

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Item 2504 – Wallace Nelson and Ashley Duggins From the Northeastern and Central Districts Elected to Second Terms

North Carolina Board of Pharmacy members and staff congratulate Wallace Nelson of Hertford, NC, and Ashley Duggins of Asheboro, NC, from the Northeastern and Central District seats, respectively, on their elections to serve second five-year terms. The Board certified the election results during its March 11, 2025 meeting. A total of 2,120 votes were cast between November 1, 2024, and March 1, 2025.

Mr Nelson and Dr Duggins will commence their second terms on May 1, 2025, after being

commissioned by Governor Josh Stein.

This year's elections featured a slate of candidates with broad practice experience. The Board thanks each of them for their commitment to public service. From the Northeastern District: Jay Barefoot, Kelsey Carter, Michael Hoffer, Lindsey Kennedy, Jeff Reichard, and Irv Trust. From the Central District: Andrew Froy, LaQuoia Johnson, Vy Nguyen, Aaron Shaver, Ethan Smith, and Noble Thomas.

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Item 2505 – Second Annual NCBOP Compounding Summit a Resounding Success

The Board hosted its second annual Compounding Summit from February 25-27, 2025, in Chapel Hill, NC. The summit attracted over 260 attendees, including board of pharmacy staff from 24 states. Expert speakers and panelists from across the compounding spectrum provided regulatory insights and practice advice.

The summit was conceived and planned by the Board's director of inspections, Krystal Stefanyk. The Board's information technology administrator, Antoine Pryor, provided invaluable technical and logistical planning and support. Lastly, the Board's assistant to licensing and operations, Leslie Wilson, expertly arranged the venue, lodging, transportation,

registration, and hospitality. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® served as the continuing education accreditor and facilitated attendance outreach to other boards of pharmacy.

Planning is already underway for the third Compounding Summit in early 2026. Check the Board's [website](#) for details.



Item 2506 – FDA Ends Clozapine REMS Program

On February 24, 2025, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced an immediate end to the clozapine risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) program. FDA noted, "Although the risk of severe neutropenia with clozapine still exists, FDA has determined that the REMS program for clozapine is no longer necessary to ensure [that] the benefits of the medicine outweigh that risk. Eliminating the REMS [program] is expected to decrease the burden on the health care delivery system and improve access to clozapine." This is a seismic shift in the provision of clozapine to patients. Pharmacists

should stay attuned to updates as this change rolls out.

For more information, visit the following websites:

- FDA: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/information-clozapine>.
- Clozapine REMS site: <https://www.newclozapinerems.com/home>.
- The North Carolina Clozapine Network: <https://www.med.unc.edu/psych/cecmh/education-and-training/north-carolina-clozapine-network-nccn/>.

Item 2507 – NC DHHS Drug Control Unit Launches Dispensation Error Notification Program

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Drug Control Unit (DCU) launched a Dispensation Error Notification program on February 26, 2025. Registered NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) users with the role type of pharmacist, pharmacist-in-charge, dispensing physician,

and veterinarian (dispensing) will receive an automated email regarding their pharmacy's CSRS data submission if a file or record contains an error. Users will continue to receive notifications each day that an error exists for the previous 30 days of submissions. This new feature will not replace any notifications sent

to Prescription Monitoring Program Clearinghouse account holders.

A frequently-asked-questions (FAQs) document on this program can be found [here](#), and an example of an error notification is linked [here](#).

Pharmacists with questions should contact the CSRS team at nccsrs@dhhs.nc.gov.

Item 2508 – NC DHHS Drug Control Unit Provides Guidance on Reporting Veterinary Gabapentin Dispensing

On January 8, 2025, DHHS' DCU announced that the CSRS had launched a state license failover for veterinary gabapentin reporting.

Effective March 1, 2025, state law requires all veterinary dispensations of gabapentin to be reported to the CSRS. Some veterinarians may lack a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

or National Provider Identifier number. To facilitate CSRS reporting of veterinary gabapentin dispensations in that circumstance, DCU will enable a failover that allows submissions using the veterinarian's NC license number. DCU has updated its [dispenser and veterinarian dispenser guides](#) to include the veterinary license

failover process. DCU has also published an [FAQs](#) document for gabapentin veterinary state license failover reporting.

Anyone with questions or concerns about DCU's veterinary gabapentin reporting processes should contact [Savannah Simpson](#) or the [CSRS inbox](#).

Item 2509 – An Evergreen Warning: Scam Calls Purporting to Be From Board of Pharmacy Personnel

Pharmacists are once again reporting to Board staff that they are receiving calls from individuals purporting to be Board investigators/inspectors. The Board's telephone number,

919/246-1050, is often what appears on caller ID. Recently, such calls inform the pharmacist that they are the target of an investigation involving illegal drug activity, and the caller sometimes

claims to be part of a larger Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Bureau of Investigation, DEA, or other agency investigation. The details vary, but these calls appear to be an attempt to get



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the recipient to disclose personal information.

Board staff reminds practitioners that the **names of all the Board's investigators** are listed on its website, and, if they are unsure or suspicious when contacted by someone claiming to be a Board staff member (whether by phone,

email, or other communication), they should contact the Board immediately. To be sure, Board staff frequently contacts pharmacists and pharmacy staff on all manner of issues. But, again, if you are suspicious about the identity of the caller, please reach out to the Board office directly.

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