



New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists

REPORT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE DIRECTOR

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Responsibility of the Division

The charge of the Director of Pharmacy Practice as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the NYSCHP, is to be responsible for reviewing and developing recommendations for the growth of the Council along professional lines. The director's responsibilities include the development of new and maintenance of existing liaisons with other professional organizations involved in the delivery of healthcare.

I. Committees of the Division

Professional Affairs Committee

Chair: Eva Berrios-Colon

Members:

Amanda Engle
Andrew DiLuca
Bernie Delello
Jaclyn Scott
Karen Falk
Matt Goldstein
Michele B. Kaufman
Nicole Stack Lodise
Maria Sorbera
Angela Cheng-Lai
Olga Hilas
Rob Berger
Raymond Cha
Stephanie Seyse
Shaun Flynn

Activities:

- Review and recommend sunset or renewal of position statements
- Create the Professional Affairs Committee charter
- Establish and maintain relationships with other professional organizations
- Discuss topics relevant to pharmacy practice in New York State

Pharmacy Technician Committee

Chair: Cyndie Walton

Members:

Bibi Khan
Rafael Roman
Heide Christensen
Ruth Cassidy
Angela Cheng-Lai
Nicole Cieri-Hutcherson
Shaun Flynn

Ryan Burke
Michele B. Kaufman
Rexford Asamoah
Jeremy Gleason
Victoria Hom
Thomas Frisco
Sinsil Ha
Jennifer Zhou
Jamie Chin
Billy Sin

Activities:

- Advance the pharmacy technician profession through communications
- Develop the Annual Assembly educational programming for the technician track
- Plan the technician “meet and greet” networking session at the Annual Assembly
- Create the pharmacy technician award
- Create sponsorship program to recruit technicians
- Update the NYSCHP website with current and relevant pharmacy technician information
- Review and recommend sunset or renewal of position statements
- Create new position statements
- Establish and maintain relationships with other professional organizations
- Create the Pharmacy Technician Committee charter
- Appoint technician delegates for the House of Delegates
- Discuss topics relevant to technician pharmacy practice in New York State

Pharmacy Technician Toolkit Workgroup

Chairs: Rafael Roman, Samuel Lam

Members:

Cyndie Walton
Bibi Khan
Christa Clay
Curtis Haas
Claire Burke
Michele B. Kaufman
Salvatore Ventrice
Vickie Powell

Activities:

- Create resources:
 - How to be a Pharmacy Technician in New York State
 - New York State Pharmacy Technician Training Programs

II. Strategic Plan Tasks: Status Update

Strategy	Action Items	Notes
Develop innovative and attractive programming and networking opportunities for all members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan relevant pharmacy technician topics for the Annual Assembly 2022 Most speakers and moderators are pharmacy technicians 	Work with Director of Education and Professional Development
Develop innovative and attractive programming and networking opportunities for all members.	Plan the Pharmacy Technician Meet and Greet networking session at the Annual Assembly 2022	
Continue strengthening Council's governance, administration, and operations paradigm	Create Pharmacy Technician Award to recognize contributions to excellence in the role of pharmacy technicians in New York State	Work with President-Elect
Design and implement annual leadership development cycle, including recruitment, orientation, and key governance documents and resources	Create sponsorship program proposal to recruit new technician members	
Craft targeted messages for prospective member types/groups and expand outreach campaign	Create resources: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "How to be a Pharmacy Technician in New York State" 2. New York State Pharmacy Technician Training Programs 	
Increase awareness and participation in NYSCHP programming.	NYSCHP Membership and Annual Assembly Marketing Email to New York State's PTCB Membership List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email to nearly 8,000 recipients 	Work with PTCB Liaison
Continue to develop Committees, ensuring structure and goals meet Council's needs	Seek two pharmacy technician delegates to represent at the House of Delegates 2022	
Tout the achievements of NYSCHP, its leaders and members.	Update pharmacy technician page of the NYSCHP website	
Continue strengthening Council's governance, administration, and operations paradigm	Discuss and review position statements	
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Design and implement annual leadership development cycle, including recruitment, orientation, and key governance documents and resources.	Planning for chair succession ongoing	
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III. **HOD Recommendations: Status Update**

