The Professional*, September 1998: 1-4.

Schliesser SH. *Reporting an Adverse Drug Reaction* (quick information). *The Professional*, May 1997: 3.

Hamrick JT, Schliesser SH. *Alternative Health Products*. *The Professional*, July 1996: 6-1996: 8.

McDevitt PW, Schliesser SH. *Intravenous Use of Vitamin K1*. *The Professional*, March 1996: 9.

Continuing Education credits Approved

March 1998

*Alternative Medicine, Focus on Herbs and Other Natural Products, Natural Does Not Always Mean Safe*  
West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Presented to WVU pharmacy students and faculty

January 1998

*Alternative Medicine, Focus on Herbs*  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to nurses and midwives  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

April 1997

*Overview of the Medication use Evaluation (MUE) Process*  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

March 1996

*Using Drug References Effectively*  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

January  
April 1995

*Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Paperless Drug Information Data Entry System*  
Great Lakes Conference, Madison, Wisconsin  
University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky  
Presented to pharmacists, students, and faculty  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

December 1994

*National Survey of the Influence of Pharmaceutical Sales Representatives on the Formulary System*  
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear  
Clinical Meeting, Miami, Florida  
Poster presentation

December 1994

*Information Management through a Paperless System of Documenting Drug Information Requests*  
American Society of Health-System Pharmacist Midyear  
Clinical Meeting, Miami, Florida  
Poster presentation

February  
March 1994

*Impact of the Pharmaceutical Sales Representative on the Formulary System*  
University of Kentucky Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky  
Great Lakes Conference, Toledo, Ohio  
Presented to pharmacists, students and faculty  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

West Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists (Regional Vice-President  
1999 - present, Secretary 1996 - 1999)  
Kentucky Society of Hospital Pharmacists (1993 - 1995)  
Ohio Society of Hospital Pharmacists (1989 - 1992)

## PRESENTATIONS

March 2001

*Alternative Medicines (Focus on Popular Agents and Drug Interactions)*  
Charleston Area Medical Center  
Presented to Cardiology including Physicians, Nursing and Physical Therapy

February 2001

*Drug Information on the Internet (workshop)*  
Charleston Area Medical Center  
Presented to Pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

February 2001

*Adverse Drug Reactions: Definition, evaluation, and Application*  
Charleston Area Medical Center  
Presented to Pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

October 2000

*Adverse Drug Events*  
West Virginia Nurses Association  
Holiday Inn, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to nurses  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

October 2000

*Alternative Medicines: Herbs and Other Dietary Supplements*  
Charleston District Dietetic Association and West Virginia Society of Healthcare  
Food Service Administrators  
Camcare's Education and Training Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to registered dieticians

August 2000

*Adverse Drug Events: Focus on Adverse Drug Reactions*  
West Virginia University, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to physicians and pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved

June,

January 2000

June,

January 1999

June,

January 1998

June 1997

*Adverse Drug Reactions*  
New Nurses In-service  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia

December 1999

- Alternative Medicines in the Elderly Population*  
Geriatric Conference  
Charleston Area Medical Center  
Presented to nurses and physicians
- June 1999
- Adverse Drug Reactions: Impact on the Patient, Institution, and Country*  
West Virginia Pharmaceutical Association  
Holiday Inn, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved
- May 1999
- Psychiatric Medications*  
Masters of Nursing  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to nurses  
Continuing Education Credits Approved
- May 1999
- Alternative/ Complementary Medicine: Focus on Herbs and Other Natural Products, Natural Does Not Always Mean Safe*  
Beni Kedem  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to the wives of the Shriners
- September 1998
- Alternative/ Complementary Medicine: Focus on Herbs and Other Natural Products, Natural Does Not Always Mean Safe*  
Raleigh General, Beckley, West Virginia  
Presented to physicians, pharmacists, nurses and the general public
- July 1998
- Overview of the Medication Use Evaluation (MUE) Process*  
Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to pharmacists and resident pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved
- May 1998
- Adverse Drug Reactions*  
West Virginia University, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to physicians and pharmacists  
Continuing Education Credits Approved
- April 1998
- Alternative Medicine: Focus on Herbs*  
Nursing Panorama  
Embassy Suites, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to nurses  
Continuing Education Credits Approved
- March 1998
- Alternative Medicine, Focus on Herbs*  
West Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists  
Embassy Suites, Charleston, West Virginia  
Presented to pharmacists

Schliesser SH. *Nitrate Tolerance*. The Professional, February 1996: 4.

Schliesser SH. *Drug Information Questions* (quick information). The Professional, February 1996: 4.

#### NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Lucas KH, Schliesser SH, O'Neil MG. *Shaking, Chills, Rigors with Once-Daily Gentamycin*. Pharmacotherapy. 1999;

Hoppe SA, Gora Harper ML. *Pharmaceutical Sale Representatives Effect on the Formulary System*. American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. 1995; 52: 1549-51.

Hoppe SA, Chandler M. *Constructive vs Destructive Criticism*. American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. 1995; 52: 103.

Hoppe SA, Gora Harper ML. *Lactobacillus Stability*. US Pharmacist, (in press).

