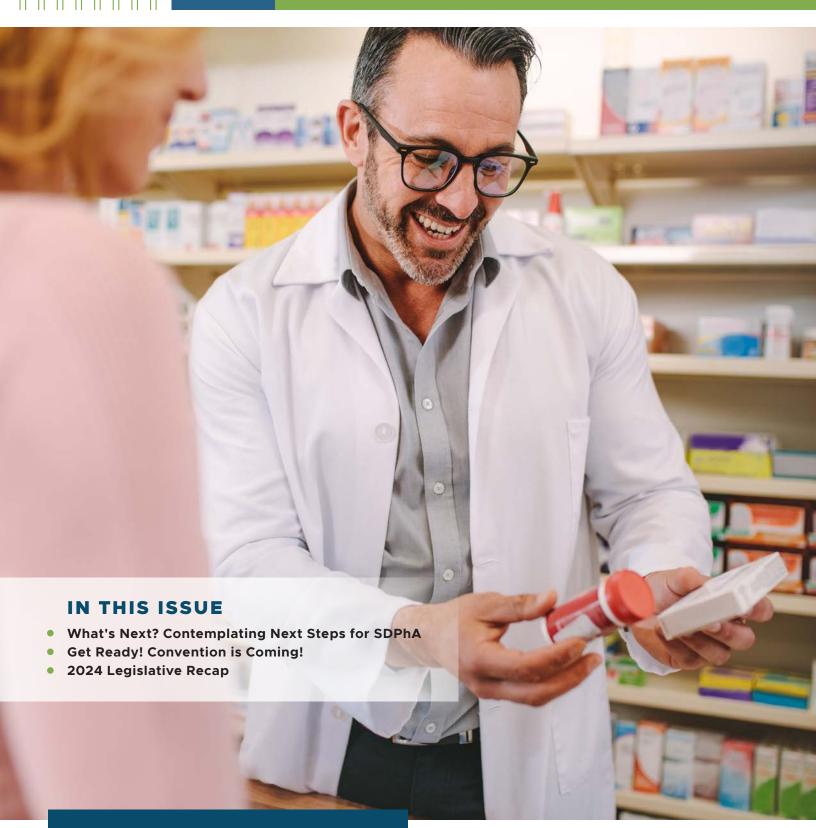
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Amanda Bacon // SDPhA Executive Director



It might now be Spring, but there's not much grass growing under my feet, or that of any of your SDPhA board members right now. When the gavel fell to close out the 99th Legislative Session, the board and I immediately went into overdrive on 2024 convention planning, and making sure we read and analyzed every word of the administrative rules package the Board of Pharmacy

is moving forward. And that is just for starters!

Our Spring Meeting Season is coming to a close. There are still a few districts left to hold their gatherings, and if you missed yours, but still want in on the action – you're welcome to jump in anywhere you are able. If your schedule just won't allow you to participate in any of them, give me a call or shoot me an email at the association office and I'll bring you up to speed on the 2024 Legislative Session, the changes we see coming for the association, and of course why you want to make sure to save the date for this year's annual convention. I will try to give you a high-level overview of where things are, so you at least have an idea of what has gone down, and what is yet to come.

2024 Legislative Session

Both chambers have now adjourned sine die for the 99th Legislative Session. It was a busy one for the South Dakota Pharmacists Association and the Commercial and Legislative Branch (the legislative arm of SDPhA), but not always in the traditional sense. Much of our work this legislative session focused on what the future might look like as a whole for the association, as well as our lobbying branch. However, we of course monitored several bills of consequence to the profession and engaged where appropriate. You can find all the bills we monitored and took a position on in the Action Center on our website. Select the "Bills" tab for the complete list. Here are a few of the most notable:

HB 1168 - Mandated dispensing

SDPHA C&L Branch led the charge in opposition to this unnecessary, mandated dispensing bill. On Tues., Feb. 6 the House Health and Human Services Committee heard HB 1168 – An Act to Require the Dispensing of Drugs Prescribed for an Off-Label use During a Public Health Emergency. We strongly opposed this dispensing mandate which not only undermined our ability to practice pharmacy but could have also resulted in significant patient harm. You can listen to SDPhA President Jessica Stobl's opposition testimony here. The committee voted unanimously to send the bill to the 41st legislative day, which effectively killed the bill. Thank you to all those who reached out to members of the House Health Committee. It matters when they hear from you.

HB 1147 – 340B Protections

SDPhA C&L Branch joined with the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO), Sanford and Avera in support of HB 1147 – Address Discriminatory Acts Against Entities Participating in the 340B program. HB 1147 was first heard in the House Commerce Committee Wed., Feb. 7. The bill builds upon language we first passed in 2019 and adds actual and consequential damages for violation of the law. The bill sailed through both chambers with only one dissenting vote. Gov. Kristi Noem signed it into law Mon., March 4. Typically bills become effective July 1 of the calendar year they are signed, but this one is effective beginning Jan. 1, 2025, as stated in the language of the bill. You can listen to the testimony, including ours, in both the House Commerce and Senate Health and Human Services Committees by clicking the links.

Other Key Bills

There were several other bills of consequence we monitored with great interest, including the <u>annual scheduling bill</u>, which had some unusual intrigue this year of including a drug not on the current updated federal schedule – because it was missed some 40 years ago! Also <u>HB 1028</u> which classifies xylazine as a Schedule III controlled substance (signed into law Tues., Feb. 13), and <u>HB 1125</u> which addresses

chemical modification of industrial hemp (delta-8 tetra-hydrocannabinol, delta9 tetrahydrocannabinol, delta-10 tetrahydrocannabinol, or any other tetrahydrocannabinol isomer, analog, or derivative) and the sale or distribution of it. Gov. Noem signed a bill making all that a Class 2 misdemeanor March 18. Also signed that day, SB 198, which authorizes schools to acquire and administer nasal glucagon. SB 76 which modifies provisions pertaining to vacant board provisions was signed into law Tues., March 5. This bill is important for any profession regulated by a board. Finally SB 57, billed as Gov. Noem's "Second Chance Bill" caused most professional associations (including ours) some heartburn, but in the end was signed into law Wed., Feb 7. We also closely monitored a handful of medical marijuana and appropriations bills.

