



E-News Update February 2021

You're invited to attend the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation 2021 virtual

Medical & Health Symposium

<u>Register now</u>! Join other pharmacists from around the country for a free, award-winning virtual medical symposium. The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has designed three virtual online <u>educational tracks</u> with free continuing education opportunities.

Session topics this year will cover a wide variety of issues such as opioid addiction, violence in the workplace, clinical insights into COVID-19, and much more.

Kindly SAVE THE DATE APRIL 8-10 2021 Our first-ever virtual Medical & Health Symposium

Continuing education credits are being requested for numerous

medical professions including Doctor of Pharmacy. Register now to secure your spot at this year's symposium!

Questions? For more information about this event, visit the BWC <u>webpage</u>. If you have questions, please call the BWC provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, options 0-3-0 or email <u>medsymposium@bwc.state.oh.us</u>.

Scam Alert: Fake Prescriptions for Promethazine

The Board has been alerted by local law enforcement of a new scam involving fake prescriptions for promethazine-codeine cough syrup. Pharmacists are encouraged to carefully review any prescriptions for this medication, especially for new patients. Local authorities report that scammers are using fake prescriptions send via facsimile. If you suspect a prescription may be fraudulent, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Board of Pharmacy.

Prescriber Compounding Rules Effective 3/31/2021

Effective March 31, 2021, new rules for prescriber compounding (Chapter 4729:7-3 of the Administrative Code) go into effect.

To assist licensees in complying with the new rule chapter, the Board recently published a prescriber compounding inspection guide, which may be accessed using the following link: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PrescriberComp. It is also available on the TDDD licensing page under the "Inspection Guide" header: https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/TDDD.aspx

Reminder: Requirements for Outpatient Opioid Prescriptions

The Board has received questions regarding when a prescription can be dispensed when more than 14 days have elapsed since the prescription was issued. Licensees are reminded that the limit does not apply to an opioid medication that is to be used as part of an individual's treatment for opioid dependence or addiction.

More information about the requirements for opioid outpatient prescriptions can be found here.

COVID-19 Updates