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Human Trafficking Awareness Videos Launched

Two new human trafficking educational videos for licensees are now available on the Medical Board's website. The [Labor Trafficking Awareness](#) and [Sex Trafficking Awareness](#) videos define human trafficking, identify red flag behaviors that may indicate either labor or sex trafficking, provide clinical steps to follow if trafficking is suspected, and include reporting requirements and contact information. We encourage you to check out the short videos.

Does Your Last Name Begin with either L or M? Your license expires July 1, 2016

July 1, 2016 is the license expiration date for physicians, massage therapists, and cosmetic therapists who have a last name that starts with either L or M. Renew your license on-line using the instructions that were sent to you by the Medical Board. If you have misplaced your instructions, read the information posted on the **Renewal and CME** tab on the Medical Board's [website](#).

Special notice only for CTs in the L-M renewal group: Due to a computer system conversion impacting selected licensee types, you will not be able to renew your license on-line between Sunday, June 19 and Sunday, June 26. The computer conversion will go into effect for CTs on Monday, June 27.

Board of Pharmacy Grants Extension for Licensing Requirements for Prescribers Compounding Dangerous Drugs

The Board of Pharmacy has noted that a number of prescribers were unaware of the need to obtain a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) license if they were compounding on-site or ordering compounded drugs to their offices (ORC 4729.541). This requirement impacts all prescriber practices that were previously exempted from licensure, including those who are engaged in a form of compounding commonly referred to as reconstitution (which can include vaccines).

So as to not disrupt patient care, the Board of Pharmacy has granted an extension until September 1, 2016, to all prescribers that are performing drug compounding (including reconstitution) or ordering compounded drugs to their offices from the requirement to obtain a TDDD license.

The Board of Pharmacy expects all prescriber offices that are required to obtain TDDD licensure to do so by September 1, 2016. This extension does not apply to prescriber offices or other sites that must be licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs for any other purpose.

Prescriber offices are also expected to adhere to all Pharmacy Board compounding regulations, including Rules [4729-16-04](#) (for non-hazardous compounding) and [4729-16-11](#) (for hazardous drug compounding).

BOTOX Alert: Botox must be reconstituted and unless the pre-mixed Botox is shipped from the pharmaceutical company direct to the patient, there will need to be a TDDD license for the location where it is administered. [Contact the Pharmacy Board](#) before offering Botox for cosmetic purposes in any location.

Prescription Drug Disposal Resources

Several law enforcement agencies and pharmacies in Ohio offer drug disposal boxes to collect and dispose of unwanted or expired medications from the general public. The following links will help you, and your patients, find the closest drug disposal box:

- [Law Enforcement Drug Disposal Box Locator](#)
- [Pharmacy Drug Disposal Box Locator](#)
- [Prescription Drug Disposal Box Listing](#)