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Recertification by Continuing Education is a Success!

The NAECB now offers an option for recertification for AE-Cs, other than by examination. All current certificants, as well as those whose credentials have expired or are expiring, are eligible to re-certify by continuing education through July 31, 2014. After that date, if your credential has expired, you must re-certify by examination ONLY.

Requirements for recertification by continuing education can be found on our website at www.naecb.org. Please download the recertification handbook and read thoroughly prior to submission. Continuing education credits must be listed individually and must be directly related to the examination's detailed content outline found in the NAECB's Candidate Handbook or the Expert Panel Report-3 (EPR-3): Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Each application for recertification by continuing education is carefully reviewed by NAECB board members who review applications in their own disciplines.

In just the first month of recertification by continuing education, we are pleased to announce that 25 certificants have been approved! We would like to congratulate these certificants. We are confident that you will continue your great work using your expertise in asthma education!

Asthma Continuing Education

We have added "Continuing Education Offerings" to the Certificant Corner of the Website and will post educational offerings which are emailed to Info@NAECB.org. The NAECB does not endorse nor is the Board affiliated with any of the posted offerings.

Websites

Medscape

<http://www.medscape.com/?src=google&medium=tsa>

American Association for Respiratory Care

<http://www.aarc.org/>

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

<http://education.aaaai.org/>

American Association of Asthma Educators

<http://www.asthmaeducators.org/>

Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma (EPR-3)

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/>

Upcoming State/National Conferences:

Arizona

Oct 26, 2013, Annual Arizona Asthma Conference

<http://www.azasthma.org/>

CHEST

October 26 - 31, 2013

American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST) Conference

Chicago, IL

www.chestnet.org

ACAAI

November 7 - 11, 2013

The American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2013
Annual Scientific Meeting

Baltimore, MD

http://www.acaai.org/annual_meeting/Pages/default.aspx

AARC Congress 2013

November 16 - 19, 2013

American Association for Respiratory Care

59th International Respiratory Convention & Exhibition

Anaheim, CA

<http://aarc.org/education/meetings/>

Please let us know if you have an educational opportunity for AE-C®s which you would like to see listed here!

2013 Linda B. Ford Scholarship Winners Pass the Exam!

Congratulations to

Brenda Faulkner AE-C and Sherri Hill AE-C

I currently work at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis as the supervisor of Pulmonary Diagnostics. Our department provides asthma education to all families of inpatients with an admitting diagnosis of asthma or a past history of asthma. Thanks to the Linda B. Ford Scholarship I am now a certified asthma educator.

The asthma educator certification allows me the opportunity to bill for my services as asthma educator and the respect that I took the time and preparation necessary to prepare for this vital credential.

Thank you,

Brenda S. Faulkner, BPS, RRT, RPFT, AE-C

As a lifelong asthma patient, I knew at a young age that I wanted to dedicate my life to helping others with the same disease. As a Respiratory Therapist, I was able to help patients I saw in the hospital, but I wanted to do more. I now work at The University of Pittsburgh Asthma Institute. I am a research coordinator, using my knowledge to execute pharmaceutical studies that are working towards improved medications for individuals with asthma. I not only see patients on a research level, but also help at community clinics, giving patients the knowledge they need to help control triggers and symptoms. Knowing I am able to use my AE-C to reach out in the community in an even larger role has been very rewarding for me. I am very thankful to the NAECB for the scholarship and I hope to continue to help improve the lives of those suffering from asthma.

Thank you,

Sherri Hill B.S., RRT, CPFT, AE-C

The Profile of an AE-C Pharmacist:

A Vital Member of the Healthcare Team

by

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An analysis of credentialed asthma educators was performed to learn more about certificants who have successfully passed the NAECB examination. Despite representation from a broad spectrum of health professions, pharmacists remain one of the least

represented of all eligible health professions.

The National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) has advocated for multifaceted clinician education programs to improve self-management skills and asthma outcomes. As the pharmacists' role continues to evolve, the ability to demonstrate competence in related areas of practice will be increasingly important. Pharmacists are actively participating on healthcare teams and are providing asthma education to patients nationwide.

Despite this trend, pharmacists only account for <3% of AE-Cs nationwide. So why the small number? Examination Committee Co-Chairs Dr Suzanne Bollmeier, Pharm.D., BCPS, AE-C and Dr Timothy Hudd, BS, Pharm.D., AE-C recently conducted a nationwide survey of AE-C pharmacists to learn more. Of those who responded, >50% felt as though the AE-C credential had positively impacted their practice and had led to professional advancement. Expanded scope of practice and responsibilities, elevated credibility among clinicians, and increased confidence in providing education to patients with asthma were benefits most frequently cited.

The most common barriers to pursuing certification among this group were mainly related to the lack of reimbursement for time spent providing educational services. Additionally, many respondents felt there was limited recognition of the AE-C among practicing pharmacists in general. The results of this survey are in the process of being submitted for publication and will be available in the coming months.

As the NAECB continues to promote the AE-C certification among all eligible groups, increased efforts to raise awareness around this credential among pharmacists will be explored. The unique expertise pharmacists possess to promote public health and well being is invaluable. October marks "American Pharmacists Month," when the public is reminded to take the time to "Know Your Pharmacist, Know Your Medicine." What better time to take the opportunity to recommend your patients do so!

In case you were wondering where the American Pharmacists Month came from, please visit:

<http://www.pharmacist.com/october-american-pharmacists-month--know-your-pharmacist-know-your-medicine>

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