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2023

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- 4 **Aberdeen District Spring Meeting**
Postponed due to weather. Will reschedule.
Ramkota, Aberdeen, SD | 6:30 pm
- 9 **Easter**
- 13 **Watertown District Spring Meeting**
Minerva's, Watertown, SD | 6 pm
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Avera Prairie Center, Sioux Falls, SD | 5:30 pm
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- TBA **Mobridge District Spring Meeting**
- TBA **Black Hills District Spring Meeting**

MAY

- 29 **Memorial Day**

JUNE

- 14 **Flag Day**
- 18 **Father's Day**
- 19 **Juneteenth**
- 23 **South Dakota Board of Pharmacy Meeting**
Sioux Falls, SD and Zoom | 8 am – 12pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Please save the date for the SDPhA Annual Meeting
September 15–16 in Deadwood, SD! Watch your
email for early bird registration launching soon!

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Amanda Bacon // SDPhA Executive Director



I know for many of us it still looks very much like winter out there, but we're determined to channel Spring here in the SDPhA office – if you didn't notice the tulips on the previous page – please go look again. I'm starting to feel as though this may be the closest we get for some time yet! As I write this with the snow falling and the wind howling, I'm trying to remind myself how much

we need the moisture. All I really want right now is to be on the boat, and if you've been north of Oahe Dam, you know the water is very low. We need every flake, even though I don't care for them much!

2023 Legislative Session

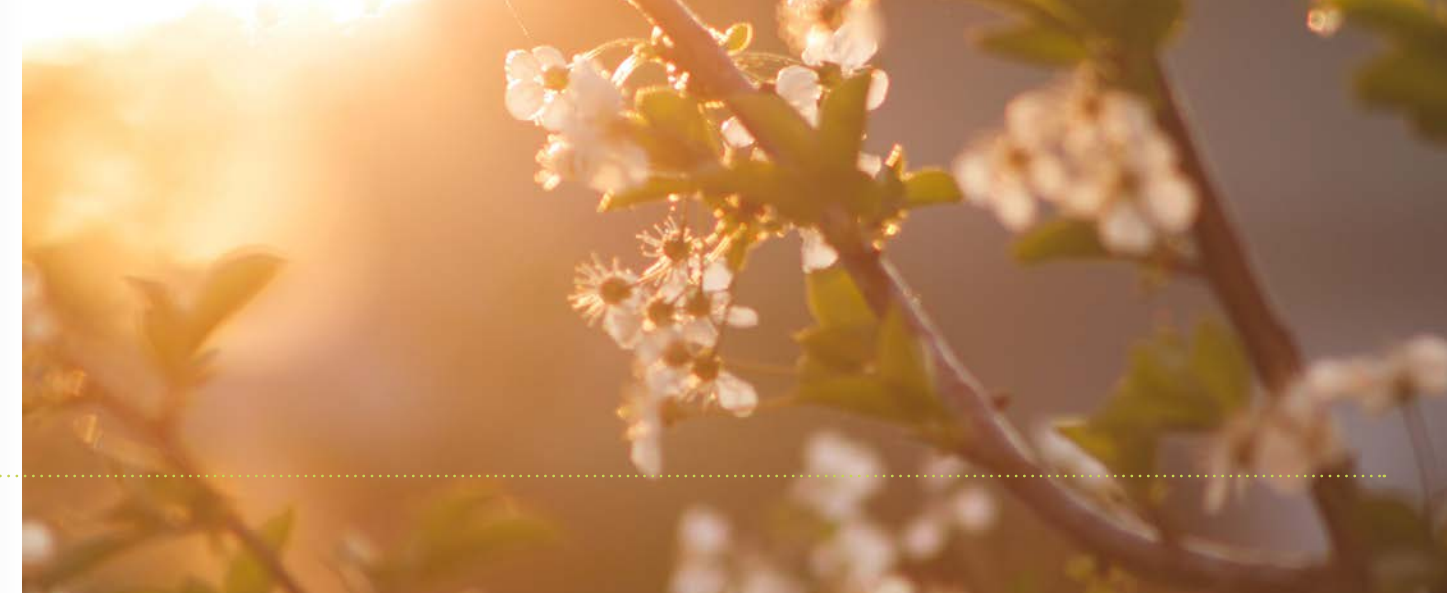
The 98th Legislative Session is now in the books. We are extremely grateful to once again have retained the skillful services of long-time SDPhA lobbyist and general legal counsel Robert Riter, as well as Lindsey Riter-Rapp, who is in her 4th year as lobbyist for SDPhA. This year we also again employed the services of Craig Matson and Roger Tellinghuisen specifically regarding our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) initiatives.

HB 1135

Things were quite active for the SDPhA Commercial and Legislative Branch well before the session started. In fact, round two of work on legislation to regulate PBMs began shortly after the gavel fell on the 97th (2022) Session. Nearly immediately after SB 163 failed on a tie vote, several Senators expressed to us, and some of our opponents, that they had a desire to see this work come to fruition for the good of all. We took those words to heart, and your SDPhA board soon went to work. SB 163 was very comprehensive legislation, so the board's first task was to identify the "must have" provisions from that bill. The following were the pieces we felt had the most immediate impact should the bill become law. We're happy to say that after many months and countless hours of negotiations with stakeholders (including Wellmark and PhRMA, among others), all the SDPhA priorities remained in the bill:

- **Prohibit direct or indirect retroactive claim adjustments** unless it's the result of a technical billing error, audit, fraudulent or duplicate claim. (Section 13)
- **Prohibit the numerous onerous fees** PBMs charge pharmacies. (Section 14)
- **MAC list regulation** to help ensure pharmacies are paid fairly and transparently. (Sections 15-16)
- **Prohibit a PBM from reimbursing its own pharmacies more** than it does other resident South Dakota pharmacies (Section 17)
- **Strengthens gag clause prohibition** (Section 10)

In addition, the bill strengthens audit (Section 4, 7) and reporting (Section 18) requirements for PBMs (including identifying all instances of spread spicing) and establishes the conditions under which the Division of Insurance may suspend, revoke, or deny a PBM's license (Section 19).



