Welcome Back

UPCOMING DATES

- Naloxone Night - April 5th
- P2 Cardiac Pharmacotherapy Review - April 5th
- Multicultural Health Fair - April 10th
- Speaker - April 20th
- Executive Turnover - April 22nd
March Recap

by Caitlin Williams

Hello APhA! Welcome back to our monthly newsletter, The Daily Dose. Although rather short and sweet this month, I am very excited to get this edition out to you all to celebrate our incoming 2021-2022 APhA-ASP executive board!

I am so incredibly grateful to be a part of this team again for the upcoming year and I hope to serve you well as your Secretary for a second term. I cannot wait to begin working with our new executive members to continue promoting APhA and all it means to us.

Additionally, check out our Operation InPhamration this month that focuses on the pharmacist’s role in poison prevention.

I will be back here again next month for one final edition for the 2020-2021 school year. Be sure to mark your calendars for our final events of the school year and I hope to see you all there!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SENATE BILL 46 (PHARMACIST VACCINE EXPANSION) AND HOUSE BILL 316 (PHARMACIST TO TECHNICIAN RATIO) HAVE BOTH PASSED THEIR RESPECTIVE HOUSES AND WILL NOW BE VOTED ON IN THE OTHER SIDE OF CONGRESS, MAKING THEM ONE STEP CLOSER TO PASSING AS LAWS.

PHARMCAST

CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW THE DOSE TO HEAR THE NEW PHARMCAST EPISODE "ADVOCACY WITH GPHA'S GREG REYBOLD AND DR. JENNIFER SHANNON"
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Poison Prevention
Operation InPharmation

It is no surprise that more than 90% of poisonings occur at homes. Although the reports of ages 1 and 2 are the most frequent in poison exposures, the national capital poison center reveals that teen and adult exposures tend to be more serious. In 2019, 2.1 million poison exposures were reported with 76.3% being unintentional, 18.9% being intentional, and 2.6% being adverse drug reactions.

In 2020, the Georgia Poison Center handled 110,943 incoming calls regarding poisonings and information. This center is one the busiest nationally, and is the only one in the state. This center is made up of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other poison experts.

2019 reported medication poisonings in adults:

- **11.3%** Analgesics
- **16.1%** Sedatives, Hypnotics, Antipsychotics, Antidepressants
- **6.8%** Cardiovascular Drugs

Did you know?
Poison centers often refer to the time between 4 and 10 pm as "Arsenic hour." During this time, childhood poisonings peak since dinnertime is the least likely time for a guardian to be paying attention.

Ways to help and prevent poison exposures:
- Counsel patients and caregivers on all medications.
- Recommend medication boxes.
- Store medications in safe and out of reach places.
- Provide patients with local and national poison hotline numbers.
- Educate patients on safe over-the-counter medication use.
- Recommend child safety caps when children present at home.

Pharmacist's Role

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(800)222-1222