Legislative Days | February 13–14

We can't say enough about the incredible crew (30 SDSU student pharmacists!) that brought a lot of excitement and energy to the Capitol this year. The event is a fantastic opportunity to show a much broader range of the great work you all do each day. It is also a unique chance for students to hone their skills by providing screenings, while also having the option to sit-in on various committees, and venture onto the House and Senate floors to meet their lawmakers.

Now more than ever, it is crucial for pharmacists, technicians, and students to engage with association and its advocacy work. Legislative Days, especially, offers a prime chance to highlight your contributions and influence policymakers. Do not miss the opportunity to make your voice heard and impact legislation. Save the date for next year's event, Feb. 11-12 in Pierre. We are putting a new spin on a familiar event, and you do not want to miss it!

Board of Pharmacy Administrative Rules Public Hearing

We appreciated the opportunity to <u>provide written and</u> <u>oral feedback</u> at the Public Hearing to Amend ARSD 20:51. SDPhA Provided feedback on several aspects of the rules, and appreciated the working with the Board of Pharmacy

on several key areas, including continuing education, identification for controlled drug prescriptions, several areas of rules impacting technicians (including immunizing). SDPhA has found broad broad support for many of the modifications offered in the rules package, especially regarding legend drug dispensing and the repeal of pages of compounding rules, replaced with the addition of simply aligning with USP requirements.

SDPhA continues to have concerns with the modification that raises pharmacist renewal fees from \$125 to \$150 given the recent denial of funding for services provided by SDPhA. While we recognize the financial position the Board finds itself in, we are concerned with any effort to shift the burden to fund this shortfall to pharmacists through both elimination of their funding, and an increase to their fees.

The Interim Rules Review Committee will meet Tues., May 7 in Pierre to discuss the draft of adopted rules.

Drug Shortage Task Force

The South Dakota Department of Health is currently analyzing the state's drug shortage situation and has partnered with ASHP Consulting to complete an assessment of the vulnerability of the hazard of drug shortages and recommend best management practices to mitigate risk to the citizens of South Dakota. This project is in response to the Governor's Executive Order 2023-07. A steering committee met for the first time on March 19. Its work is to guide planning for the risk assessment, action plan and a one-day summit planned for May in Pierre. Executive Director Amanda Bacon is participating in this process, as is Jessica Strobl, SDPhA President, and Sarah Andersen, SDPhA At-Large Member.

Filing a PBM Complaint

We worked extremely hard to make meaningful PBM reform law in South Dakota in 2023. However, for it to be effective, YOU have to report any violations (or things you think may be). We have assembled much of what you need to know all in one place on the SDPhA website (see also

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Director's COMMENTS

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page 11). We also worked with the Division of Insurance to create an intake process that is effective, yet simple.

Here is the thing, though - it is incumbent upon you to know the laws and know your contracts. Also, do not assume that because something is now the law of the land in our state that the PBMs know and/or are following it. Here is an example: I took a phone call last week from someone who requested a MAC list from a PBM, only to have the PBM respond saying our state laws do not require them to share it. However, when the PBM was presented with the statute indicating South Dakota indeed DOES require this, the PBM complied, and provided the list.

While SDPhA cannot provide you with legal advice, we can equip you with knowledge and resources. Then it is up to you to put it all into action.

Other PBM News

While we are pleased with the strides we have made here at home on PBM reform, we continue to engage at the national level as well. There are very few issues for which you will find bipartisan support on Capitol Hill, but reining in PBMs has been one of them. Even so – the PBM reform bills we have fought for so hard on the Hill for the past several months may now get pushed to the lame duck session of Congress. Even so, it is important that our delegation hears from you. They need to know, loud and clear, that time for reform is NOW, and that the future of (especially independent) pharmacy in South Dakota is truly on the line. Failure to finish the job on these reforms in this Congress is a huge win for the PBMs, and huge loss for South Dakota patients and pharmacies.

We have spent most of our time engaging with the office of Sen. John Thune R-SD, on this issue. Sen. Thune has played a particularly significant role as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, and we appreciate his strong show of support for South Dakota pharmacy. When you reach out – especially when you reach out to him, it is important to thank him for the leadership and hard work that he has put in on this issue.

Key provisions include:

- Requirements for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to define reasonable and relevant contract terms under Medicare Part D and create a process for pharmacies to report contract violations.
- Provisions to give CMS the tools to enforce reasonable and relevant contract requirements.
- Boost oversight of pharmacy benefit managers before the bill is implemented, especially regarding DIR hangover issues.

Finally, it has taken us a little longer to get this edition of the Journal out than planned. There have been a lot of moving parts in the past several weeks, and sometimes this is what had to get pushed back to tackle things that were just more urgent. However, we would be quite remiss not to note that between the time when articles were submitted for the Journal, and it moving to publication, Kari Shanard-Koenders, Executive Director, South Dakota Board of Pharmacy announced her retirement. Kari has served at the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy for nearly 12 years - first as the director of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, then as Executive Director – a role she has held for nearly a decade. As Kari embarks on this new chapter, we extend heartfelt wishes for a retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and fulfillment. Congratulations, Kari, and may it be the beginning of an incredible journey ahead!

Respectfully,

AMANDA BACON

2023 Recipients of the "Bowl of Hygeia" Award

























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The Bowl of Hygeia award program was originally developed by the A. H. Robins Company to recognize pharmacists across the nation for outstanding service to their communities. Selected through their respective professional pharmacy associations, each of these dedicated individuals has made uniquely personal contributions to a strong, healthy community. We offer our congratulations and thanks for their high example. The American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the state pharmacy associations have assumed responsibility for continuing this prestigious recognition program. All former recipients are encouraged to maintain their linkage to the Bowl of Hygeia by emailing current contact information to awards@naspa.us. The Bowl of Hygeia is on display in the APhA History Hall located in Washington, DC.

President's PERSPECTIVE



Jessica Strobl, PharmD // SDPhA Board President



"The first element of change is awareness." T. Harv Eker

I hope you all had an opportunity to attend your local spring district meeting. The meetings where I presented the SDPhA update were very well attended. Attendees had many questions about our future, many of which I could not answer. What I can say is that I'm feeling excited for the pharmacists

and technicians in our state who have stepped up and said they are ready to take action to preserve this great association. When I told the stories of just a few things we were up to this year; like making sure a mandatory dispensing bill didn't go through, the resounding response was that our profession would not look the same if we did not have the association. Now more than ever, with the continued threats to independent pharmacies, the uncertain future of 340B that is keeping rural healthcare viable, and the need for us to fight for pharmacists not only to prove our value but also for reasonable and relevant working conditions -- WE NEED SDPhA! From helping with issues in Pierre (some that get a ton of attention and some that no one even hears about), to providing continuing education opportunities, to being a resource for all pharmacists across the state with a plethora of questions, pharmacies and patients do not want to find out what it would look like to not have the association as a resource in South Dakota.