HB 1135 came unanimously out of the House Commerce and Energy Committee, Feb. 8, passed the House of Representatives 62-5 Feb. 12, passed unanimously out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and passed the full Senate with a vote of 34-0. Governor Noem signed the bill into law Thurs., March 23. That means it goes into effect July 1. Wellmark, Hy-Vee, Avera and the South Dakota Retailers spoke as proponents of the bill.

We want to express our immense gratitude to Rep. Mike Weisgram, the Prime Sponsor of HB 1135, and Sen. Mike Diedrich, the prime sponsor on the Senate side. These two gentlemen have put in a lot of work to help us pass this bill. In addition, thank you to Eric Grocott, Hugh Mack, Lindsey Osterkamp, and Kristen Carter for their invaluable testimony, as well as to all of you who wrote, called, emailed, and showed up to make sure the voice of pharmacy was heard. Thank you to SCAPP student liaisons Kaylee Ayers and Annabelle Simpson, who rallied our student pharmacists, and thanks to some fortuitous timing – ensured we packed the first committee hearing with a sea of beautiful white coats. Last but certainly not least, we would not be where we were it not for Craig Matson, our lead lobbyist on this issue. He put countless hours into this bill in the "off season" with Amanda Bacon and the SDPhA board, as well as the other principal stakeholders. His partner Roger Tellinghuisen was also an integral part of the passage of HB 1135.

You'll continue to hear more from us on what the changes mean for you, and your pharmacy, and what to do when the law isn't followed. Expect this to be a big topic of conversation at Convention 2023 in Deadwood this year as well.

Moving Mountains

Speaking of convention – mark your calendars now! Sept. 15-16 at the Lodge in Deadwood we will gather for what is sure to be a great time. If you haven't been to The Lodge in a while – you're in for a treat, and just last night the board worked on brainstorming a fantastic list of topics for CE. We also have some fun different things planned for this year that you won't want to miss. Early bird registration will open soon. We can't wait to see you there!

Spring District Meetings

I can't stress how important it is for you to attend those this year. In addition to PBM initiatives here at home, we're working with our national partners and our congressional delegation on a lot of moving parts on all kinds of issues of great importance to the profession at the federal level. We have some good traction regarding PBM issues in DC, among other things. You'll learn more about those items and whole host of other SDPhA initiatives at your Spring District Meetings. Most have resumed in an in-person format, and while not all the dates are set, you can find most listed on the calendar here in the Journal, as well as [our website](#) and the [Facebook group page](#). Please note that while our meeting dates are getting a little more spread out and later than usual due to weather – **award nominations remain due in the SDPhA office April 28th**. Please visit the [awards page on the website](#) for nomination forms and submission process.

AMANDA BACON





President's
PERSPECTIVE

Melissa Gorecki, PharmD, BCPP // SDPhA Board President



"Victory is sweetest when you've known defeat"
– Malcom Forbes

We did it! House Bill 1135 - Provide for Transparency of Prescription Drug pricing sailed through the South Dakota House and Senate this year, **and has been signed into law by the Governor.** This was a resounding victory to help ensure that there

is more transparency and regulation in the practice of PBMs. This is a great step in ensuring that our pharmacies will be able to stay open to ensure that the patients of South Dakota are taken care of.

I would first like to thank everyone that took the time to reach out to their legislators to help educate them about our bill. This was an all-hands-on-deck effort and it was great to hear back from legislators that their local pharmacist had already spoken to them. This would not have passed without your help. A special thanks to the pharmacists that were able to testify on our behalf including, Hugh Mack, Lindsey Osterkamp, Past-President Kristen Carter, and former President Eric Grocott. I would also like to thank Amanda Bacon, our Executive Director, for all her hard work and sleepless nights. She, along with our lobbying team of Craig Matson and Roger Tellinghuisen, were the Dream Team that worked hard in Pierre on the House and Senate floors to ensure we had the votes. Finally, I would like to thank the rest of your South Dakota Pharmacists Association Board for their continued efforts and support.

While it is nice to bask in our success, this bill was an agreement on certain PBM related issues, and did not contain everything we originally hoped for. We do believe it was a great start and a way to open the door for continued conversations. There is also work on the national level being done through legislation and an investigation by the FTC into the practice of PBMs.

As we continue forward it is important to stay up to date on these issues and others with the association. Attending your district's spring meeting is a great way of doing this and also a nice way to see some of your peers. This is also the time of year we ask for award nominations, so if you know any deserving pharmacists, please let your district officers know. We look forward to hearing about the great work that is being done by pharmacists across the state.

Now is also a good time to mark your calendar and start your PTO requests for the Annual Convention September 15-16. This year we are back in Deadwood and ready to "Move Mountains." We will be working to line up some great CE options for everyone. Make plans to join us and watch for more updates and information as it gets closer.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please reach out to any of the association board members. We enjoy hearing from you and will hopefully see you in Deadwood!

Respectfully,

MELISSA GORECKI

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



Board Welcomes New
Registered Pharmacists
/Pharmacies

Congratulations to the following nine candidates who recently met licensure requirements and were licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Zachary Buchner, Jody Coburn, Megan Krol, Ashley Lacey, Lisa Ohnstad, Adrienne Rivera, Alyssa Schweitzer, Conroy Thompson,

and Daniel Worley. There were two new SD full-time pharmacy licenses issued: Stronghold Pharmacy, change of ownership from Homer's Pharmacy, Arlington, SD, License # 100-2086 and Dakotamart SD, LLC, change of ownership from Dakotamart Inc dba Lynn's Dakotamart Pharmacy, Pierre, SD License # 100-2087. There was one new part-time SD pharmacy license issued: Avera McKennan dba Avera Long-Term Care Pharmacy Nexsys ADC # 6, Aberdeen, SD, License # 200-1760.

Pharmacy Licensure Opens
May 1 to June 30, 2023

Full-time, part-time, and nonresident pharmacy licensure period opens on May 1, 2023. There are very few changes that have been made in the platform for these license classes. As usual, we have a high volume of licenses to process during this period. It is extremely helpful to office staff if pharmacies process their licenses early and include all required uploads. If the license is submitted in the last few days of the month, the pharmacy has the potential to have no active license to operate which would require it to remain closed on July 1, 2023.

