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Royal  
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## New online guide to continuing professional development

A new publication from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society is designed to help pharmacists and pharmacy technicians understand continuing professional development and how to record it.

"Continuing professional development: a guide to getting started" is aimed at those who are yet to begin recording their CPD and those who have made a start but need support to continue.

The guide is divided into three main parts. The first, "Making CPD work for you" is intended to help pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to overcome any anxieties they may have about CPD and to better understand its benefits.

The second part, "A journey round the CPD cycle" breaks down each of the four stages of CPD, helping to make the whole process more manageable.

The third part, "Making sense of your CPD record", explains each question in the Society's CPD Plan & Record and provides hints on filling in each section. It also takes a look at how pharmacists can review their own CPD entries and compare them to an 'ideal' CPD record.

The guide also includes a leaflet giving five completed examples of CPD.

The Society's CPD manager, Fred Ayling, says: "It is encouraging that around 20,000 practising pharmacists and many pharmacy technicians are already recording their CPD, which is set to become mandatory in spring 2007. This online guide is designed for those who are still at the early stages and is one of a range of CPD support materials that the Society has made available to the profession."

Graham Phillips, chairman of the Society's Education Committee, says: "Twenty thousand is a fantastic start. Members' views from across the entire profession have been taken into account and as a result both the Plan & Record and the website will be updated to make the whole process as user-friendly as possible."

"Continuing professional development: a guide to getting started" is available to download as a PDF file from the Society's CPD website ([www.uptodate.org.uk](http://www.uptodate.org.uk)). Hard copies of the guide are also available on request. Further information is available from the Society's CPD team (e-mail [cpd@rpsgb.org](mailto:cpd@rpsgb.org); tel 020 7572 2540).

This week

### ■ New CPD guide

The Society has produced a new guide to assist pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who may be having trouble getting started with continuing professional development. The guide is available to download from the Society's CPD website (p119).

## Veterinary pharmacy diplomas presented



Steven Kayne

During the annual weekend meeting of the Society's Veterinary Pharmacists Group on 15 and 16 July (see p115), diplomas and certificates were presented to pharmacists who have successfully completed the Society's veterinary pharmacy courses.

The diploma in veterinary pharmacy was presented to Elaine Coulthard and John James Keating. Mrs Coulthard's dissertation was entitled "An enquiry into the breeder's view of treatment of disease and prophylaxis in three breeds of pedigree sheep" and Dr Keating's dissertation was on "An assessment of the veterinary content of undergraduate pharmacy degree programmes in Ireland, UK, Australia and New Zealand".

In addition, the Society's postgraduate certificate in companion animal studies was presented to Leslie Wertheimer.

The presentations were made by the Society's head of practice, Robert Clayton.

Information about the diploma and certificate programmes can be obtained from Lorraine Fearon, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2409; e-mail [lorraine.fearon@rpsgb.org](mailto:lorraine.fearon@rpsgb.org)).

The photograph shows, left to right, Mr Clayton, Mr Wertheimer, Mrs Coulthard and Dr Keating with Andrew Cairns (chairman of the Veterinary Pharmacists Group).

## Society and BPSA in "valuable" meeting

A liaison meeting on 17 July between the British Pharmaceutical Students Association and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society was "extremely valuable", according to BPSA president Gautam Paul.

Mr Paul said that the meeting was valuable to BPSA both for representing student views to the Society and for learning how the association can interact with the Society further. He added: "It is vital that the Society continues to work with the BPSA as [its members] are the future of the profession."

Other BPSA representatives at the meeting were vice-president Nisha Thakrar, president elect Jen De Val, vice-president elect



Liaison meeting participants: left to right, Hemant Patel, Jen De Val, Lynzie Dagg, Gautam Paul, Nisha Thakrar, Bev Stevens, Amy Lepiorz and John Jolley

Amy Lepiorz, treasurer elect Lynzie Dagg, and secretary general Bev Stevens. The Society's representatives included the President, Hemant Patel, and the Treasurer, John Jolley.