Unfortunately, without getting unprecedented engagement from YOU our members, that's a situation that we could face.

Historically, the association and the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy (SD BOP) were run out of the same office, and by the same executive. In 1996, SDPhA and the BOP separated. The association stayed in Pierre, and the SD BOP moved to Sioux Falls. Each entity then had its own executive director. It was then that the decades long funding mechanism for the association became outlined in **SDCL** <u>36-11-6</u>. It states that the board may pay to SDPhA eighty percent of all fees the board receives for renewals of certificates of registration as a pharmacist. In turn, the association was tasked with various responsibilities in statute: continuing education, matters related to registration standards for pharmacists, professional service standards, general operating expenses, and the support a diversion program for chemically impaired pharmacists (what we currently know as the HPAP program).

SDPhA has always worked hard to fulfill those statutorial obligations, and the SD BOP has always seen fit to proceed with sending the funds as per statute. However, the SD BOP finds itself in financial difficulty, and after first authorizing the payment in June, rescinded that vote in December. This means SDPhA suddenly found itself without its major source of revenue for this fiscal year and is operating completely on reserves.

Here's the thing – because of the funding outlined above, unless we opt out, when we renew our license, we are SDPhA Members. We have never had to pay anything extra to belong to the association, and it has always been there to promote and preserve the profession for all of us. If we are honest, it is something many have taken for granted. We have assumed SDPhA would always be there. That there would just always be someone looking out for us and our patients in Pierre. We don't have a crystal ball, but we do foresee major change coming in how SDPhA is funded. We don't 100% know what that will look like right now. But we are working diligently to devise a path for the future that will allow us to persevere efficiently and effectively. What we do know – it will take each and every one of us stepping forward in a new way.

I am confident we **will** persevere. We are the South Dakota pharmacy industry, and I have never met a more resilient and hardworking group of people. We hear that from outside entities as much as we hear it from our own.

Most pharmacy associations throughout the U.S. often have between 8 and 15 staff members. We have ONE (we all know she is a rockstar... but she is still one person), and a very dedicated volunteer board. Somehow, we have still always managed to do amazing things comparable to much larger associations, who have more members and more staff.

So, my ask of you right now is to be aware. Aware of the things this association has and will do for you. Aware that changes are coming. Aware that we are brainstorming funding options. And most importantly- aware that we need YOU! EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. It will take all of us to work together through this one, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you to make it happen!

JESSICA STROBL



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality



The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) released the 2024 Chartbook on Patient Safety, highlighting what's improving and what needs to improve in the delivery of patient care. The chartbook, which draws on data from AHRQ's annual National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report (NHQDR), uses quality measures to analyze safety trends and disparities across healthcare settings.

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PBM REFORM IN SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Pharmacists Association advocates for meaningful pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform that benefits patients and pharmacies together. SDPhA supports efforts in PBM oversight on the federal and state level. We work closely with our South Dakota Congressional Delegation, the South Dakota Legislature, the South Dakota Division of Insurance and other stakeholders to ensure adequate payment and meaningful reform.

References to current SD law for PBMs are linked on right. Should you know of any PBM in violation of this code, we encourage you to file a complaint (link left and below) with the South Dakota Division of Insurance to help enforce law for which we advocated.

TIPS FOR FILING COMPLAINTS:

- A phone call doesn't do it. You must fill out the complaint form.
- Include a clear and concise description of the noncompliance (i.e., state law prohibits clawbacks and PBMs continue to clawback funds after the point of sale).
- Cite the specific state statute (list on the right).
- Include records/claim/other evidence of the PBMs' violations.
- Include all other information required by the state's complaint form.
- Quantity is important, but quality is too please make sure you have all the necessary documentation for each complaint.

PBM Complaint Form

SOUTH DAKOTA PBM REGULATIONS

PBM licensure/registration requirement

S.D. Laws 58-29E-2

Prohibition against retroactive claim adjustments

S.D. Laws 58-29E-13

Prohibition against adjudication fees

S.D. Laws 58-29E-16

Fair pharmacy audit procedures

S.D. Laws 58-29F

Prohibition against antimandatory mail-order

S.D. Laws 58-18-37

Any Willing Pharmacy

S.D. Laws 58-18-37

Not less reimbursement than PBM-owned pharmacies

S.D. Laws 58-29E-19

South Dakota BOARD of PHARMACY

Kari Shanard-Koenders, RPh, MSJ // Executive Director



Board Welcomes New Registered Pharmacists /Pharmacies

Congratulations to the following fourteen candidates who recently met licensure requirements and were licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Zeb Benner, Bryan Brittain, Octavia Dunn, Tram Le, Ashley Lewis, Phillip Morris, Kelli Myers, Katelyn Olsen, Alexander Rada,

Aneesh Sawlani, Andrew Steppleman, Debra Stewart, Keith Thomas, and Heather Tiernan.

There was one new SD full-time pharmacy licenses issued: Sanford Rapid City Remote Pharmacy - Rapid City, SD License # 100-2097. There was one new SD Part-time pharmacy license issued: Pharmacy Corporation of America dba Avantara Saint Cloud – Rapid City, SD License # 200-1763. There were no new SD Wholesaler licenses issued in the period.

Board Welcomes New Board Member

Governor Kristi Noem appointed pharmacist Shane Clarambeau of Fort Pierre to the Board of Pharmacy on February 2, 2024. We are excited to have him join us! Shane is a Chamberlain native and has served in the US Army and the SD National Guard and has worked in a variety of pharmacy settings in three states, including retail, hospital, and compounding. Shane opened his first pharmacy in 2005 and has owned up to five stores. He currently owns Shane's Pharmacy in Fort Pierre which has a Functional Medicine focus. Shane and his wife Jody have five children and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities and traveling. Shane replaces Dan Somsen of Yankton. Dan has served the Board selflessly and with remarkable insight since November 2016. Dan always brought a valuable viewpoint to the table on the big issues facing the board. The board appreciates Dan's exemplary service and will miss his thoughtfulness, Jackrabbit loyalty, and entertaining sense of humor.