MAT Act Signed into Law
by Jensen Keisow, P4 Regulatory Intern

On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 into law. This bill included legislation to address the opioid crisis, including the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act, which officially eliminated the DATA-Waiver Program. The DATA-Waiver Program required prescriber education on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and subsequent assignment of the "XDEA number" by DEA to prescribe buprenorphine for OUD. On January 12, 2023, the DEA provided a [Dear Registrant Letter](#) stating this. The requirement of an X-DEA number for prescribing buprenorphine products has been eliminated. There will no longer be any limitations or caps on the number of patients a prescriber may treat for OUD. The intent of eliminating this policy is to increase access to buprenorphine to patients suffering from OUD, help patients sustain recovery, and prevent further opioid overdoses.

All prescriptions for buprenorphine require a standard DEA registration number only. There is no longer a requirement for an "X-DEA" number on any prescriptions going forward. Further, it was previously required for the prescriber to include, on the prescription, whether the patient is taking buprenorphine for pain or OUD treatment. This is also no longer required.

With the elimination of the DATA-Waiver and its associated educational requirement, the DEA now adds new training requirements for all prescribers. As of June 21, 2023, all prescribers are required to obtain eight hours of prescribing training for the treatment of MOUD prior to obtaining or renewing a DEA number. The new training requirement for prescribers does not impact changes related to the elimination of the X-DEA number as described above and pharmacists will not have visibility into whether the prescriber has met the requirement. If the training is not completed; the prescriber will lose their DEA number and the ability to prescribe controlled substances. This could adversely affect pharmacists trying to take care of patients. Encourage prescriber colleagues to complete the training now.

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FDA Acts to Restrict Unlawful Import of Xylazine “Tranq”

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that it has [taken action](#) to restrict the unlawful entry of xylazine active pharmaceutical ingredients and finished dosage form drug products into the country to address a growing public health concern. The chemical xylazine has increasingly been found in illicit drugs such as illicitly manufactured fentanyl and other drugs and is increasingly detected in overdose deaths. This action aims to prevent the drug from entering the U.S. market for illicit purposes, while maintaining availability for its legitimate uses in animals.

Xylazine is not an opioid, but it is extremely dangerous because it can depress breathing, blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature to critical levels. Additionally, people who inject drugs containing xylazine can develop severe skin wounds and patches of dead and rotting tissue that easily become infected and, if left untreated, may lead to amputation. The wounds can develop in areas of the body away from the injection site and may become life-threatening. The agency previously [communicated to health care providers](#) about the risks to patients exposed to xylazine in illicit drugs.

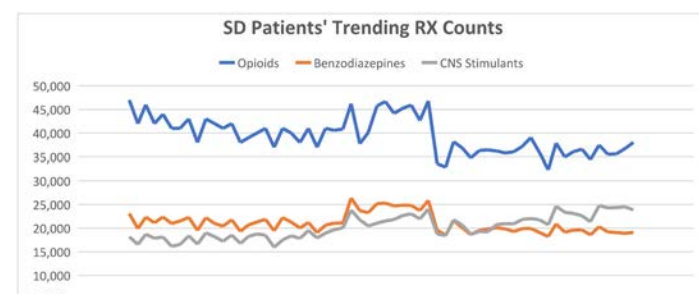
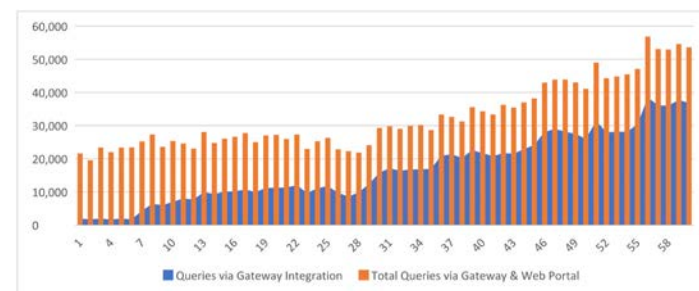
First OTC Test to Detect/Differentiate Flu/Covid Issued EUA

On February 24th, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for the first over-the-counter (OTC) at-home diagnostic test that can differentiate and detect influenza A and B, commonly known as the flu, and SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The Lucira COVID-19 & Flu Home Test is a single-use at-home test kit that provides results from self-collected nasal swab samples in roughly 30 minutes. What a game changer this is in at home testing.

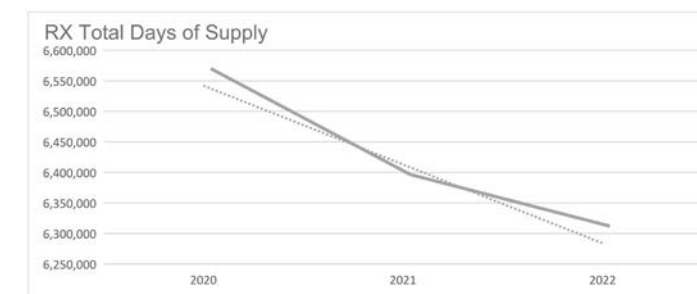
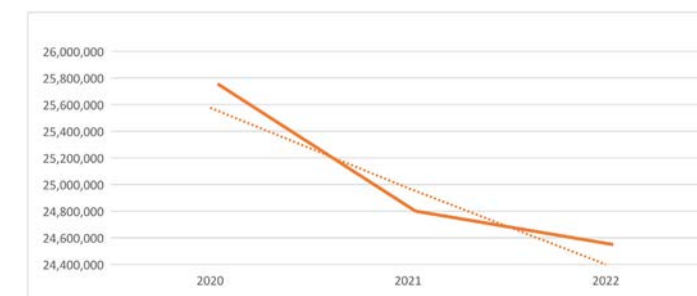
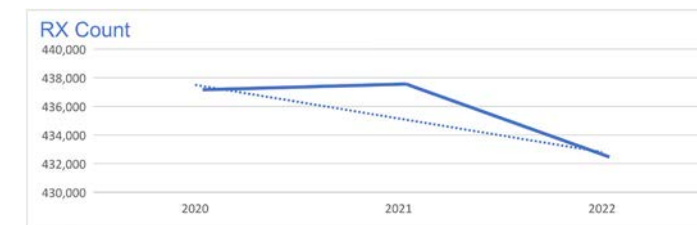
PDMP Update by Melissa Denoon, PDMP Director

