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Why It's Important to Tune In to Technology By Dr. Cindy Kidd, DVM

Times, they are changing, and in the veterinary medical world it is important to stay connected with access to the internet—especially the Board website—on a regular basis.

The OVMLB can no longer afford to print and mail the newsletters due to budget constraints to each licensee.

Therefore, the decision was made four years ago to create a listserv and send the newsletter via email. Any licensee who has submitted an email address to the Board will receive the newsletter. While it is not required at this time, it is important to also notify the Board of your change in email address if you wish to continue to be notified of alerts or receive the newsletter.

Future renewals will be through online renewal only (except in very special circumstances). The State of Ohio is in the process of converting the old licensing system to a new one. The new system will require all licensees to renew through the website. Once the system is in place, applications for initial licenses will be made available on line and will be submitted through a special portal with a secure site for payment similar to the

current system.

I encourage you to check the Board web site regularly. Currently under “Important News”, effective August 18, 2014, Tramadol and products containing Tramadol were classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to rules adopted by the U.S. DEA. There is a guidance document available on the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy’s web site that can be accessed at: <http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/deaTramadol>

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is in the process of developing an exciting and extremely useful tool for recording our continuing education. Veterinary Continuing Education Tracking (VCET) is a centralized repository for veterinary CE information, an extension of VIVA with linkage to RACE approved programs. VCET is a free service and will offer online access for individual licensees to submit their CE course and transmit reports to Member Boards in a uniform format. Further information can be obtained on the AAVSB web site at www.aavsb.org.

A new feature on the Board’s web site is a site that will display the authorized vaccination clinics that have registered with the Board. The

table lists the company holding the vaccination clinic, the location and the date. Therefore if you have a question as to whether the vaccination clinic being held in your area is legitimate, you can check the web site.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy has a newsletter that you can subscribe to or receive alerts from the Pharmacy Board by accessing www.pharmacy.ohio.gov.

There is a Regulatory Policy Statement from the Pharmacy Board regarding a rule that they enacted which was suppose to exempt veterinarians, but did not. The rule (OAC 4729-5-17) was in direct conflict with law (ORC 4729.291) which specifically exempts veterinarians when personally furnishing controlled substances. The Pharmacy Board is in the process of amending the rule.

The OVMLB is always looking for feedback on customer service. Please email info@ovmlb.state.oh.us with any comments of praise or concern.

Many thanks to Theresa and staff at OVMLB for their commitment to ensuring our profession maintains its level of respect and competency that the animals and their owners expect and deserve.

National Recognition

The Board maintains membership with the American Association of State Veterinary Boards (AAVSB). The membership is not only necessary for staying current on regulatory issues nationwide, it permits access to the national system to report disciplinary actions against veterinarians and RVTs licensed in the State of Ohio. The AAVSB then notifies other states where the disciplined licensee may hold a veterinary license. Congratulations to Dr. Roger Redman for his re-election to the AAVSB Board of Directors in September, 2014. Appreciation to Dr. Cindy Kidd, DVM who served on the AAVSB Bylaws Committee in 2014. Kudos to Dr. Kidd for being appointed to the AAVSB RACE Committee and to Dr. Kolb for being appointed to the AAVSB Leadership Development Task Force for 2015.

Rules

The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board enacted new rules in July to provide guidance and regulation for vaccination clinics (OAC 4741-1-16), veterinarians making home visits for companion animals (OAC 4741-1-17), and those making livestock visits (OAC 4741-1-20). These rules were developed as a result of multiple inquiries received by both the OVMLB and the OVMA regarding these areas of practice. A number of questions resulted after the rules were implemented. Specifically, is a veterinarian practicing with a mobile unit required to complete a form for a vaccination clinic as implemented by the new Rule? The answer is no. The veterinary mobile units are regulated by OAC Rule 4741-1-08 and therefore have separate guidelines to follow. However, state, county and local health departments do have to abide by the Vaccination Clinic Rule.

Another rule that was revised was the Recordkeeping rule (OAC Rule 4741-1-21) which now includes the documentation of anesthesia monitoring. Due to the multitude of questions received by the OVMLB and OVMA, the following was posted on the Board's web site:

"In the newly revised record keeping rule a provision was added which stipulates that monitoring be documented in the medical record when anesthesia is administered. The intent of the rule is not to mandate the inclusion of detailed records of the monitoring itself but that monitoring was performed specifying the type and frequency of monitoring. There should be some documentation noting if the anesthetic procedure was normal (no detected abnormalities) or if observed, what abnormalities were observed and action taken to correct those, as well as patient's response to treatment."

