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Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Releases Revised Eligibility Criteria for Certification

(Washington, DC) -- The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) has released revised eligibility criteria for candidates seeking certification in one of its five recognized specialty practice areas: nuclear pharmacy, nutrition support pharmacy, oncology pharmacy, pharmacotherapy, and psychiatric pharmacy. These criteria were thoroughly reviewed by the BPS Specialty Councils in collaboration with others involved in the specialty areas to ensure that they appropriately reflect current standards, practice, and terminology. They were approved by the full Board at its September 2008 meeting, and will be applied to candidates for BPS examinations to be administered in 2009 and beyond. The new criteria will be reflected in the BPS 2009 Candidate's Guide, to be released at the end of 2008, and in all other print and electronic BPS material related to its certification examinations. The new BPS eligibility criteria document can be accessed at:

<http://www.bpsweb.org/pdfs/eligibility.pdf>

The **Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS)** is an autonomous Division of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), founded in January 1976 to recognize specialties and certify pharmacists in specialized areas of pharmacy practice. Five specialties are currently recognized by BPS: 1) nuclear pharmacy, since 1978; 2) nutrition support pharmacy, since 1988; 3) pharmacotherapy, since 1988; 4) psychiatric pharmacy, since 1992; and 5) oncology pharmacy, since 1996. Nearly 7,000 pharmacist specialists are currently certified by BPS.

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