Year 2022 Top Ten Controlled Substances (CS) to SD Patients	RXs	Quantity	Days of Supply	Avg Quant/Rx
HYDROCODONE BITARTRATE/ACETAMINOPHEN	142,988	7,645,348	1,793,101	53
DEXTRAMPHETAMINE SULF-SACCHARATE/AMPHETAMINE SULF-ASPARTATE	112,591	4,960,521	3,339,725	44
TRAMADOL HCL	111,543	6,688,229	1,890,020	60
LORAZEPAM	75,913	3,218,030	1,664,110	42
METHYLPHENIDATE HCL	71,352	2,987,793	2,129,299	42
CLONAZEPAM	69,781	3,778,605	2,050,274	54
ZOLPIDEM TARTRATE	69,388	2,430,871	2,426,286	35
OXYCODONE HCL	52,172	2,686,596	651,153	51
ALPRAZOLAM	49,487	2,559,719	1,277,355	52
LISDEXAMFETAMINE DIMESYLATE	47,170	1,437,899	1,422,196	30

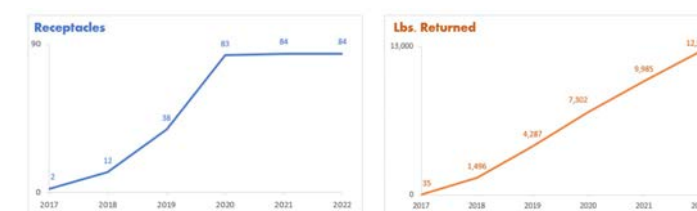
Trending PDMP Utilization by SD Prescribers & Pharmacists



Trending SD Patients' Opioid Prescriptions



Pharmadrop Drug Take-Back Program



Respectfully submitted for the Board,

KARI SHANARD-KOENDERS

BOARD MEETING DATES

Please check the [Board Meetings](#) page on the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy website for the time, location, and agenda for future Board meetings.

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South Dakota SOCIETY of HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

Alyssa Larson, PharmD // SDSHP President



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

It's a busy time of year as we gear up for the **2023 SDSHP Annual Conference**, which will be held on March 31st and April 1st at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls. Our Annual Meeting Planning Committee has been working

hard to develop relevant and beneficial continuing education for attendees. We are also excited to welcome keynote speaker Dr. Adam Hill, a pediatric palliative care physician and advocate for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders among healthcare professionals. If you're interested in attending, it's not too late to register! Registration can be completed online at www.sdsdp.com. 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 three **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. Two of these seminars were held east river (February 18th and February 25th), while one seminar took place west river on March 11th. This year, the seminars took place in-person with the option to tune in virtually as well. 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 – Jessi Henter – SDSHP is in the early stages of planning the **2023 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 comes to an end during the upcoming annual conference on March 31st, I reflect on this past year with immense gratitude toward the 2022-2023 Board of Directors. Their commitment to SDSHP is evident in our accomplishments, which have included expanding PAI 2030 efforts in South Dakota and developing a Fellowship program to recognize individuals demonstrating outstanding and sustained contributions to both SDSHP and the profession of pharmacy. I am excited to see our organization continue to grow under the leadership of our current President Elect, Khia Walser. I hope to see you all in Sioux Falls at the SDSHP Annual Conference!!

Respectfully submitted,

ALYSSA LARSON



SDSU COLLEGE of PHARMACY and ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Dan Hansen, PharmD // Dean and Professor



Hello from the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions! I'm pleased to share a few of our recent highlights.

We have some exciting news to share on accreditation. The ACPE Board has affirmed our Pharm.D. accreditation through June 30, 2031. An 8-year term is the longest available to the board for approval and comes after years of work on our Pharm.D. self-study.

SDSU's Pharm.D. students continue to excel. NAPLEX results show that 94.4% (68/72), of the 2022 SDSU graduates taking the exam passed on the first attempt, compared to the national first-time pass rate of 79.8%. This is the second year of the new NAPLEX blueprint and the first year the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy instituted a new and higher scale score for passing. The Pharm.D. program continues to maintain a 100% job placement.

A \$1.1 million gift from Kevin and Lorie Haarberg was granted to South Dakota State University's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions' Drug, Disease and Delivery Research Center. In addition, the Haarbergs have included SDSU in their estate plan, with a \$10 million gift intention. The Haarberg Center for Drug, Disease and Delivery announced its second round of funding for research projects through the Haarberg 3D Center's Pilot Grant Program. Four faculty from SDSU were awarded one-year, \$100,000 grants through the pilot program.

We have outstanding students. Maddi Hansen is one of five recipients of the \$1,000 Zada M. Cooper Scholarship by Kappa Epsilon Foundation for 2023. She is the 22nd SDSU pharmacy student to receive the award in its 63-year history, two in the first 31 years and 20 in the last 36 years.

Hansen is the first SDSU recipient since Abigail Sirek in 2020. Ellie Balken was one of four students to receive the Student Leadership Award from the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists and one of six students chosen for its National Standing Committee. Rishabh Bahl, one of the graduate students in Josh Reineke's lab, was selected as a recipient of the 2022-2023 Joseph F. Nelson Graduate Student Award.

To create as realistic scenarios as possible, faculty in the Healthcare Simulation Center added a new element to their simulations: actors and actresses byway of SDSU's Theatre Department. Nursing and pharmacy students practiced engaging with the patient while the theater students honed their acting skills—a "win-win" for all of the parties involved.

The following students presented at the ASHP Mid-Year Meeting:

- "Assessing the Incidence of Hyperkalemia in Patients Receiving High-Dose Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim" presented by Sydney House, Josie Blasius, Shannon Katz, Madelyn Reinke, and Madison Styles
- "Azithromycin versus Doxycycline in the Treatment of Inpatient Community-Acquired Pneumonia" presented by Kevin Heilman, Malachi Girton, Jacob Heezen, Cherryl Ouma, and Kelby Peters.
- "Incidence of Hypophosphatemia in Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis Patients" presented by Trenton LaCanne and Chase Metzger
- "Outcomes of COVID-19 in Patients Receiving Dexamethasone 6 Mg versus 7-20 Mg" presented by Michaela Schaar, Brittni Franken, Annika Skogg, Haley Smit, and Madeline Weber
- "Assessing the Impact of a Central Pharmacist Coordinator and Medication Therapy Management Training on Patient Interventions Across a Midwest Community Pharmacy Chain" presented by Jordan Kimball



SDSU COLLEGE of PHARMACY *and* ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

(*continued*)

Recently, the first student-led OLLI session was by Lindsey Kimmel, Tara Jorgensen, and Brooklynn Downing. The students presented to about 30 community members on cardiovascular disease. The session was informative and engaging, and our P3 presenters did a spectacular job highlighting the expertise of a pharmacist.