2024 SDPhA Legislative Days By Inspector Tyler Laetsch

The 2024 SDPhA Legislative Days were held on the evening of February 13th and the morning of February 14th this year. Tom Nelson, our Board President, was in attendance along with Kari and Tyler from the office staff. We were fortunate enough to be able to meet the students and answer any questions they had about pharmacy law. It was great to see the current P2 and P3 students from SDSU who were able to attend and be able to spend some time with these future pharmacists. These students did an excellent job at the Capitol chambers, screening legislators, and are well on their way to becoming very knowledgeable future pharmacists and excellent role models. Thank you to the association for holding this impactful event for the students, legislators, and the profession.

Donated Drug and Medical Supply Redispensing Program

By Inspector Tyler Laetsch

The board has officially launched the donated drug and medical supply redispensing program passed by the legislature in 2022. Information about this program can be found on our board website and by clicking here. The website has the forms needed for pharmacies. Also, the law, SDCL 34-20-H, the rules ARSD 20:51:35, a link to the medications currently available for dispensing, and a list of participating pharmacies can be found there. Pharmacies in South Dakota are encouraged to sign up to join the program as a participating pharmacy. We have partnered with Optum Perks to provide participating pharmacies with claim submission information to help the board track the use of the program and provide the pharmacies with a way to ensure these medications are dispensed with the correct NDC but remain free of charge to patients. You can read the press release by Optum Perks here. Special thanks to Avera Specialty Pharmacy for establishing a pilot program over the last several years. In 2023, the Avera Specialty Pharmacy redispensed 72 donated medications valued

over \$740,000 (AWP). This is a monumental program that has the potential to assist many more South Dakota patients and prevent medication waste. If your pharmacy would like to know more about the program, please contact our office.

PDMP Update

By PDMP Director Melissa DeNoon

Beginning in April 2024, SD PDMP users will no longer have to search through the program's user guide for platform assistance. Users will now be able to find the how-to and answers to their questions at the Bamboo Health PMP AWARXE Support Center. This support center will ensure PMP AWARxE users have access to the most accurate and up-to-date information on all topics including password resets, delegate management, and performing patient queries. The support center link will be on the PDMP's web page and under Training within AWARxE user accounts. Bamboo Health has begun sending users email announcements about this change which are titled, "Exciting Updates to PMP Support Documentation". SD PDMP staff wants to emphasize this has no impact on PDMP data submissions or the SD PDMP platform, just a new way to gain assistance in platform utilization. Please contact sdpdmp@state.sd.us with questions.

PDMP data integrity means ensuring the accuracy of PDMP data. This is critically important since the PDMP is a tool that aids healthcare practitioners in clinical decision-making impacting patient care. Database errors fall into two categories, dispensation records in the database and those not in the database. SD law requires the correction of erroneous information found in the database. The Pharmacy Inspector Audit Project was piloted in 2023 and has continued with all 2024 pharmacy inspections. Each pharmacy inspector will audit ten controlled substance prescriptions to verify if the information on the prescription hardcopy or electronic prescription record matches what is in the PDMP database. PICs will be notified of errors by PDMP staff and given a

time frame to make necessary corrections. The most common errors found are incorrect DEA/incorrect prescriber and incorrect written date. In August 2023, PIC Error Report Notifications were rolled out which inform PICs of their dispensation records that are in error status and were unable to be submitted into the PDMP database. Since these errored prescriptions will be missing from patient reports, the needed corrections should be made as timely as possible by the PIC. Both types of database errors can now be corrected by PICs within their PMP AWARXE accounts under the Rx Management feature. If you are a PIC and would like more information on utilizing this feature, please send an email to: sdpdmp@state.sd.us.

Free PDMP CPE for all Pharmacy Staff By PDMP Director Melissa DeNoon

The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) and twelve state prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) administrators collaborated on a free continuing pharmacy education (CPE) course for pharmacy technicians and pharmacists. The one-hour CPE course is intended to help pharmacy staff understand the critical role they play in ensuring the quality and integrity of PDMP data which is used in clinical decision-making. This course is hosted on the Talem Health website at this link and PDMP staff encourage all SD pharmacy staff to take the course.

ARSD 20:51 RULES REVISIONS

The rules revisions which we provided to you were not approved to move forward by the governor's office prior to the Interim Rules Review Committee (IRRC) meeting in November. Subsequently, the rules are still in draft form and moving forward in the process to promulgation. The rules hearing is scheduled for April 12.

PHARMACY LICENSE RENEWALS STARTING SOON

In early May, reminders will go out regarding Full-time, Part-time, and Non-resident license renewals. Please be sure to complete them in a timely manner and please

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provide all required documentation in order for the Board to ensure everyone is licensed prior to June 30 expiration date. If your license has not been processed by June 30, operating the pharmacy without a license is subject to Board disciplinary actions.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

KARI SHANARD-KOENDERS

BOARD MEETING DATES

Please check the <u>Board of Pharmacy page</u> on <u>Boards and Commissions Website</u> page on the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy website for the time, location, and agenda for future Board meetings.

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An Update to CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance

As of March 1, the U.S. Center for **Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) updated respiratory virus recommendations. The update states that individuals may return to normal activities when symptoms improve overall for at least 24 hours and they have not had a fever (while not using a fever-reducing medication). The recommendations also offer steps and illustrations on preventing the spread of respiratory viruses in different scenarios. The guidelines leave in place distinct recommendations for healthcare settings (COVID-19, flu, and general infection prevention and control).



Khia Walser // SDSHP Past President



Greetings from the South
Dakota Society of Health-System
Pharmacists!

It's a busy time of year as we were gearing up for the 2024 SDSHP Annual Conference, which was held on April 5th and 6th at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls.

Our Annual Meeting Planning

Committee worked hard to develop relevant and beneficial continuing education for attendees. We were so excited to welcome keynote speaker Dr. Alex Barker, who is creator of the Happy PharmD podcast. Dr. Barker discussed job satisfaction in our pharmacy career and how to make the most of your career. We also had lots of topics on the practice advancement initiative (PAI), clinical guidelines and leadership discussion. Our vendor fair and poster competition was well-attended and attendees shared their excitement with networking opportunities with our pharmaceutical partners, colleagues and students. We recognized many amazing pharmacists and technicians during our Awards Ceremony! Give us a follow on Facebook to see pictures of our Awards Ceremony. We appreciate everyone for attending and can't wait to see everyone again next year!

