



## **Bureau of Prisons Report to PharmPAC**

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- CAPT Martin Johnston was recently selected as BOP's Chief, Pharmacy Logistics Support. This opens up the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chief Pharmacist position. It will be announced through USA Jobs.
- BOP is formalizing an overarching committee for oversight of the BOP Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs). This committee will create the CPG agenda, charter, processes, and prioritization for updates. Pharmacists are integral to the development and updating of these Clinical Practice Guidelines, which continue to be referenced by many other Departments of Corrections and professional societies. BOP Guidelines can be found on our Public Website at <http://www.bop.gov/news/medresources.jsp> . Correctional Institution Pain Management, Antimicrobial Stewardship / Ambulatory IV therapy, and Gender Identity Disorder (GID) are under development.
- BOP is collaborating with the Texas Christian University Institute of Behavioral Research to initiate a study on the use of Medication Assisted Treatment for alcohol and opiate addictions when an inmate is designated to a Halfway House (now termed Residential Re-entry Center). The goal is to study the organization's development of the process, thereby reducing recidivism rates.
- BOP is increasing collaboration with the VA to improve continuity of care for inmate veterans when they are released back into the community.
- BOP has entered into a Veterans Health Administration consortium for continuing education resources. BOP will be able to both provide and obtain applicable continuing education courses through this consortium.
- A delegation of Russian Officials will be visiting the BOP Central Office and a BOP institution in an effort to learn about BOP's Correctional Healthcare program and obtain guidance in certain areas.