We have outstanding faculty and staff in our College demonstrated by the list below.

- Dr. Brittney Meyer, IPE coordinator and professor, received the College's 2023 Outstanding Scholar. This award is in recognition of Brittney's work in 2022, specifically in the area of simulation, IPE, and the SDSU Poll.
- Sharrel Pinto, Christopher Kotschevar, Aaron Hunt, Alex Middendorf, Christopher Robbins, Erin Miller, and Deidra Van Gilder had an article entitled "Impact of a Public Health Awareness Campaign on Patients' Perceptions of Expanded Pharmacy Services in South Dakota Using the Theory of Planned Behavior" accepted for publication in a special issue of Pharmacy.
- Chris Robbins and colleagues had an article published in the Journal of Surgical Research entitled "Implementation of Multimodal Pain Protocol Associated With Opioid Use Reduction in Trauma Patients." A great example of a multi-institutional collaboration.
- Jennifer Ball, associate professor in pharmacy practice, and Erin Miller, assistant professor in allied and population health, was recognized by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) for their outstanding work toward the publication of a home-study series for ambulatory care pharmacists. The BREATHE-SD project was featured on a segment of Prairie-Doc, which airs on SD Public Broadcasting. Sharrel Pinto, Lacy Patnoe, and Brooke Sydow, one of our clinical partners on the project, were interviewed for the segment.
- Pharmacy Times highlighted an article published by Sharrel Pinto, Alex Middendorf, Chris Robbins, Erin Miller and Deidra Van Gilder.

Marissa Trosen joined our College as the director of clinical education and respiratory care instructor in the Department of Allied and Population Health.

Searches are underway for the following positions: assistant professor/MPH program coordinator, respiratory care instructors, medical laboratory science instructor, pharmacy practice faculty, and a program assistant in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

I am proud of our team and their accomplishments.

Best regards,

DAN HANSEN

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

Ellie Balken // **SCAPP/APhA-ASP SDSU Chapter President**



I would first like to thank SDPhA and the incredible pharmacist mentors for supporting our chapter and our student members. Without their guidance, SCAPP would not be able to impact the community nor enhance student learning in the same capacity. We had another successful year of Legislative Days, where 37 students traveled to Pierre to learn about the legislative process,

showcase pharmacy throughout the state, perform screenings for legislators and staff, and even witness HB1135 in committee. In the spirit of advocacy, our members have been engaging with multiple patient screening opportunities throughout the Brookings and Sioux Falls communities, including at The Banquet, KidsLink, and Harvest Table. Providing screenings at these locations helps support one of SCAPP's key goals this year, providing care for locally underserved populations and individuals.

NCPA, one of the umbrella organizations within SCAPP, helped pilot a new initiative that enabled over 60 students to register for the DKMS Bone Marrow registry, a global initiative that serves patients in need. Additionally, SCCP hosted a post-graduate panel featuring pharmacists of unique backgrounds and careers, expanding member awareness about unique opportunities available following graduation. Collaboration has been another key consideration this semester and recently SCAPP hosted a successful international potluck and auction in conjunction with the PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences organization, AAPS, where members learned more about Ramadan and got to interact and learn about cultures from around the globe.

This Spring, we will have nine students from the P1 through P3 class attending APhA Annual in Phoenix, AZ, networking with pharmacists and students from around the nation, engaging with educational sessions, exploring a new city with peers, and gaining friendships to last a lifetime. We also hosted SDSU's local patient counseling competition in February, and I would like to extend congratulations to three P2 students Madeline Osborn, Kylie Anderson, and Kyle Butzke for placing first, second, and third, respectively. We wish Kylie the best of luck as she represents SDSU at the National Competition during APhA Annual. Lastly, expansion of student leadership has continued this semester, through both the election of our future executive board members and launching a "Lunch with Leaders" series with our New Practitioner Mentors, most recently featuring Dr. Natalie Sovell over the topic of imposter syndrome. I would like to congratulate the following members for being selected for their roles and hope you will join me in supporting them as they continue to advance the mission of SCAPP and serve our community!

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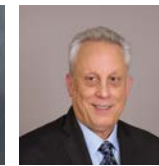
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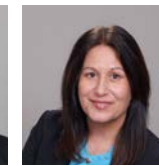
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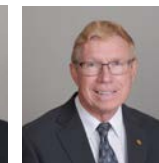
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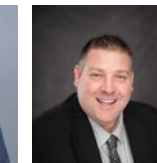
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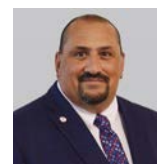
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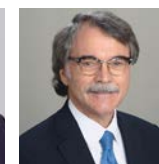
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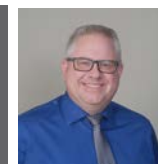
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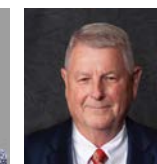
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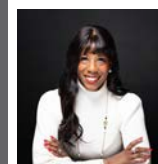
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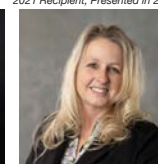
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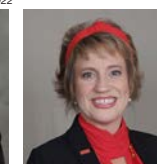
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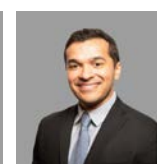
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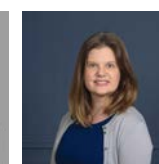
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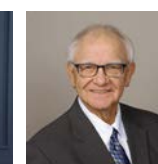
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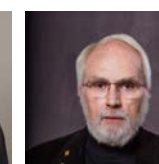
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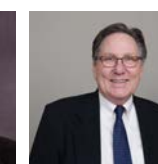
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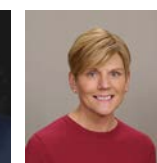
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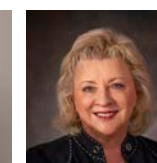
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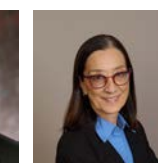
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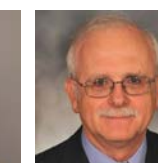
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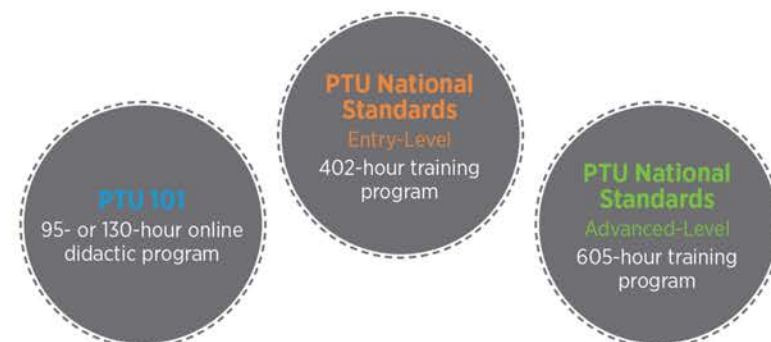
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Pharmacist Consult: An Update on Parkinson's Disease Prevalence and Treatment