Additionally, it's not too late to renew your SDSHP membership – or become an SDSHP member – if you haven't done so already! Once again, SDSHP sponsored

four Resident CE Seminars this winter at no charge to SDSHP members. During these events, pharmacy residents provided high-quality continuing education on a wide variety of topics. All seminars were held virtually to better improve access to pharmacists across our state. SDSHP would like to extend a special thank you to the residents for sharing their knowledge and expertise with our membership! With the help of our current Resident Liaison – Alisha Halver – SDSHP is in the early stages of planning the 2024 Statewide Resident Conference. The conference is hosted by SDSHP each summer toward the beginning of the residency year and includes content to help prepare pharmacy residents for the year ahead. If you are involved in residency training at your institution, be on the lookout for more information in the near future!

As my term as SDSHP President has come to an end, I reflect on this past year with immense gratitude toward the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Their commitment to SDSHP is evident in our accomplishments, which have included efforts with PAI 2030 by recognizing our first ever PAI grant recipient as well as improving events for member engagement with our first Leadership After 5 event. We hope to expand these events throughout the next year! I am excited to see our organization continue to grow under the leadership of our current President, Jenna Lund. I hope to see you all in Deadwood at the SDSHP Annual Conference!

Respectfully submitted,

KHIA WALSER

SDSU's Student Collaboration for the ADVANCEMENT and PROMOTION of PHARMACY



Madison Hamel // SCAPP/APhA-ASP SDSU Chapter President



SCAPP members have started the Spring semester strong with a wide variety of events for students! We have engaged student members at chapter meetings with speakers from many different backgrounds within the pharmacy profession. SDPhA President, Jessica Strobl, graciously came to speak with us about her experiences with

leadership, Lewis Drug, and involvement in SDPhA. We also heard a unique perspective from Dr. Nancy Free who works with Child's Voice at Sanford Children's Hospital. In this discussion we learned how to recognize signs and communicate with children who may be victims of abuse. Lastly, we also heard from Curt Orchard, a Walgreens pharmacist who oversees healthcare services regionally, speaking on opportunities within Walgreens and the future of community pharmacy.



In February, SCAPP celebrated American Heart Month by putting on many events for students and the community! We kicked off the month celebrating National Wear Red Day on February 2nd and hosting a heart walk in the Wellness Center. Students also volunteered to play bingo and connect with residents at Edgewood Senior Living in Brookings. We closed out the month by collaborating with the Wellness Center and their Warrior Wellness Week. Students provided education on HPV, vaping cessation, and heart healthy diets to students and community members at the Wellness Center.



SCAPP also recently hosted our biggest fundraiser of the year with our annual potluck and auction in collaboration with AAPS. Students brought dishes to share, learned about the culture in Punjab, India and connected with their peers, PhD students, and faculty members. P3s were also able to join in on the potluck fun with our own potluck at the Metro Center in Sioux Falls.

Members also enjoyed the opportunity to attend Legislative Days with SDPhA in Pierre! Students learned more about the functions of SDPhA in advocacy and provided health screenings to legislators. SCAPP would like to thank SDPhA for continuing to support us in making this event happen and showing us firsthand what it looks like to advocate for and promote the profession of pharmacy.



Lastly, we have begun the transition of leadership positions within SCAPP and held our executive board elections at the end of February. Our newly elected officers for the 2024-2025 school year are as follows: SCAPP/APhA President Aubrey Kooima, SCAPP/APhA President-Elect Erika Munchrath, NCPA President Sierra Heidinger, NCPA President-Elect Bailey Wuebben, PPA President Halle Hokanson, PPA President-Elect Abby Hughes, SSHP President Emily Tisler, SCCP President Kylie Anderson, Communications VP Maggie Kamnikar, Policy VP Abigail Pape, Membership VP Ryan Johnson, Finance VP Caleb Nelson, Secretary Raegan Kimbler, and Patient Care Coordinator Cali Beyer. We are excited to welcome in our new executive board members and continue to build leadership skills among our students.



SCAPP would like to thank SDPhA for the continuous support of student pharmacists as we learn the importance of advocating for both our patients and the profession. As we close out the 2023-2024 school year and begin preparing for next year, we look forward to continuing to build upon current relationships and events with SDPhA!

Respectfully,

MADISON HAMEL

SDSU COLLEGE of PHARMACY and ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS



Dan Hansen, PharmD // Dean and Professor



Hello from the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions! It's a quiet week here on campus as students are off on Spring Break, allowing some time to reflect on a productive winter for our College. Here are some of our highlights.

We received our NAPLEX results for our 2023 Pharm.D. graduates, which showed a first-time pass rate of 93.8% (60/64), with the

national average coming in at 78.6%. This ranks #5 in the nation overall. These results are yet another indication of the valuable work done by our faculty and staff.

We received approval from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care to seek accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care. There is much work left to do, but this is an important first step.

Additionally, over the winter months we interviewed for and ultimately appointed a new Associate Dean for Research. Dr. Sanku Mallik will be joining our team this summer from North Dakota State University. This position will play a significant role in the College's new strategic plan and we're excited to have Dr. Mallik on board.

Faculty and Staff Highlights

- Chris Robbins, Alex Middendorf, Deidra Van Gilder, Stephanie Hanson, and Erin Miller had an abstract accepted to the American Academy of Health Behavior conference and will be presenting a poster titled "Improving the Health of South Dakotans with Pharmacy Based Education, Counseling, and Clinical Management of Diabetes and CVD."
- A second abstract was also selected for that same conference, this one led by Chris Robbins, which is titled "Impact of One-Way SMS Health Communication

to Increase PrEP Intake in Non-HIV, STI Testing Patients: A Pre-Post Intervention Demographic Study."

