American Pharmacists Association
Academy of Student Pharmacists

Report of the 2019
Resolutions Committee

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ACADEMY OF STUDENT PHARMACISTS

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2019.1 — Addressing Professional Burnout
APhA-ASP recommends that all pharmacy practice settings and educational institutions develop and implement programs targeted at the prevention, identification, and reduction of professional burnout in the pharmacy profession, including among pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

2019.2 — Amendment to APhA-ASP Resolution 2015.4 (Increased Access to Opioid Reversal Agents)
APhA-ASP supports the amendment of Resolution 2015.4 to read:
2015.4 – Increased Access to Opioid Reversal Agents
1. APhA-ASP supports state and federal legislation to increase access to opioid reversal agents.
2. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to provide public education about opioid reversal agents, including proper administration in situations of opioid-related drug overdose.
3. APhA-ASP encourages all schools and colleges of pharmacy to incorporate opioid reversal agent training as a requirement prior to completion of the pharmacy program. APhA-ASP recommends this training includes a live, hands-on component, identification of high-risk patients, and recognition of the stigma surrounding opioid use disorder.

2019.3 — Role of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Education in Patient Care Involving Cannabis
1. APhA-ASP encourages the resolution of any conflict between federal and state regulations regarding the legality of cannabis and any cannabis-derived products.
2. APhA-ASP supports the standardization of cannabis-derived products in order to optimize patient safety and to ensure clinical efficacy.
3. APhA-ASP encourages all colleges and schools of pharmacy to expand curricula on cannabis and any cannabis-derived products, including pharmacologic effects, adverse drug reactions, interactions with other medications and current pharmacy law regarding cannabis at both a federal and state level.
4. APhA-ASP encourages the expansion of postgraduate education regarding cannabis and cannabis-derived products, including relevant pharmacy law at both a federal and state level, in order to better serve our patients.
5. APhA-ASP supports pharmacists keeping an updated patient profile regarding use of cannabis and any cannabis-derived products to ensure proper patient care.
6. APhA-ASP supports continued research, development, and implementation of clinical guidelines to inform appropriate therapeutic use of cannabis-derived products to improve patient care.

2019.4 — Technicians’ Immunization Administration Authority
APhA-ASP supports the advancement of pharmacy technicians’ roles in public health and disease prevention through immunization administration authority (under pharmacist supervision) to include, but not be limited to, appropriate technician certification and/or state licensure, immunization training/certification, and basic life support.
2019.5 – Creating Safe Work and Learning Environments for Student Pharmacists, Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Technicians

1. APhA-ASP strongly believes that all student pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians should be safe in their work and learning environments and be free from firearm-related violence.

2. APhA-ASP strongly recommends that schools and colleges of pharmacy, residency programs, and employers should develop programs to increase readiness in the event of an active shooter.

3. APhA-ASP strongly believes student pharmacists and pharmacists should be trained to recognize and refer patients at high risk of violence to themselves or others.

4. APhA-ASP encourages student pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians who are victims of firearm-related violence to seek the help of counselors and other trained mental health professionals.