This year the Board is required to review the following rules for the mandated five year review:

- 4741-1-13 OAC regarding Livestock management practices
- 4741-4-01 through 4741-1-05 relate to the Board office handling of confidential personal information.

There are no expected changes to these rules.

As a result of recently enacted legislation and an Executive Order by the Governor, Rule 4741-1-18 regarding military experience and exemption needed revised to reflect the required changes. The OVMLB already exempted renewal fees for active duty military veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. The law requires the Board to define "military" to mirror the law which also includes the national guard. The rule also extends the period for submitting continuing education hours for renewal. The OVMLB has been compliant with the law that already permits leniency for continuing education credit hours and the rule reflects the CE hour latitude. All proposed and current rules can be found on the Board's web site under Law (Ohio Revised Code) and Rules (Ohio Administrative Code).

The Ohio Pharmacy Board has updated rules regarding Controlled Substance Inventory. Inventory of all stocks of controlled substances must be done every year. View the Guidance Document and rule at <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov>

ODH Adds requirements to revised Radiology Rule

The Ohio Department of Health now requires in Rule 3701:1-66-02 (H)(10) that except for dental intraoral, each radiographic image shall contain permanent identification of the following:

- 1) Patient identification;
- 2) Type of examination;
- 3) Date of examination;
- 4) Operator's name(s); and
- 5) Radiation-generating equipment used.

However, due to concerns raised, ODH has drafted rules to require ALL radiographic images to have Patient Identification, Date of Exam, and the Operator's I.D. The draft rule will need to go through the Rule filing process. Please check on the Board's web site for updated information.

AAVSB Produces Video Series to Help VTNE Candidates

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) recently released a series of five videos designed to help prospective veterinary technicians be better prepared to take the Veterinary National Examination (VTNE). The videos are available to view for free on the AAVSB website at: www.aavsb.org/vtne/videos, or on the official [AAVSB YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#) pages. The five topics covered are: the Candidate Handbook, a walk-through of the VTNE online application, what to expect on test day, the importance of protecting the integrity of the exam, and an explanation of the role the AAVSB and veterinary regulators play in the licensure process.

For more information on the VTNE, visit the AAVSB website at: www.aavsb.org/vtne

Change of Employment Reminder

ORC 4741.171 requires a licensed veterinarian to notify the Board, in writing, of any change in the veterinarian's office or employment within ninety days after the change has taken place.

ORC 4741.19(C) requires a registered veterinary technician to notify the Board, in writing, of any change in the RVT's office address or employment within ninety days after the change has taken place.

RVT Renewal: All registered veterinary technician licenses expire on March 1, 2015. Which means, that according to the Veterinary Practice Act, anyone who is practicing on an expired license on March 2nd is in violation of the law. A late fee of \$10.00 is charged in addition to the \$35 for the licensure renewal until April 1st. On April 2nd, the fee increases by \$25 to make the total cost \$60. Therefore, please provide any changes of address in writing to the Board office by email, fax or via mail ASAP to make sure that you receive your renewal information in a timely manner. Renewal cards with username and password will be mailed out the first week of January, 2015. You will be able to obtain your username and password on the Board's web site should you lose your card or do not receive it in the mail. There will also be a FAQ feature for common questions of the Board staff during renewal.

All renewals will be online except in limited circumstances. The RVT must request a paper application if they have no access to a computer and internet. As a reminder, the name of the RVT must be on the check submitted if renewing by mail. This reminder is especially important for those veterinary entities that submit a check for their RVTs. Unfortunately, the current Continuing Education reporting section remains difficult until the new E-licensing system is in place. It would be helpful to make sure the Board has a current email address for you.

When renewing online, remember to only hit the submit button once and DO NOT hit the "back" button. Every time that you hit the back button, your credit card is charged. If you accidentally get charged more than once, the Board tries to catch it and credit your account within 24-48 hours. However, if a double billing appears on your statement, let the Board staff know promptly and the Board staff will try to get it fixed.