- Stephanie Hanson had and abstract accepted for an oral presentation at the International Marce Society conference in Barcelona, Spain in September.
- Shanna O'Connor presented to a group of faculty from Virginia Commonwealth University on "Writing in 20-30 minute increments, strategies for maintaining momentum in manuscripts" as part of a lunch and learn series.
- After completing her Ed.D. last summer, Kassi Erickson's role recently transitioned from instructor to Assistant Professor.
- Brooke Merry, Stacie Lansink, Marissa Trosen, Jessica
 Winterboer, Hemachand Tummala, and Jim Clem
 participated in the Sioux Falls school district teacher
 in-service, allowing teachers to get a hands-on look into
 what our students experience.
- Shanna O'Connor, as part of the Academic Leaders
 Fellowship Program she is participating in, helped lead
 a debate focused on whether "The Academy should stop
 participating in US News and World Report" at the AACP
 Interim Meeting. Shanna also facilitated a roundtable
 discussion on "Academia's responsibilities for preparing
 students and practicing pharmacists in the areas of
 medical billing and prescribing."
- We had several folks from our College who either participated in or were recognized during the University's Celebration of Faculty Excellence.
- Faculty Showcase Presenters included Chris Robbins,
 Alex Middendorf, Erin Miller, Deidra Van Gilder, and
 Wenfeng An
- Sewery Colloquium Presentation Brad Laible,
 Shanna O'Connor, Kristy Ullom
- Award Winners:
- Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Josh Reineke
- Outstanding Researcher, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions – Erin Miller

- Faculty Senate President Recognition Jeremy Daniel
- Members of the Planning Committee Josh Reineke and Stacie Lansink
- Chris Robbins presented "Clinical & Psychological Outcomes – Vietnam Veterans with War-Related Traumatic Amputations: Forty Years Post-Injury."
- CoARC approved the appointment of Abby Wortman as Satellite Coordinator for our Monument Health site.
- Stephanie Hanson was selected for the Billie Sutton Leadership Institute's Sutton Leaders Program.

Student Achievements

- Students Jessica Begeman, Austin Manuel, David Delahoyde presented to an engaged OLLI audience on Dietary supplements. OLLI is a USD-based group focused on providing education to older adults.
- The following week, students Abby Riesgraf, Taylor Winterton, and Jillian Songstad also presented to an OLLI group - on popular weight loss medications and evidence-based weight loss strategies.
- Several pharmacy students went to the State Capital to advocate for the pharmacy profession and provide free health screenings. These students were precepted by faculty Scout Forbes-Hurd and Emily Van Klompenburg.
- Emma Matrisciano, one of our Medical Laboratory Science students, was selected for participation in the Mayo Clinic's 2024 Summer Lab Science Program.

It is hard to believe but graduation is just around the corner and then we will start ramping up for a new academic year.

Best regards,

DAN HANSEN



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- Examine literature on vasopressor use and apply literature and guideline recommendations to different types of shock
- Evaluate the risks and benefits of peripheral vasopressor administration



Learning Assessment

Active learning quiz questions and Learning
Assessment test questions for this course were
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Course Author

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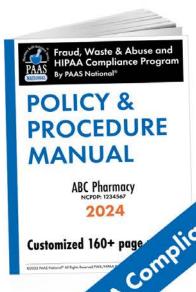


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PBMs each have their own drops per mL estimates for eye drops that are published in Provider Manuals and vary from 15-20 drops per mL for solutions and 12-20 drops per mL for suspensions (or emulsions). There is no industry accepted conversion for gel or ointment products.

In addition to the mathematical days' supply calculation, pharmacies must also consider the individual product beyond use date as specified by the manufacturer. In general, eye drop products are considered to be safe to use until the printed-on expiration date; however, there are a few products with specified beyond use dates (e.g., Xalatan® is 42 days). Pharmacies can visit DailyMed for medication information, including How Supplied/Storage and Handling requirements under Section 16 of the drug label information or review product labeling included inside the box.

Additional considerations include if the patient has an antibiotic or steroid product with a specific treatment duration such as use for 10 days, then stop or if the patient is having cataract surgery separately on each eye and the prescriber wants the patient to discard the bottle used on the first eye and get a refill for the second eye for infection control purposes.

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- If billing eye drops for a PBM not listed on the PAAS chart, PAAS suggests using 20 drops per mL for solutions and 15 drops per mL for suspensions
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Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) Billing and Supply Allowance

CMS has issued an update on the <u>Glucose</u> <u>Monitor - Policy Article</u>¹ effective as of January 1, 2024. A supplier now has the option to bill and dispense up to a 90-day supply for procedure codes A4238 (Adjunctive CGM) and A4239 (Non-Adjunctive CGM). The policy article states:

"Up to a maximum of three (3) months, ninety (90) days of the supply allowance may be billed for code A4238 or A4239 to the DME MAC at a time and suppliers may not dispense more than a ninety (90) day supply."

Below is a helpful chart to categorize the Dexcom and FreeStyle CGM products, their respective NCPDP billing units, and corresponding days' supply.

Product	NDC	NCPDP Billing Unit	Day's Supply Once a year	
Dexcom G6 Receiver	08627-0091-11	1 Each		
Dexcom G6 Transmitter	08627-0016-01	1 Each	Every 3 months	
Dexcom G6 Sensor	08627-0053-03	3 Each	Every 30 days	
Dexcom G7 Receiver	08627-0078-01	1 Each	Once a year	
Dexcom G7 Sensor	08627-0077-01	1 Each	Every 10 days	
FreeStyle Libre 14-day Sensor	57599-0001-01	1 Each	Every 14 days	
FreeStyle Libre 14-day Reader	57599-0002-00	1 Each	Every 3 years	
FreeStyle Libre Reader	57599-0000-21	1 Each	Every 3 years	

PAAS Tips:

- When billing Medicare Part B claims for procedure codes A4238 or A4239, claims are billed as 1 unit of service (UOS) per 30 days
- The NCPDP billing units shown in the chart above would apply to non-Medicare Part B claims
- A CGM supply allowance includes all items necessary for the use of the device and includes, but is not limited to, CGM sensors and transmitters
- For adjunctive CGMs, the supply allowance code (A4238), does not include supplies for a Blood Glucose Monitor (BGM.). Any required BGM supplies must be billed separately
- For non-adjunctive CGMs, the supply allowance code (A4239), also includes a home BGM and related supplies in the bundled payment (test strips, lancets, lancing device, calibration solution, and batteries)
- The supplier must monitor usage and verify the beneficiary has sufficient supplies to last for each 30-day billing period
- Utilize the CGM Supply Allowance Billing Calculator found on your DME MAC website to help determine when the next date of service can be billed
- CGS²
- Noridian³
- Check the same/similar tool in myCGS⁴ for a complete claim history to be sure the patient has not received supplies from another supplier in the last 30 or 90 days
- If the patient requires a replacement sensor, transmitter, or receiver due to a product failure, be sure to document and replace the item while reaching out to the manufacturer
- Beware that any PBM, including Medicare B, will recoup or deny a claim if it is refilled too soon based on days' supply guidelines above

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Why Do You Need a HIPAA Risk Analysis? Ask Change Healthcare...