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Course Development

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Pharmacist Learning Objectives

1. Summarize the epidemiology and pathophysiology of Parkinson's Disease.
2. List risk factors and protective factors for the development of Parkinson's Disease.
3. Identify medications that can cause drug-induced parkinsonism.
4. Name the different classes of Parkinson's medications and specifically identify which class agents fall into.
5. Identify appropriate monotherapy agents for the initial treatment of Parkinson's disease.
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Collaborative Practice Agreements & Statewide Protocols

Pharmacists are increasingly given options to become more involved in patient care. Some of these options result in a pharmacist prescribing or initiating drug therapy. While the end result of these activities is very similar, legally, they are quite distinct. Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPA) are generally categorized as collaborative prescribing while Statewide Protocols (SP) are classified as autonomous prescribing. Let's explore the distinctions in more detail.

A CPA is a formal agreement between a pharmacist and a prescriber under which the pharmacist provides certain patient care functions, such as the initiation, monitoring, modifying, and/or discontinuing of drug therapy. Most states have laws that authorize CPAs. However, there is considerable variation in what practices, and to what extent, are allowed. The CPA must fall within the guidelines dictated by the law authorizing them. The CPA should be specific about the patient care functions delegated to the pharmacist and the guidelines for the pharmacist's performance of those functions. The nature of a CPA limits the pharmacist's intervention only to specific patients of the CPA's prescriber.

An SP is different in that it is not limited to a particular pharmacist or particular prescriber. An SP is issued by a state agency such as the Board of Pharmacy. The Board of Pharmacy may act in conjunction with other agencies, including the Board of Health. The SP is issued within the guidelines set by the state law or regulation that authorizes SPs. The SP authorizes any qualified pharmacist to provide the clinical service described in the SP. Most SPs authorize the pharmacist to prescribe and dispense a certain drug or class of drugs to fill the needs of the class of patients covered by the SP. Thus, an SP permits the pharmacist to intervene and provide services to a broader base of patients. The training and education needed by the pharmacist to fulfill the clinical activities is provided in the law or regulation authorizing the CPA or SP. Any pharmacist wanting to expand the clinical services they offer should approach the addition of new clinical services methodically. What activities are authorized in your state for a CPA or

an SP? It makes sense to proceed if your practice has a significant population of patients who could benefit from these additional services and you have the physical facilities to provide the services. These populations might be diabetics, asthmatics, or patients with other medical conditions. Once you have decided on a service to add to your practice, you need to examine whether you are competent and qualified to provide that service. If not, you should register for and obtain the needed training and certification. A pharmacist must comply with the procedures and recordkeeping required by the authorizing law or regulation.

As with any new activity, there will be an increase in your liability exposure. However, that exposure can be managed through an effective risk management program. Analyze the possible risks in advance of implementing the service and incorporate best practices in your procedures to mitigate those risks. A thorough understanding of the requirements and responsibilities under the CPA or SP is essential. Continuous monitoring of the quality of the services rendered is necessary to adjust procedures as situations change. Another component of a good risk management program is to have the proper insurance coverage in place. Consult with your insurance agent regarding coverage for your new service. No expansion of services is without risk, but effective policy and procedures can minimize those risks to a manageable level.

Keep your eyes and mind open when providing a new service. Research and proper preparation enables you to expand your practice within your risk tolerance benefiting both you and your patients.

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DISCOUNT / CASH CARDS ARE DISRUPTORS IN THE INDUSTRY

On February 25, 2023, PAAS National, had the privilege of participating in a Panel Discussion entitled Marketplace Prescription Dynamics Sure to Shape Your Business Strategies at NCPA Multiple Locations Conference. While traversing several different topic areas, one of the core issues important to community pharmacies is discount/cash cards.

IQVIA published a white paper entitled [Pharmacy Discount Card Utilization and Impact](#)¹ in August of 2022 with several interesting findings. Among them, discount card utilization has grown to 5.4% of all pharmacy adjudications in 2021, a 63% increase over 2017 - of which "Not So GoodRx" now represents 46%. Only 9% of discount card transactions are for branded products. For Medicare patients, nearly 1 in 5 (19%) used a discount card. Commercial patients were 12%, but that doubled to 24% for those with an observed deductible. Cash paying patients represented 56% of all patients, and 52% of transactions.

While the discount card growth has been remarkable, what makes them disruptors in the industry has been their impact on the traditional PBM model. Discount cards have been effective at undermining the perceived benefit that PBMs are supposed to provide (i.e., why is GoodRx able to offer a better price on my prescriptions than my insurance). Additionally, patients' out of pocket costs are typically not captured when they use

discount cards unless a patient is going to submit claims on their own (in addition to gaps in adherence metrics and other quality measures). In response, Express Scripts [announced](#)² a partnership with GoodRx to include a "lesser of" logic when processing prescription claims through their Price Assure program. Not to be outdone, OptumRx launched [Price Edge](#)³ which will review direct-to-consumer prescription drug prices and offer members the lowest available price. Comically, OptumRx said they currently offer the best price to their members about 90% of the time, meaning 10% of the time patients are getting a raw deal. Both of these programs are automatically including these drug purchases into member's deductibles going forward.

