

Student Update

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To Dispense or Not to Dispense, Should that Even be the Question?

Saturday, March 5th at 7 pm Convention Center Rooms 343/344



Join the conversation with

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To Dispense or Not to Dispense?, Should That Even be the Question?

At the American Pharmacists Association 2016 Annual Meeting & Exposition, the National Student Council of CPFI hosted a seminar discussing the controversial and politically heated topic of a pharmacist choosing to deny medications based on moral grounds, or commonly known as conscious clause legislation. Sure, a pharmacist can deny filling a medication based on lack of clinical evidence, but what about moral evidence? What initially sparked the idea of doing this presentation was the recent decision in the court case of *Stormans v. Wiesman* that challenged the Washington State's Board of Pharmacy's mandate that all pharmacies must stock and dispense Plan B emergency contraception. It is important to note that there is a considerable amount of variability in the Christian community in terms of opinions regarding Plan B. Some Christians consider the point of viability (i.e., implantation) the dividing line between whether or not a medication is considered a contraceptive versus an abortifacient.

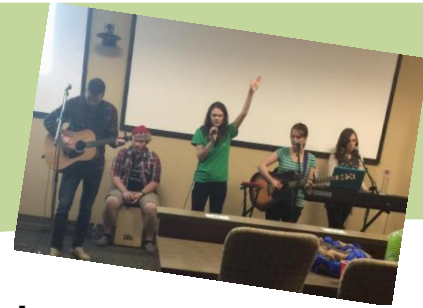
To Dispense or Not to Dispense Continued:



Other Christians believe that fertilization is where that line should be drawn. Considering the above information, we decided to ask the question “To Dispense or not to Dispense, Should that even be the Question?” If you are interested in seeing the presentation materials you can find a Google doc link that was posted to our Facebook page dated March 8, 2016. Thank You and God Bless!

~Shawn Kohlhaas
NSC Chairperson

Regional Retreats



Southwest Regional Retreat

This year, the CPFII Southwest Regional Retreat was a 3-day event held in Abilene, TX at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy. In addition to CPFII student members we also had faculty, staff, and a student from a nearby college in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a interesting and challenging presentations from guest speakers as well as a group movie night and community service project. We spent meaningful time in fellowship and worship as we enjoyed a performance by a local church choir, and we spent time getting to know each other and learning about ways to integrate our faith in the pharmacy profession. Overall, the Southwest Regional Retreat was a great success and we feel very blessed to have had such a fun event come together for the glory of God.

~Lindsey Jones
Southwest Regional Director



Regional Retreats Continued:

North Pacific Regional Retreat

On January 8, 2016 students from other schools of pharmacy gathered to learn what it means to provide whole person care to our patients. This was an event hosted by both the Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International (CPFI) and the Medical Strategic Network (MedSN). The conference gave the students an opportunity to fellowship and learn about whole person care.

The lessons were provided by the Medical Strategic Network (MedSN) and were divided into three parts. The topics focused on what it means to be a follower of Christ, the ethics of whole person care, and how to provide whole person care. The lessons provided students with a better understanding of how to integrate their faith into their profession in an ethical and God-glorifying manner. The students were paired with a mentor and provided whole person care to real patients at the Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC). It was through this exercise that the students were able to understand the importance of spiritual care.

The conference ended with dinner and a time of fellowship. I pray that through this conference God was glorified and students were encouraged. Special thanks to Loma Linda University, the CPFI Chapter at Loma Linda University, the Medical Strategic Network, and CPFI.

~Deborah Chien
North-Pacific Regional Director



Chapter Highlight



CPFI Chapter at The University of Kentucky Serves Their Community

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy participates in many service projects throughout the year, and one of our most successful events this year was a local health fair. This was the second event in which we partnered with another great organization at our college to pull off a great community service project!

On February 13th, the CPFI student chapter at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy partnered with our SNPhA chapter to conduct a community health fair at a local Wal-Mart Supermarket here in Lexington. We set up a booth and had first-year students take medication histories from patients, and second-year students perform blood pressure screenings. Our faculty advisors, Dr. Trenika Mitchell and Dr. Melanie Dicks along with third-year students-provided comprehensive patient counseling. Among our patients was a gentleman with a systolic blood pressure over 200, and another gentleman who not only had very high blood pressure, but also symptoms of stroke. Both gentleman were sent to the hospital for further care.

Our chapter had a great time providing this service and we enjoyed applying our skills outside the college, as well as getting to know our patients better and opening up a line of communication for ministry in the community. We look forward to many years of this great partnership with our college and community!



~ Stephanie Blandford
P2, University of Kentucky



Upcoming Events

CPFI 2016 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

When: June 8-12, 2016

Where: Springmaid Beach Resort,
Myrtle Beach, SC

Registration: \$235. includes
registration and all meals (\$255. for
non-members)

Register and learn more at www.cphi.org or
check out our CPFI Facebook page for event
details.

*Room reservations must be made directly with Springmaid
Beach Resort by calling (800)770-6895. Please call before
May 9, 2016 to take advantage of the group rate and use the
CPFI registration code #10B2Q0. Room reservations made
after May 9, 2016 will be provided on a space available basis
at the regular rate. The CPFI group rate is \$119.00 per night
plus all applicable tax and resort fee. **Conference
registration ends at 11:59 p.m. ET on May 16th.**

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