

## INTERN HOURS

8:30 to 10 AM on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Moderator: Robert Marshall, PharmD, NE Board of Pharmacy.

Itinerant speakers from the Boards and Colleges reported on their Internship programs and requirements.

Lloyd Jessen of Iowa reported that Iowa allows 1,250 hours for College Education and requires 250 hours after registration as an Intern, which can occur after one semester of a professional program. There is a booklet with competencies to be checked off by the preceptor, as mastered. Iowa does accept hours from other states transfers, they limit preceptors to two interns each. There is no payment for preceptor's services.

Schools in Iowa reported that they utilize 1,800 hours of advance pharmacy practice experience and 300 hours of introductory pharmacy practice experience.

Cody Wiberg reported for Minnesota that they require 1600 hours of internship after the P1 year. 800 of these hours are required to be in dispensing, compounding or counseling roles. There is a manual that is required to be filled out as the intern progresses. If an out-of-state intern does 240 hours of internship or more in Minnesota, they are required to complete the manual as well. 400 of the 800 hours can be earned in the P4 year. There is a 2 to 1 ratio unless doing dispensing activities, when the ratio of intern to preceptor stays at 1 to 1.

Minnesota currently requires 240 hours of introductory pharmacy practice experience. 800 of the 1600 APPE hours can be non-traditional rotations.

For the Colleges, it was reported that they are currently nine five-week sessions, six of those required. By 2011 this will reduce to eight five-week sessions, five of those required.

Nebraska requires 1500 hours of internship from the Board's perspective after the 1<sup>st</sup> professional year. They do not utilize a manual. They have a 3 to 1 ratio of technicians and interns to a preceptor. There are 1500 advance pharmacy practice experience hours and 340 introductory pharmacy practice hours required by the colleges.

The Representative for Creighton University spoke to say that 30+ states have students attending Creighton at various times. The experience of Creighton is that most of us make things way to difficult for ourselves, and that a simplification of these internship hours and programs between colleges would be greatly appreciated and better serve the faculty and students of the colleges, as well as meeting the qualification for entry level practice in all of our states.

South Dakota currently requires 2000 hours. 1,740 from the college and 260 outside the college experience in traditional hospital or retail pharmacy.

Ronald J. Huether, Executive Director of the SD State Board of Pharmacy pointed out that the Board felt it was important for the intern to have experience going out on their own and getting an actual job as an intern. Interns can be registered after the P1 year and the ratio is 1 intern to 1 preceptor.

Ron Guse and Ray Joubert of Canada reported that Manitoba and Saskatchewan have approximately 1,200 hours of internship in school, with some post graduate internship. The preceptors can fail the student and ask for remedial action, with 360 hours post graduate required in Manitoba.

***It was moved by Lloyd Jessen that District V establish a committee, which Lloyd Jessen volunteered to head, to develop a standard proposal for all colleges/schools and Boards in District V. The motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion followed about the Pharmacy Technician requirements across District V. Of course, technicians are newer to the registration process in District V and we have a somewhat disparate situation currently for technicians. Iowa is on track within a year to require

certification of all technicians. Minnesota has rules in place, while North Dakota requires completion of an American Society of Health Systems Professionals accredited program before registration. The Canadians are in process to require that Pharmacy Technicians complete educational programs from approved schools and are working on a national test.