Pharmacies [know](#)⁴ that discount cards are really just another form of spread pricing, benefiting the discount card provider and PBM. GoodRx reports that it earns 15% of the patient's total retail prescription cost, and that doesn't include a fee for the PBM processor. Interestingly, GoodRx had disclosed that Kroger had accounted for only 5% of participating pharmacies, but nearly 25% of prescription transaction revenue. How could it have been that high? As a chain, Kroger was more likely dutiful in their utilization and/or promotion of GoodRx for patients. Most independents despise GoodRx and will create work arounds to avoid utilizing the card (e.g., with aggressive cash pricing or price-

matching). Pharmacies should always be careful not to jeopardize their usual and customary. With the integration from these new programs by the PBMs, bypassing discount cards will likely no longer be an option for insured patients. The impact on BER, GER and even DIR fees for 2023, and beyond, are not clear.

Speaking of jeopardizing your Usual & Customary pricing, Amazon's [RxPass](#)⁵ should be a flop. If you haven't heard or read about it, Amazon is offering their Prime members "eligible medications for one flat, low monthly fee of \$5, and have them delivered free of charge". Patients with Medicare, Medicaid, or located in one of the seven states they exclude are not eligible to participate. The broader question is how long it will take the DOJ and HHS-OIG to enforce the U&C issue that has already played out with Walgreens (and many others). PAAS previously illuminated the \$60 million settlement with the Prescription Savings Club in the March 2019 PAAS Newline: [AVOID "Discount Clubs" for Cash Patients](#)⁶. That same DOJ [announcement](#)⁷ also discussed the infamous Insulin Pen Box Settlement for \$200 million. Amazon clearly missed this settlement, as the PillPack subsidiary paid a \$5.79 million [settlement](#)⁸ in May 2022 for the same insulin pen dispensing practices.

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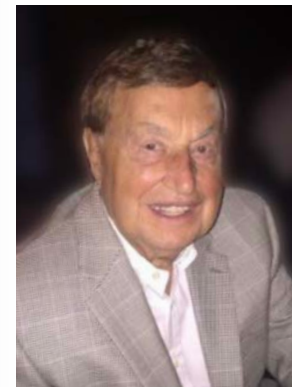
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Obituaries



Ted Belbas, age 93, a lifelong resident of Sioux Falls, passed away on February 25, 2023, in La Quinta, California, where he

was wintering. Ted enjoyed excellent health until the end, when his heart simply gave out. He was born in Sioux Falls, SD, on August 20, 1929. His parents, John and Helen Belbas, were both Greek immigrants from small villages on the Peloponnese peninsula. He was one of nine siblings. As a young teen during WWII, he made money selling newspapers to the troops at the military airbase in Sioux Falls. He graduated from Washington High School in 1947. After high school, he served in the United States Army, stationed in Washington State. His military skills involved being a fast typist and being assigned to be a Jeep driver despite having never driven a car nor having a driver's license. He joked that he fought with valor at the Battle of British Columbia. After military service, he attended South

Dakota State University, graduating in 1953 with a degree in pharmacy. His first job was at Dow Drug; shortly thereafter, he opened his own store, Sioux Valley Drug, located at 18th and Grange next to Sioux Valley Hospital. This business was later moved down to 18th and Minnesota and merged with Dow Drug to become Dow Sioux Valley Drug. Later, the store moved around the corner on South Minnesota Avenue (into the old Dixie Bake Shop) and became Dow Drug and Gift. Ted hired many young people, including his nephews and nieces, to work in his store as stockers, delivery drivers, and cashiers. In this role, he served as a consummate professional, mentoring and teaching life skills to these young people, who revered him. The back room of the drug store was a famous gathering place for his many friends. He was an expert skier in the early days of skiing and enjoyed many trips to Terry Peak in the Black Hills, Aspen, and Vail. He enjoyed vigorous racket ball games at the Y with rotating groups of friends. Ted enjoyed international travel, especially to Greece, Europe, and as far away as China. Ted was never married, nor did he have children, but he was everyone's favorite uncle. He enjoyed his siblings and would attend family weddings and gatherings no

matter the distance. He has many life-long friends in Sioux Falls and around the country that he has enjoyed and remained loyal to till the end. In recent years, Ted has enjoyed spending time with and traveling with the extended family of Daniel and Juliet Everist. An image of Ted to remember is him driving his 1960 Mercedes 190SL convertible, smiling, with the top down and not a care in the world.

He is survived by siblings, George and Helen Belbas, Dean Belbas, Olympia "Bea" Kustas; many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Tom Belbas, Amanda Belbas Andrew and husband Nick, Peggy Belbas, Theresa Belbas Clemons and husband Melvin, and Kathy "Poppy" Belbas Griffith and husband Denny; brother-in-law, William Kustas.

Ted is especially thankful for the medical care and friendship of Dr. Eric Larson, for the daily visits from Barb Jamtgaard while in California, and to Helen Beth MacArthur for the care she provided Ted during his stay in the desert this winter.

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Donald W. Turgeon, age 96 of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, peacefully passed away Friday, March 3, 2023, with

his family by his side at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls.

Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 am, with family present to greet friends beginning at 9:30 am, on Friday, March 10, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 2109 S. 5th Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD. A luncheon reception to follow. Interment with military honors will be held at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Sioux Falls, SD. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Lions Eye Bank (Dakota Lions Sight & Health, 4501 W 61st Street North, Sioux Falls, SD 57107).

Son of Abraham and Marie (Dolezal) Turgeon, Donald was born on June 8, 1926 in Gregory, South Dakota. Don graduated from Burke High School in 1944. On November 17, 1944, Don enlisted in the United States Navy and attended electrical school in Gulf Port Mississippi. For the next two years, Don served as an electrician on various ships and PT boats in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He was honorably discharged on August 12, 1947.

