



**SANTA CLARA VALLEY VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **March 2019**



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**Tuesday, March 26**

**Veterinary Medical Board Inspection Program**

Speaker:

**Patty Rodriguez, VMB Inspection Program Manager**

Ms. Patty Rodriguez will be joined by Rob Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager, and Dr. Jeni Goedken (DVM), local VMB Inspector, to present a review of the inspection process and discuss enforcement policies of the Veterinary Medical Board.

TIME: 7:00PM DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
1995 S. BASCOM AVE., CAMPBELL

**The buffet is supported by membership dues of the Santa Clara Valley VMA.**

Please RSVP to the meeting by 3/23 by email ([info@scvma.org](mailto:info@scvma.org)) or on the website: [www.santaclaravalleyvma.org/upcoming-ce-events](http://www.santaclaravalleyvma.org/upcoming-ce-events) if you plan to attend.

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**FUTURE SCVVMA MEETINGS:** 2019! Last Tuesday of odd-numbered months...  
May 28, July 30, September 24, November 26

**FUTURE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**SAGE Small Animal Symposium:** March 24, 2019; Oakland Marriott;  
[www.sagesymposium.com](http://www.sagesymposium.com)

**VETERINARIANS AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF WORK**

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**VETERINARY POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**Silicon Valley Veterinary Specialists** is seeking an Emergency Veterinarian for a full- or part-time position. We are a specialty and 24-hour emergency facility located in south San Jose. We provide advanced surgical, medical, emergency and critical care for dogs and cats. We work closely with general practice veterinarians throughout California to provide the highest quality of veterinary care. We have an MRI, CT, digital radiography, GE S7 ultrasound, laparoscopy and endoscopy equipment, and excellent in-house lab support among other support facilities. Qualified applicants must have a DVM degree from an accredited university and a California veterinary license. We are looking for an experienced DVM or a qualified, confident new graduate to join our team. SVVS offers a competitive salary and benefits package. If you are interested in joining our team, please email your application to Dr. Michael Moore at [mike.moore@svvspets.net](mailto:mike.moore@svvspets.net) or call (408) 649-7070.

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### **Controlled Substance Rx Pads - UPDATE**

Below is an update on AB1753 requiring that Controlled RX pads for scripting out controlled substances to pharmacies now must include a specified Hospital number assigned by CVMA.

### **AB 149 (Cooper) Transition Period for Prescription Form Requirements Effective March 11, 2019**

AB [149](#). (Cooper) was signed into law by the Governor on March 11, 2019 and takes effect immediately. This bill provides a transition period, until January 1, 2021, before the new requirement becomes effective that prescription forms for controlled substances include a uniquely serialized number. This bill allows the Department of Justice (DOJ) to extend this period for no longer than six additional months if the supply of compliant security prescription forms is inadequate. This bill specifies that the uniquely serialized number shall not be a required feature in the printing of new prescription forms produced by approved security printers until a date determined by DOJ, which shall be no later than January 1, 2020.

This bill resolves the issues unintentionally created by AB [1753](#). (Low, Chapter 794, Statutes of 2018). AB 1753 required that all prescription forms include a uniquely serialized number in a manner prescribed by DOJ. This bill did not include a transition period allowing time for prescribers to order new prescription forms. This resulted in many prescribers not ordering new forms until right before the new law took effect. This meant that their old prescription forms were not valid on January 1st and they did not have the new forms yet, which resulted in difficulties for patients trying to get prescriptions filled for controlled substances.

To order compliant, tamper-resistant prescription forms, contact a DOJ-approved vendor directly. Approved vendors can be found here: [Security Prescription Printers](#).

### **REMINDER: Client Drug Counseling Requirements for Veterinarians Began January 2019**

The Governor signed SB 1480 which states that Effective January 1, 2019, each time a veterinarian initially prescribes, dispenses or furnished (gives a client) a prescription medication in an outpatient setting, he or she must offer to provide consultation to the client or the client's agent.

The conditions of SB 1480 are as follows:

- The veterinarian is required to offer consultation the first time he or she prescribes or dispenses medication to a client or client's agent in an outpatient setting.
- It only applies to written prescriptions or to prescription drugs dispensed from practice stock for clients to take home. Medication refills or drugs being dispensed on a repeat basis do not require subsequent consultations.
- At this time, the consultation does not apply to drugs administered to admitted patients or to patients during appointments.
- Non-prescription products do not require consultation.

