



### Message from the Chairman

Hafa Adai and welcome to the first issue of the Guam Pharmacy Board Newsletter! We envision this newsletter as a means to help make the island's health care community informed and updated about relevant pharmacy news, matters and events, and we aim to release issues at least twice a year.

One of the Board's main goals is to improve the compliance of everyone with all applicable local and Federal pharmacy rules and regulations. We believe that continuous education and information dissemination are key to achieving this goal. We truly want Guam's pharmacy practices and standards to be the best that they can be, and at par with National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, national guidelines and standards.

We thank you for your support, and hope that you enjoy this issue!

Arthur S. Mariano  
Chairman

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# Pharmacy Board Newsletter

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### What's New with the Pharmacy Board

#### **DEA Reschedules Hydrocodone Combination Products as Schedule II**

On October 6, 2014, all hydrocodone combination products (HCPs), including products such as Vicodin, Lortab, Norco, and Tussionex, were rescheduled federally into Schedule II from Schedule III. HCPs are the number one prescribed opioid in the United States. HCPs are now subject to the more stringent Schedule II regulatory controls and sanctions on anyone handling them. The announcement is available on the Federal Register website at <https://federalregister.gov/articles/2014/08/22/2014-19922/schedules-of-controlled-substances-rescheduling-of-hydrocodone-combination-products-from-schedule>.



#### **DEA Classifies Tramadol a Controlled Substance**

The pain reliever tramadol is now classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as of August 18, 2014. The announcement is available on the Federal Register website at [www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/07/02/2014-15548/schedules-of-controlled-substances-placement-of-tramadol-into-schedule-iv](http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/07/02/2014-15548/schedules-of-controlled-substances-placement-of-tramadol-into-schedule-iv).

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#### **Guam Pharmacy Rules and Regulations Being Updated**

A working subcommittee on the revision of rules and regulations has been recently formed to address the ever changing environment and practice of pharmacy. Input from practicing professionals is highly encouraged.

#### **Joseph Quinata, RPh, Retiring**

Joseph Quinata, RPh, recently announced his resignation from the Board effective August 2014. This marks his dedication of over 30 years to the Board, as an appointed member and as the Chairman. The Board expresses its utmost appreciation for his voluntarism and service through the years. Best wishes from the Board to Mr. Quinata and his family.

#### **Board Member Appointment**

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo appointed Margaret Greenwood, RPh, to serve a three-year term to the Board, which began in November 2014.

#### **Julius Fernando, RPh, Pharmacist of the Year**

The Guam Pharmacists Association (GPhA) awarded Julius Fernando, RPh, the 2014 Pharmacist of the Year award. He received this award during the GPhA gala on October 25, 2014.

### Board Now Accepting Early Renewal Filings

Beginning February 2015, the Board is accepting early renewal applications for the following licenses: Registered Pharmacist, Registered Pharmacist Intern, Registered CPhT, Registered Technician, Pharmacy Outlet, Wholesaler with expiration date 9/30/15. Registrants are encouraged to file their renewals early to avoid the large influx during the last quarter of the year. The new licenses which will bear the expiration dates 9/30/16 for outlets and 09/30/17 for individual registrants, will be released following the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter board meetings. Registrants are also urged to fill in and sign all items on the form correctly and completely to avoid returns due to incomplete forms. Continuing education hours (30 for Pharmacists; 20 for Technicians) must be earned during the period of October 2013 thru September 2015 in order to be credited. For more information, contact the board office.



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## Board Approves New Registrants in 2013-2015

The following candidates met licensure requirements in Guam:

### Registered Pharmacists

Anna Jane Bautista  
Jizan Anne Benavente  
Janet Cruel  
Veronica Cummings  
Kristine Feliciano  
Ruben Garzon  
Robert Goodhue Jr.  
Jee Youn Kim  
Jamie Lee  
Tami Morford  
Tri Nguyen  
Thomas Rozewics  
Patrick Sosa  
Philip Tagariello  
Annalyn Tiu  
Minh Tran  
Reece Uyeno  
Michael Porter (2015)

### Pharmacist Interns

Blanche Ann Duarosan  
Alexis Rae Gonzales

Una Lee

### Registered Certified Pharmacy Technicians

Mary Ellaine Alimurong  
Cynia Baltazar  
Aubrienne Barreto  
Janessa Barrogo  
Reed Diosa  
Jennie Ebidag  
Charmaine Elamparo  
Jennifer Gozum  
Maricel Gozun  
Cherie May Guhit  
Kristin Hseuh  
Sonny Kenbaroy  
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Patrick Padilla  
Eloisa Joyce Penaloza  
Marvin Peregrino  
Abriana Pinola

Earlynn Raguindin  
Kristine Rea  
Erla Grace Sarmiento  
Analyn Sazon  
Jong Keon Shin  
Allen Marc Soriano  
Joshua Steven Sual  
Lilibeth Tan  
Mailyn Tanael  
Julieta Tenio  
Charisma Valencia  
Kate Velasco  
Glynis LeonGuerrero

### Registered Technicians

Hobie Aguilar (2015)  
Felix Camacho (2015)  
Catherine Concepcion  
Georgina Crisostomo  
Jeanie Frederick  
Adoracion Germino  
Alexis Rae Gonzales  
Sandra Legaspi  
Kristine Kaye Ninalga  
Jacqueline Root

## Guam Pharmacy Board Represented in NABP Meeting

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) held its 110th Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona last May 17 to 20, 2014. Board member Evangeline Phillips attended the event.

The NABP 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is set for May 16-19, 2015 at Roosevelt, New Orleans in Louisiana.



From left to right: Carmen Catizone, NABP Executive Director/ Secretary; Evangeline Phillips, GBEP member; Lisa Braddy, NABP Executive Office Coordinator; Josh Bolin, NABP Member Relations and Government Affairs Director; Robert Cowan, NABP Chief Operating Officer

## Sterile Compounding Training Conducted

A training on sterile compounding was recently presented by USP <797> experts Eric Kastango and Kate Douglass of CriticalPoint, LLC. The training course entitled "Sterile Compounding: A Blueprint for Best Practices," included the topics: fundamentals of sterile compounding, engineering controls of sterile compounding, cleaning pharmacy controlled environment, and facility and personnel environmental sampling metrics. The training held on January 17 & 18 was attended by Pharmacists and Technicians from various

pharmacies. Sponsors for the event included Guam Memorial Hospital, Guam Regional Medical City, TakeCare, Health Services of the Pacific, Bank of Guam and the Guam Pharmacists Association. Up to 30 continuing education

credit hours were awarded to the participants.



'Red Flags' Training Video for Pharmacists Available Through AWARxE

NABP has released a new educational video entitled "Red Flags" to assist pharmacists in tackling prescription drug abuse and diversion.

[www.awarerx.org](http://www.awarerx.org)

### Board Meeting Dates

February 19, 2015  
HPLO Conference Room.

Please check with the Board office for the times, locations and agenda for future Board meetings.