#### CONSULTANT

Evaluated, developed, and recommended the implementation of a "For Profit" drug information center. Carolinas Poison Center, Charlotte, North Carolina - November 1998

#### TEACHING

1995 - present Charleston Area Medical Center  
Precept pharmacy residents, BS and PharmD West Virginia University (and other miscellaneous colleges as requested) and University of Kentucky nontraditional PharmD students in the Drug Information Center

1995 University of Kentucky, College of Pharmacy  
Drug Literature Evaluation  
*Giving slide, overhead, and poster presentations*

1994 University of Kentucky, College of Pharmacy  
PHR 874 Drug Literature Evaluation  
*Study design*  
*Pharmacoepidemiologic analysis*  
*Surveys analysis*

1994 University of Kentucky, College of Pharmacy  
Assisted in the experiential training of PharmD students and Pharmacy Practice residents in the Drug Information Center

#### PROJECTS

Completed or in progress at Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia  
Implementing and continually maintaining formulary on the intranet and ensuring the pharmacy computer and CAMC formulary are equivalent. Identifying ways to improve the system. (1998 - present)

Maintaining and implementing therapeutic interchange as approved by Pharmacy & Therapeutics and Medical Executive committees hospital wide (1998 - present)

Developing pathways to meet the Medication Use Indicators by JCAHO (1998)

Developing a standardized method to evaluate creatinine clearance on patients greater than 60 years and those with a SCr greater or equal to 1.5. Taking this information on renal function and monitoring appropriate medication dosage in such patients. (1998 - present)

Assisting and advising (to a pharmacy practice resident) in the development, committee manipulation, and completion of a Medication Use Evaluation involving cisapride use in patients with contraindications and precautions. (1998 - 1999)

Development and implementation of ClinITrend. A computer base program that allows documentation of all clinical interventions provided by pharmacists. (1997 - 1998)

Development of a standardized teaching manual and tests for pharmacokinetics services provided by pharmacists. (1997 - 1998)

Updating the services provided by an existing drug information center including: computerized documentation of drug information requests, training center for pharmacy staff and residents, managing formulary reviews, assisting the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee in formulary management and policy issues, providing drug information to pharmacists and the healthcare institution, reporting and analysis center for adverse drug reactions. (1995 - present)

Revising the adverse drug reaction reporting to be a hospital-wide multidisciplinary program including: development, teaching, going through the appropriate committees, management, analysis, and reporting. (1995 - present)

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Assisting in a quality of life and pharmacoepidemiologic study with the University Hospital Consortium on antiemetic use in hospitalized cancer chemotherapy patients. (completed)

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Aiding in the creation of Meter Magic, a computer based game that teaches children how to use their inhalers appropriately. (completed)

## REFERENCES

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In Reply Refer To: 581/123

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SUBJ: Optometry Title 14-2

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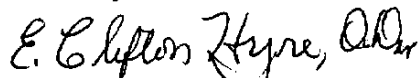
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To Whom It May Concern:

Several days ago I sent comments regarding proposed rule changes to Chapter 20, Article 8, Expanded Prescriptive Authority.

I inadvertently sent the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the letter to your office, instead of the final letter. While this only effects the editorial composition and references to the rule, I wanted to provide you with a follow-up corrected letter. Please accept this corrected letter.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 2001

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Dear Dr. Hyre,

This letter is in response to the WV Board of Optometry's proposed rules filed on June 27, 2001 effecting Title 14-2-1 through 14-2-8. After a thorough review of the proposed changes we feel compelled to respond on behalf of the West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA). The WV Board of Optometry was asked by the Government Organization Subcommittee B to re-write the rule relating to "Expanded Prescriptive Authority" due to conflicts between the rule and the current code (§30-8-2a). The WVSMA feels the Board has gone beyond its direction and has used this opportunity to expand of the Optometry scope of practice.

The various changes that have been submitted in the proposed rule reach beyond the realm of any agreement entered into or discussed over the past few years among the key interest groups and the legislature. In particular it is specifically contrary to agreements made by the medical community (i.e. ophthalmologists and optometrists) when the "clean-up bill" was before the Senate Health Committee and the House Government Organization Committee during the 2001 legislative session.

WV Code §30-8-2a currently allows the Board to grant qualified optometrists to prescribe the following drugs: oral antibiotics, oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors in conjunction with rules approved according to Chapter 29 of the WV Code. The proposed rule attempts to greatly expand this authority. The following are the changes proposed in the rule:

- A) Deletes the restriction of "oral" from antibiotics;
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- D) Adds Hyperosmotics--There are systematic side effects to this type of drug that need careful monitoring from a physician. Inappropriate application of the drugs can result in hypertension and other serious medical problems.
- E) Adds Nutritional Supplements— this issue has never been discussed among the interest groups.

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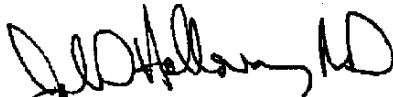
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For the reasons stated, the West Virginia State Medical Association is opposed to these proposed changes. This Association respectfully recommends the agreed upon prescriptive limits set out in 1997-98 and suggests that the Board amend the rules to incorporate only what the Government Organization Committee has directed you to do.

Respectfully,



John D. Holloway, MD  
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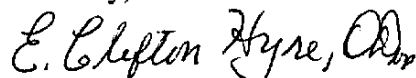
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