

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS
PROPOSAL IN STP FORMAT**

PROPOSAL: To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Purpose of an Rx on the Prescription and Medication Label”

SUBMITTED BY: CSHP Board of Directors

DATE: June 1, 2010

SITUATION:

1. A similar policy is also found in the ASHP 0305:
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Source: Council on Professional Affairs
To advocate that the prescriber provide or pharmacists have immediate access to the intended therapeutic purpose of prescribed medications in order to ensure safe and effective medication use.
2. CSHP COPA supports the intended use of a prescribed medication be included on all prescriptions to avoid medication errors. The intended use of the medication should also be included on the medication label.
3. CSHP COPA also recognizes the patient’s right to privacy and supports the right of the patient to opt out of having the indication print on the label upon request.
4. No similar policy relating to this matter is evident in current CSHP professional policy.

TARGET:

1. To have professional policies in all areas of pharmacy practice.

PROPOSAL:

1. To adopt CPhA’s Policy on “Purpose of an Rx on the Prescription and Medication Label” from Outlook 2009 as follows:

The California Society of Health-System Pharmacists supports requiring that the intended use of a prescribed medication be included on all prescriptions, and that the intended use of the medication be included on the medication label. In recognition of a patient’s right to privacy, CSHP supports allowing patients to opt out of having the indication printed on the label upon request.

RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED ACTION(S):

Financial: None
EVP time: None
Staff time: None

CSHP BOARD ACTION:

During the July 9-10, 2010 Board of Directors meeting, the board approved this proposal.