On June 22, 1948, Donald was united in marriage to Marjorie Connell in Burke, South Dakota. The couple resided in Brookings, South Dakota,

where Donald continued his education at SDSU. In 1952, Donald graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and moved to Mitchell, South Dakota where he was employed as a pharmacist for Kress Drug Store. In 1955, Don went to work for Eli Lilly & Co. as a detail representative for 26 years until he retired March 1, 1981. Following retirement, Don and Marjorie moved to Piedmont, South Dakota where Don did relief work as a pharmacist.

Don taught pharmacology for several years to the student nurses at the Methodist School of Nursing in Mitchell, and helped established the Lions Eye Bank in Sioux Falls. In volunteer services, he served on the drive for the building fund for the Mitchell YMCA in 1964, and was active in helping supervise Boy Scouts of Troop 246 at camps at Lewis & Clark, Pickstown and Chamberlain. Twice he accompanied the troop to Canada for a 50-mile canoe trip.

Don was a member of the Elks since 1959, South Dakota Pharmaceutical Association, and Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church and served on the church council. He also served on the SDSU Pharmacy Building Steering Committee until completion of the new building. He was the past-presidents of the Mitchell Camera Club, the Mitchell area South Dakota State University Alumni Association, and the Mitchell District Pharmaceutical Association. Don was named salesman of the year four times from the Mitchell district, once for the Yankton district and twice from the Huron district at the state Pharmacy Association conventions. And in 1982, Don was named Honorary President of the South Dakota State Pharmacy Association.

In 1981, Don joined the Rushmore Lions Club of Rapid City, South Dakota and had 100% attendance for 16 years. He served as president from 1992-1993, as well as other offices. Don also served as Publicity Chairman for District Governors Galen Jones, Lynn Moran, Jay Hendricks, and Dean Reichert. He was named Lion of the Year in 1990, and received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in 1991. Don was instrumental in forming the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank and served on the first board of directors. He was named as Melvin Jones Fellow in 1995.

Don and Margie enjoyed spending their winters in Mesa, Arizona. In 1999, they moved to Sioux Falls to be near family. Following Marjorie's death in 2003, Don married Shirley VanWyhe in 2004. The couple resided in Wichita, KS until 2019, at which time they separated in order to live closer to their respective families. Hobbies of Don included golf, computer and photography, and spending time with family.

Don was an intelligent person and a strong man. He was a tender-hearted father and a devoted husband. He enjoyed camping with his kids when they were younger, fixing and building things, reading, golf, computers, photography, and spending time with his family. Don was a great story teller and had the ability to tell detailed stories of his time serving in the Navy. He always liked looking at the bright side of life, and even in his older days when he was not feeling well, maintained a steady smile on his face and a hearty welcome to those coming to visit.

Grateful for having shared his life are his loving children, Jane (Paul) Phalen of Sioux Falls, David Turgeon of Oregon, and Dan (Sandy) Turgeon of Sioux Falls; 8 cherished grandchildren, Sarah (Steve) Nickels, Christina Turgeon, Beth (Darin) Epling, Katie (Cory Bellmer) Sampson, David Fitzwilliams, Laura (Clark) Everson, Sean (Rachael) Turgeon and Devon Turgeon; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Marjorie Turgeon, and second wife of 15 years, Shirley Turgeon; son, Jeffrey Turgeon; great-granddaughter, Alaina Marie Epling; brothers, Bob, George, Herbert, Ben and Clair Turgeon; and sisters, Alvena, Ramona, Rosalie and Betty.



Tara Lynn Sheldon, age 46 of Yankton, SD passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 13, 2023, at her home. Funeral

services will be 10:30 am, Monday, February 20, 2023, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, SD with Rev. Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Avon, SD at approximately 2 pm Monday afternoon. Visitations will begin at 5 pm, Sunday, February 19, 2023, at the United Church of Christ

(Congregational), Yankton, SD with a Scripture service at 6:30 pm. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be sent at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com. Live streaming of Tara's services can be found at: <https://my.gather.app/remember/tara-sheldon>.

Tara L. (Roth) Sheldon, age 46, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Yankton, SD, on February 13, 2023.

Tara was born in Tyndall, SD on April 9, 1976, to Paul E. and Lyla (Lukkes) Roth. She was the oldest of six children. She was baptized on May 2, 1976 at Zion Lutheran Church, Avon, SD and was confirmed on May 6, 1990 also at Zion Lutheran Church, Avon, SD.

Tara attended Avon Public School and graduated in 1994. After graduation, she attended Mount Marty College and South Dakota State University (SDSU) and obtained her bachelor's degree. She went on to earn a degree as a Doctor of Pharmacology from South Dakota State University in 2000.

Tara began her career at James Drug in Wagner, SD, and later worked at the pharmacy at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. At the time of her death, she was employed by Heritage Pharmacy in Freeman, SD.

On October 12, 2002, Tara married Todd Sheldon and the couple made their home in Yankton where their four children were born. Their family has been active in the Yankton United Church of Christ (Congregational.)

Tara is survived by her husband, Todd, and their children Joshua (18), Matthew (16), Isabelle (13), and Isaac (10.) She is also survived by her mother, Lyla Roth, and her three sisters Lora (Paul) Ersland of Madison, SD; Dana (Scott) Althoff of Groton, SD; and Sara (Darby) Klein of Chamberlain, SD, and her brother Eric (Taylor) of Avon, SD, and several nieces and nephews. In addition, her grandmother, Carol Lukkes, also survives her, as does her mother-in-law, Kathryn Sheldon. Likewise, she is survived by her brothers-in-law, Mark (Colette) Sheldon of Bismarck, ND, and Kyle (Tanya) Sheldon, of Meridian, ID. Many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends also grieve her passing.

Tara was preceded in death by her father, Paul Roth, and by her infant brother, Darin, as well as by her paternal grandparents, Edwin and Sylvia Roth, her maternal grandfather, James Lukkes, and her father-in-law, Rev. M. Milo Sheldon. In addition, her aunt Lorraine Roth and her cousin Melissa Roth also pre-deceased her.

Working fulltime while raising four children who were involved in multiple athletic and educational pursuits occupied much of Tara's time, but she also enjoyed doing puzzles, working sudokus, scrapbooking, playing the piano, reading, tending her yard, gathering with family and friends, corresponding with loved ones, and attending Bucks, Gazelles, Jackrabbits, and Dallas Cowboys sporting events. In leu of flowers, memorials preferred.

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