Please note: The Board staff do not provide receipts for renewal fees paid. Your cancelled check or credit card invoice is your receipt, though an email should be received upon payment online via credit card.

Who Can Perform Consultations?

ORC 4741.20(H) exempts a veterinarian from obtaining an Ohio license when the veterinary consultant is consulting with a Ohio licensed veterinarian, on the condition that the service performed by the veterinary consultant is limited to the consultation and under all circumstances, the responsibility for the care and treatment of the patient remains with the veterinarian who holds a current license in this state and who is providing treatment, or consultation as to treatment to the patient. There are many instances where a consultation across state lines is necessary, especially when a specialist is involved or a second opinion is requested. ORC 4741.01 defines the practice of veterinary medicine which includes rendering professional advice or recommendation by any means, including telephonic or other electronic communication with regard to diagnoses, treatment, prescribing, alternative therapies, etc. ORC 4741.01(J) further defines "Veterinary Consultant" as a veterinarian who is not licensed in this state and who provides advice and counsel to a requesting veterinarian licensed in Ohio in regard to the treatment, diagnosis, or health care of an animal or animals in a specific case.

Veterinary Student Loan Program

The student loan program was developed to provide large animal veterinary services in veterinary resource shortage areas. \$10.00 of each veterinary license renewal fee is deposited in the loan repayment fund. In May, 2014, the Board awarded \$8,300 each to Dr. Ashley Misner of Killbuck, Dr. Mary Orban of Woodsfield, and Dr. Amanda Wagner of Sidney for a service commitment of one year.

Applications for 2014 can be found on the Board's web site and are due by May 1st to the Board office. To qualify for consideration, applicants must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident;
2. Be enrolled or have graduated within three years of application from a veterinary college approved by the Board;
3. Be eligible for Ohio licensure as a veterinarian;
4. Intend to practice in a veterinary shortage area in large animal veterinary medicine, veterinary services necessary to implement or enforce the law, or in veterinary services necessary to protect public health.
5. Not have received student loan repayment assistance pursuant to federal law.

Two Expected Changes in the Law

- 1) The Board is seeking a change in the law regarding the process for how veterinary medical students apply to take the NAVLE. The legislative language is expected to be included in the Budget Bill that will be introduced in 2015. The student will no longer need to apply with OVMLB— only with NBVME. Since that \$50 fee will no longer be assessed to the student, all initial applications for licensure will have the same fee. (Reciprocity and initial licenses will pay \$425 in the even years and \$300 in the odd years). Not only does the change in the law remove a hurdle for the veterinary student, the student will receive their examination scores directly from NBVME much sooner than waiting for notification by the Board.
- 2) The Board is seeking to recognize the AAVSB Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) in addition to the AVMA ECVFG program already recognized in law. This addition to the law removes a barrier to practice by expanding the Board's ability to accept applicants for licensure that have successfully completed the PAVE.

Frequently Asked Questions—Drug Enforcement Administration Releases New Rules on Pharmaceutical Drug Collection

Effective October 9, 2014, new Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations allow authorized manufacturers, distributors, reverse distributors, narcotic treatment programs, hospitals/clinics with an on-site pharmacy, and retail pharmacies to collect controlled and non-controlled pharmaceutical drugs from ultimate users by voluntarily administering mail-back programs and maintaining collection receptacles. In addition, the regulations allow authorized hospitals/clinics with an on-site pharmacy and retail pharmacies to voluntarily maintain collection receptacles at long-term care facilities.

Approved entities that are licensed by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy are permitted to engage in the collection of pharmaceutical drugs from ultimate users if they comply with DEA and Board of Pharmacy regulations. To assist in the implementation of these new rules, the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy has developed the following guidance document.

The following link will take you to the Ohio Board of Pharmacy's web page to access a 29 page document related to the DEA's rules on drug collection.

<http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Documents/Pubs/Special/FAQs/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20-%20Drug%20Enforcement%20Administration%20Releases%20New%20Rules%20on%20Pharmaceutical%20Drug%20Collection.pdf>

Electronic Prescription Transmission Systems

For an update on the electronic prescription transmission from a prescriber to a pharmacy, view the Board of Pharmacy Guidelines at: <http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Documents/Pubs/Special/ElectronicPrescribing/Electronic%20Prescription%20Transmission%20Systems.pdf>