

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS
HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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PROPSAL G

PROPOSAL: To Modify Professional Policy #2007-01 Continuum of Care

SUBMITTED BY: CSHP Board of Directors and CSHP Council on Professional Affairs – COPA

DATE: June 19, 2008

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT SITUATION:

1. CSHP Professional Policies have been catalogued since 1980.
2. One of the duties of the Committee on Professional Affairs (COPA) is to review any professional policy that is 5 years old or older. For this review, each professional policy that is five years old was reviewed for applicability and current relevance and recommendations to reaffirm, modify and reaffirm, or delete were outlined.
3. In addition COPA , from time to time, may be asked by the BOD to reevaluate existing or past policies that are not included in the 5 year group.
4. The Continuum of Care policy (2007-01) was modified in 2007 to replace the existing wording with content more relevant to Electronic Health Records.
5. The BOD referred this issue to COPA based on recommendations of the HOD that CSHP Policy should our position relative to Continuum of Care.
6. COPA reviewed Policy 2007-01, which replaced 2003-18 and has concluded (with the advise and consent of BOD Liaison, Hanni) that the Continuum of Care policy should be reinstated with original wording. Further, that the title of Policy 2007-01 be changed to Electronic Health Records to more accurately describe its intent.

DESCRIPTION OF DESIRED SITUATION:

1. A mechanism exists to periodically review CSHP policies for their continued relevance and applicability (CSHP Board of Directors action is generally guided by existing policy.)
2. CSHP's professional policies accurately reflect current practice and professional standards and that such policies and standards reflect the needs of CSHP members.
3. The annual review process of professional policy is continued as an opportunity for CSHP to reflect the most current and contemporary positions on pharmacy practice and organizational guidelines for our members.

4. The Continuum of Care policy formally Professional Policy #2003-18) should be reinstated with the original wording so that CSHP will have an active policy that reflects our position on this issue. Policy 2007-01 be modified to “Electronic Health Records” to more accurately describe its intent.

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

Modify Professional Policy 2007-01 as “Electronic Health Records” to more accurately describe its intent as:

Professional Policy # 2007-01

***Electronic Health Records* ~~Continuum of Care~~ (#2007-01)**

Source: HOD 10/21/07

(Note: This policy was established by the BOD 10/26/03; modified and reaffirmed by the HOD in 2007 as 2007-01.)

1. CSHP recommends that all prescribers and pharmacies use electronic information systems (~~e-prescribing~~) by 2010 with appropriate security controls that enable the integration of patient-specific data (medical history and diagnosis, discharge summaries, medication lists, etc) that are accessible in all components of the health system (acute, home health, ambulatory care, etc); further,
 - a. To support the use of technology that allows the transfer of patient information needed for appropriate medication management across the continuum of care,
 - b. To urge computer software vendors and pharmaceutical suppliers to provide standards for definition, collection, coding, and exchange of clinical data used in the medication-use process; and
 - c. To strongly encourage health-system administrators, regulatory bodies, and other appropriate groups to provide health-system pharmacists with full access to patient-specific clinical data.
2. CSHP strongly advocates pharmacists in key decision roles in the planning, selection, implementation, and maintenance of electronic patient information systems (including computerized prescriber order-entry systems) to facilitate clinical decision support, data analysis, and education of users for the purpose of ensuring the safe and effective use of medications.

2008 HOD ACTION(S):

The 2008 House of Delegates amended and approved Proposal G as indicated.