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### Statutory Committee inquiries

The Statutory Committee will meet at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, at 9.30am on Monday 24 July, Tuesday 25 July, Wednesday 26 July and Thursday 27 July 2006 to hear the following inquiries and applications:

1. The committee will hear the new inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Bijal Vithalbhaj Patel** (registration number 84459) and **Greenoaks Pharmacy Ltd** (identification number 1003087), which alleges that the submission of wrong claims to the Prescription Pricing Authority resulting in an overpayment to the company of £16,509.67, the operation of a system involving the alteration of endorsements on prescriptions by a superintendent pharmacist who was not the dispensing pharmacist and without

consultation with the dispensing pharmacist, a lack of professional knowledge in relation to prescribing for and dispensing of the contraceptive pill, the failure to keep knowledge up to date in relation to endorsements and the Drug Tariff, the incorrect instruction by the superintendent pharmacist to a dispensing pharmacist employed by the company in respect of dispensing against prescriptions for the contraceptive pill, and the dishonest and/or erroneous completion and/or submission of untrue declarations contained in applications for inclusion on the primary care trust's list, individually or cumulatively, may amount to misconduct.

2. The committee will deliver the determination of the inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Richard Gregory Woodroffe** (registration number 68919), **Margaret Mary Rita Gorman** (registration number 67793) and **Alan Woodcock Ltd** (company identification number 1001329), which alleged that a dispensing error involving the supply of 100 Celance 1mg tablets against a prescription for 200 Pergolide 50µg tablets may have amounted to misconduct.

**David Gomez**  
Secretary to the Statutory Committee

## DEATHS

**Caine** On 5 July, after a long illness, Ronald Caine, MRPharmS, aged 71, of 13 Courtyard Tower Farm, Cockburnspath, Berwickshire TD13 5YU. Mr Caine registered in 1961 after studies in Bradford, 1956–59.

## The Diary

The local meetings section of the Diary column is intended for announcements of branch and regional meetings. Announcements should reach *The Journal* by 1pm on the Tuesday before publication. Branch programme cards are welcome at the beginning of the season, provided that branches subsequently notify *The Journal* in good time about any programme changes and any essential meeting information that was not available when the card was printed.

## DIARY

**Headquarters meetings**  
The following meetings take place at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's London headquarters

**Monday 24 July**  
Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

**Tuesday 25 July**  
Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

**Wednesday 26 July**  
Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

**Thursday 27 July**  
Statutory Committee. 9.30am.  
Audit Committee. 12.30pm.

### Local meetings

Events listed below are meetings of Royal Pharmaceutical Society branches. Details of all future meetings notified to *The Journal* appear in the Diary section of *PJ Online* ([www.pjonline.com/diary](http://www.pjonline.com/diary))

### Wednesday 26 July

**Bristol** "Attention deficit hyperactivity syndrome and the role of medication" by Bob Porter (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust). BAWA, Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol. 7.30 for 8pm.

## Replica jars

Replicas of three ceramic jars from the collections of the museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society are available for purchase:

- Leech jars — copies of a fine example of a 19th century glazed earthenware show jar for leeches, 15cm high with a circumference of 15.5cm, £50
- Drug storage jars — replicas of a pot used for storing candied orange peel, bearing the inscription "C: CORT: AUR", which is an abbreviation of the Latin "Conditus Cortex Aurantium", £56
- Syrup jars — copies of a jar bearing the inscription "S ROSAR. CU AG", an abbreviation of the Latin "Syrupus Rosaceus Solutivus cum Agarico" (solute syrup of rose with agaric), £86

The jars are available by mail order direct from the museum. Full details and an order form can be downloaded from the museum section of the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org/informationresources/museum](http://www.rpsgb.org/informationresources/museum)), which also has photographs of the jars. Alternatively, orders can be placed by contacting the museum (tel 020 7572 2210; e-mail [museum@rpsgb.org](mailto:museum@rpsgb.org)).

The mail order postal charge within the United Kingdom is £10 for a single jar or £22 for up to five leech or drug jars or two syrup jars. Postage charges for Europe and the rest of the world are given on the order form or are available by contacting the museum.

The jars and other merchandise, including cards and books, can also be bought in person from the Library at the Society's headquarters during normal working hours.



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