If you have not been affected by the Change Healthcare cyberattack¹, you have no doubt heard about the sinister actions of the ALPHV Blackcat ransomware gang and the resulting chaos from their February data breach they caused. At the time of this article, the details of the Change Healthcare attack are still widely unknown to the public but two things are certain... (1) the attack should serve as a cautionary tale to all entities handling electronic protected health information (ePHI) and (2) it is a perfect reminder that a HIPAA Risk Analysis is a critical component to the security of your sensitive data.

A Risk Analysis is an accurate and thorough assessment of the potential threats, vulnerabilities and the associated risks to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of ePHI. According to the <u>Guidance on Risk Analysis webpage</u>² from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), "All e-PHI created, received, maintained or transmitted by an organization is subject to the Security Rule. The Security Rule requires entities to evaluate risks and vulnerabilities in their environments and to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect against reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of e-PHI. Risk analysis is the first step in that process."

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for enforcing federal HIPAA Rules and investigating complaints and violations. In many prior OCR investigations, pharmacies and other healthcare entities settling potential HIPAA violations are often cited with failure to perform an accurate and thorough risk analysis. Since HHS considers a risk analysis to be "the first step" in complying with the HIPAA Security Rule, OCR anticipates that a failure to complete the risk analysis will undoubtedly lead to other insufficiencies and a probable hefty monetary settlement.

As stated in the March 5, 2024 press release from HHS regarding the Change Healthcare cyberattack, "This incident is a reminder of the interconnectedness of the domestic health care ecosystem and of the urgency of strengthening cybersecurity resiliency across the ecosystem." Take steps now to evaluate and strengthen the security and integrity of your ePHI!

PAAS Tips:

- A new risk analysis should be conducted at least annually, or whenever there is a significant change to the information systems or security policies and procedures
- Deploying new computer equipment (i.e., anything that houses ePHI) or installing a new gate are situations that require updates to your risk analysis
- · Keep all documentation related to HIPAA for a minimum of six years after the last effective date
- For more information from HHS regarding the Change Healthcare cyberattack and the coordinated efforts and flexibilities in place, refer to their March 5, 2024 press release³
- Check out the newly released HHS voluntary performance goals⁴ to enhance cybersecurity in the health sector and their new gateway website⁵ developed to increase accessibility and awareness of cybersecurity information and resources from HHS and other federal agencies.
- Feeling overwhelmed? Don't know where to start? If your pharmacy does not currently have the PAAS FWA & HIPAA
 Compliance Program, we suggest scheduling a <u>services overview</u>⁶ to obtain additional information. The compliance
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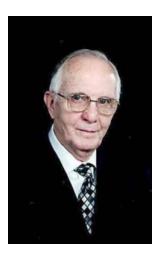
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The family and friends of **Bernard Edward Hietbrink** mourn his
passing on February 24, 2024,
after a long and brave struggle
with cancer. He lived life to the
fullest for 93 years. He is survived
by his sister, Dorothy (Milford)
Markus of Chamberlain, SD; his
daughters, Deanne (Elgene)
Jacobs of Edmond, OK, Beth
(Charles) Curry of Decatur, IL,
Laura (Ross) Rames of Mt. Pleasant,
SC; and son, Bernard (Melissa)

Hietbrink of Union Valley, TX. He also leaves behind grandchildren, Bryan Jacobs, Kristen Crawford, Shannon Holthaus, Nicholas Hagan, Trenton Hagan, Samantha Rames, Jess Rames, Noah Hietbrink, and McKenna Hietbrink, as well as 10 great-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his loving wife, Agnes Elaine (Jonker) Hietbrink; his parents, the Reverend Bernard Dirk and Esther Elizabeth (VanDenTak) Hietbrink; and his sister, Jean (Tony) Scholten of Brookings, SD.

Bernie was born a Preacher's Kid on November 23, 1930, in Strasburg, North Dakota. His early years were spent in Orange City, IA, and Corsica, SD, where he graduated from high school in 1948. In school, he developed a love of all sports that lasted his entire life. He especially enjoyed playing basketball, and onlookers may have watched him in a pick-up game while a faculty member of South Dakota State University, at an age that was more than double that of some teammates. (His knees finally sidelined him when he was 56 years old.) From 1948 to 1950, Bernie attended Northwestern Junior College in Orange City.

There, on March 16, 1951, he married the love of his life, A. Elaine Jonker. For 67 years they shared the joys and challenges of marriage: raising a family, enduring separation during military service, developing careers and working, and finally retiring together in northwestern Arkansas. They became world travelers, continued to serve their community, and loved and cherished each other until Elaine passed away on September 5, 2018.

During the Korean War, Bernie enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955, attaining the rank of Airman, First Class. He was stationed at the Kimpo Air Base in Korea in 1952 -1953. There he worked on the gunsights of the F-86 Sabre jets, helping to keep them on-target during sorties and dogfights with North Korean MiGs. During his service, daughters, Deanne and Beth, were born, underscoring the outsized role Elaine played in the family as he served his country.

On discharge from the USAF in 1955, the young Hietbrink family headed back to South Dakota where Bernie earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1958. From there they travelled to the University of Chicago and crowded into student housing as he earned his PhD in Pharmacology in 1961, the same year that daughter, Laura, arrived. Son, Bernie, followed closely in 1962 to round out the family. He continued his affiliation with the University of Chicago, where he worked as a Research Associate and Assistant Professor. South Dakota State University recruited Bernie to join the faculty of the College of Pharmacy in 1964, where he worked diligently for 30 years. He was ultimately promoted to Chairman, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and then served as Dean of the College of Pharmacy from 1987 to 1994. During this time Elaine enjoyed a career with the South Dakota Art Museum on the SDSU campus.