· The consultation may be conducted either **in person or through electronic means**. The consultation must include at a minimum the following information:

1. *The name and description of the prescription* (also referred to as “dangerous”)

drug. The description would include what type of drug it is and what it is used to

treat. For instance, carprofen is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that is

being used to treat musculoskeletal inflammation.

2. *Route of administration, dosage form, dosage, duration of drug therapy, the duration of the effects of the drug, and the common severe adverse effects*

associated with the use of a short-acting or long-acting drug. Continuing with the

carprofen example, the medication consists of a 75 mg tablet that is given orally

twice daily for 10 days. The drug has about a 12-hour duration of effect when treating musculoskeletal inflammation. Only common, severe, adverse effects need to be mentioned.

3. *Any special directions for proper use and storage*. Examples include if the drug

requires reconstitution prior to use or if it should be stored in darkness or in a

refrigerator.

4. *Actions to be taken in the event of a missed dose*. Because no information on this topic exists on product labels or in literature, it is up to each veterinarian providing the consultation to determine how he or she would like to advise a client on what to do if an animal patient misses a dose.

5. *If available, precautions and relevant warnings provided by the drug’s manufacturer, including common severe adverse effects of the drug*. If the drug manufacturer provides information about common severe adverse side effects of the drug, that information should be provided to the client.

If the client requests written documentation about the drug, the veterinarian must provide it, if available. Sources could include drug information provided by the manufacturer; information found in a veterinary drug compendium; or information compiled by the veterinarian. If written information is unavailable, then a veterinarian is not required to provide written documentation.

A veterinarian may delegate to a registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant the task of providing the required consultation and if applicable, drug documentation. The new law also requires that it be noted in the patient medical record whether the consultation is provided or declined by the client or client agent. The name or initials of the person responsible for documenting the consultation in the record should be included in the entry.

#### **Resources:**

**Plumb’s Veterinary Drugs (PVD) digital version** – this is a subscription cloud-based website that has printable medication guides that currently being updated to comply with the new state law. They are .pdf files but are adding a text box that

clinics can use to customize/add information specific to the patient usage.  
<https://www.plumbsveterinarydrugs.com/#!/veterinarymedicationguides>  
**LifeLearn Pharmaceutical Module** – another subscription-access website that has .docx files that each hospital may customize for its own use.  
<https://www.lifelearn.com/educate/client-education>

### **Mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention Training**

California, being at the forefront of workplace protection (regulation), passed SB1343 which requires employers with five or more employees to provide at least two hours of sexual harassment prevention training and education to all supervisory employees and at least one hour of such training to all non-supervisory employees in California by January 1, 2020. Training and education must be provided once every two years thereafter. The anti-sexual harassment training may be conducted with other employees, as a group, or individually.

### **2019 SANTA CLARA VALLEY VMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

***THANK YOU to all of you who have already paid your 2019 membership dues!***

Your membership allows Santa Clara Valley VMA to provide the opportunity for regular continuing education, networking with your colleagues and updates on CVMA activities and pending legislation. Dinner meetings are held on the last Tuesday evening of odd-numbered months and attendees are eligible to receive 2 hours of RACE-approved CE credit. Members may also submit articles and classified ads for placement in the bi-monthly newsletter and on the SCVVMA website. Invites to CE meetings are sent to SCVVMA members by email. Members are listed in the Find A Veterinarian page on the SCVVMA website (scvvma.org).

The Santa Clara Valley VMA is a 501(c)(6) organization that exists to promote the professional interests and education of its members. Although Santa Clara Valley VMA is a non-profit organization, there are significant costs to keeping the VMA compliant with IRS regulations and eliminate liability to members and officers. Annual Statements of Information must be filed with the Secretary of State (fee required), insurance must be maintained in the event of an injury during an association event, tax returns must be filed annually (accountant fees), bank accounts exist (with banking fees), website hosting costs, domain registration fees, phone costs, paper and postage. In addition, the VMA covers the cost of any bi-monthly meeting that does not have full sponsorship. While the VMA usually has sponsors for the speakers' stipends, additional meeting costs are in the range of \$2550-\$3000 per night, depending upon the number of attendees. Annually, the cost to maintain activity for SCVVMA is \$10,000-\$12,000. Your organization cannot exist without member support.

***The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. Vince Lombardi***



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***Reminder:  
Sage Symposium will be held March 24 at the Oakland Marriot.***



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**Veterinary Specialties:** Anesthesiology | Cardiology | Dermatology | Emergency/Critical Care  
Integrative Medicine | Internal Medicine | Neurology | Oncology | Physical Rehabilitation | Surgery