With both Bernie and Elaine retired in 1994, they relocated to Bella Vista, Arkansas, opening a new chapter in their lives. They visited numerous friends and family members and experienced many adventures while they traveled the country and the world. Both exercised their talents, with Elaine sewing custom clothing while Bernie worked in the wood shop. He was a master craftsman, able to down a tree in the forest and transform it into fine furniture, grandfather clocks, cradles for grandchildren, or anything else that his family and friends might need. He built two homes for his family: one in Brookings, SD, and another in Bella Vista, AR. Observers might have found him on the roof replacing the shingles or further down installing new windows and siding for one or more of his children. Friends would ask, "Can you do this for me?" His answer was almost always yes. Bernie had almost an obsession for firewood, and many a fallen oak tree's repose was interrupted by his chain saw. He took pride in the neat pallets of split and stacked hardwood waiting to be fed into the wood stove to keep Elaine and himself warm during the Arkansas winters.

Remaining active in the Bella Vista chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars while living in Arkansas, Bernie served as VFW Commander from 2002-2003. He also helped memorialize his fellow Veterans by serving in the Bella Vista Honor Guard. Elaine and Bernie were both vital members of their churches, the Faith Reformed Church in Brookings and the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. He was a Church Elder and worked as an usher, among other duties. He was rightfully proud of the custom woodwork he did for the Bella Vista church, which included creating 6 doors from scratch for the church entrance and making shelves and cabinets for the pastor's office and church library. His solid and beautiful handiwork will continue to serve his church for years to come.



James Richard White of Parker, SD, was born at home to Mildred (Olson) White and Noble White in Volin, SD, Oct. 11, 1933. Jim recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He passed away peacefully on March 8, 2024, with family by his side and under compassionate care from the nursing staff at Ava's House who adopted him like family.

At an early age, he learned how

to be resilient from many hospitalizations. He also learned how to have a strong work ethic from growing up on the family farm. Jim attended Bruget School #10 in Mission Hill and graduated from Gayville High School. Influenced by his Uncle Larry, he was the first in his family to attend college and graduated from Pharmacy School at SDSU.

Jim married Constance Gudmunson on June 28, 1959. They would make their first home in Vermillion, SD. Under the guidance of his mentor Marshal Davis, Jim started his first job at Davis Pharmacy. Jim and Connie's son Carl Magnus was born in 1960. Later, they moved to Sioux City where he worked at Toller Drug. Their daughter, Jenna Sue, arrived in 1963.

In 1965, the family moved to Parker where he purchased the drugstore that became White Pharmacy, which he owned for 40 years. Later that year, their daughter, Carri Michelle was born. Jim was a 59-year member of Grace Lutheran Church where he was on the church council and served as treasurer. He was instrumental in obtaining the stained-glass windows for the church. Jim was part of Parker's Volunteer Fire Department for many years, and that brotherhood would give him many bonds of friendship and enjoyment. Jim supported local Parker events and sports and even helped bring his favorite sport, baseball, to Parker.

Jim became a Shriner and loved all of the benefits it had to helping others in need. He achieved the Mason title in 1973 and earned his 50-year pin. He also became a member of Eastern Star, helped with Job's Daughters and was active as Grand Patron (while Connie was Worthy Grand Matron). Other organizations Jim belonged to were Sertoma Club, Kiwanis Club and the Commercial Club. He was a long-time board member of Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg in addition to the board at Turner Village. Jim was an avid blood donor, which was reflective of his giving personality.

Jim was passionate about running, he completed two half marathons and earned many medals. His favorite pastimes were spending time with his grandkids, working in his yard, watching the Minnesota Twins and all things SDSU Jackrabbits.

Jim will be remembered as a kind and optimistic person. He was self-proclaimed as "a bit of a maverick" and he always taught his children to look at the glass half-full. His advice for others was to be compassionate, understanding, grateful, and charitable. "Do not procrastinate! Be responsible for your own actions and treat people with kindness".

Jim is survived by his daughters Jenna Walz (Russ) of Sioux Falls, Carri Malde of Parker; sisters Wanda Freng (Larry) of Sioux Falls and Gwendy Sorensen (Rick) of Apple Valley, MN; sister-in-law Wynona Collar of The Dalles, Oregon. Grandsons Matt Malde (Tracie and sons Shawn and Bruce), Garrett Walz (Anna), Korey Walz (Ciara), Tanner White, Brent Mowery. Granddaughters Krista Malde (Chad and son Colin, daughter Emma) and Kaycee Walz (Francis).

Jim was preceded in death by his son Carl, his wife Connie, parents Mildred and Noble, two brothers, Charles and William, and two sisters, Phyllis and Janet.

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Craig Schotzko, age 77 of Sioux Falls, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Sanford USD Medical Center. Visitation will be from 1-2 P.M. on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Miller West Funeral Chapel (6200 West 41st Street, Sioux Falls). Burial will follow at 3:45 P.M. at Sterling Cemetery, rural Brookings, SD.

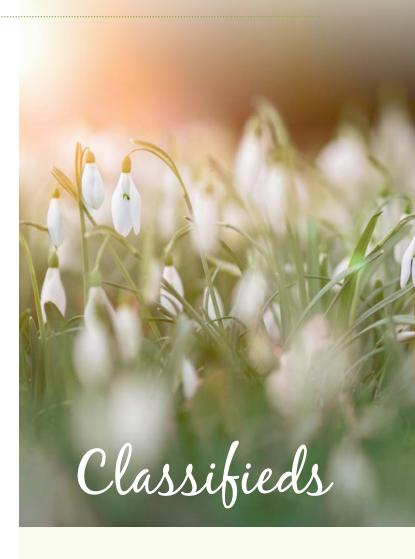
Craig was born on March 16, 1947, to Aelred and Sylvia (Bernloehr)

Schotzko in Tyler, MN. He attended school in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School. After high school, Craig attended SDSU in Brookings and received his Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy. Craig also faithfully served his country from 1974-1977 in the United States Army.

While attending SDSU, Craig met Rochelle Moen. The couple were married in Brookings in 1970, and in 1978, they moved to Sioux Falls where Craig lived until the time of his death.

Craig enjoyed the outdoors, especially being on the lake fishing. He would also spend many days walking the Western Mall. Craig had a passion for restoring old cars and for watching SDSU sports.

Survivors include his daughters, Stefanie Schotzko and Stacy (Dan) Helmbrecht, both of Sioux Falls; grandchildren, Kendra and Lauren Helmbrecht; and siblings, Ann (Larry) Wobig and Kevin (Pam) Schotzko both of Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents, and wife, Rochelle in 2018.



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