Recommendation Assigned	Status Update
Develop criteria for Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award and award to begin in 2022	Pharmacy Technician Committee discussed and created criteria for the Pharmacy Technician Award.
Develop a sponsorship program for NYSCHP Pharmacist members to bring in new Pharmacy Technician members.	Pharmacy Technician Committee discussed and created a sponsorship program proposal to recruit new pharmacy technician members.
Position Statements 03-21 and 06-21: Be sent to Committees for additional supplementation and reworking with other NYSCHP Resolutions	<p>Professional Affairs Committee received an updated numbering of position statements and discussed combining statements 2-21 & 6-14 as well as 4-21 & 2-00.</p> <p>(4-21) The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the inclusion of pharmacists in telemedicine in order to improve health outcomes and supports pharmacists as qualified practitioners for the purpose of improving the telehealth benefit in New York state.</p> <p>(2-00) The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the use of electronic devices and/or communication technology and includes the use of technologies that promote relationships between prescriber pharmacist and patient.</p> <p>The recommended combined draft of 4-21 & 2-00 is:</p> <p>The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the inclusion of pharmacists in communication technologies, such as telemedicine. The Council advocates for the use of telemedicine as a conduit to improve relationships between patients and providers while positively impacting health outcomes.</p>
That the NYSCHP commission a workgroup to identify pharmacy productivity benchmarks that are appropriate for current pharmacy practice and that integrate activities that demonstrate the impact that pharmacy services have on the total costs and quality of care.	Professional Affairs Committee decided to not take action. Committee discussed feasibility and decided that creation of a workgroup to identify pharmacy productivity benchmarks could not be supported with current resources.

IV. **Review of Position Statements:** Completed at Virtual HOD 2021, all 16 recommendations accepted

YEAR	RESOLUTION NUMBER	POSITION STATEMENT	RECOMMENDATION
2017	(01-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the recommendation to request of all EMR systems to provide age specific pediatric laboratory value and monitoring reference ranges.	Renew
2017	(04-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages manufacturers to conduct more research on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in patients receiving continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) to ensure appropriate antimicrobial dosing. The Council also encourages manufacturers to include detailed information on the characteristics of individuals who are on CRRT in drug dosing studies.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages manufacturers to conduct more research on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in patients receiving continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) to ensure appropriate drug dosing.
2017	(06-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages manufacturers to conduct more research on the pharmacokinetics and clinical efficacy of medications in obese population as defined by BMI.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists encourages manufacturers to conduct more research on the pharmacokinetics and clinical efficacy of medications in underweight and overweight populations, as defined by BMI.
2017	(09-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the inclusion of infectious diseases pharmacists to serve as part of the multidisciplinary decision-making process with outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) service from the initiation of long term parenteral antimicrobials upon discharge to the continuity of outpatient care. New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the inclusion of pharmacists as part of the multidisciplinary decision-making process within the outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) service.

		role of infectious diseases pharmacist in OPAT program to improve patient safety, clinical efficacy, optimize resource utilization, and decrease health care expenditures which align with the fundamental goals of antimicrobial stewardship as recommended by the centers for disease control.	
2017	(10-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the development of a suggested structured pharmacy intern role within the healthcare system setting to optimize their concurrent training and unique skillset within the pharmacy team.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the structured, well-defined, documented, active pharmacy intern role within the healthcare system setting to optimize their concurrent training and unique skillset within the pharmacy interdisciplinary team.
2017	(11-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports ASHP efforts in the development of standardized adult medication concentrations and to minimize the number of available concentrations in order to reduce medication errors. Furthermore, The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports manufacturer production of standardized concentrations as listed in the aforementioned ASHP reference.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports ASHP efforts in standardizing adult medication concentrations to reduce the number of medication errors. Furthermore, The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports manufacturer production of standardized medication concentrations.
2017	(12-17)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the continued ability of covered entities to participate in the 340b program to allow covered entities “to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services,” as indicated in the federal register 82.3 (2017).	Renew

	(14-17)	<p>NYSCHP advocates for key decision making roles for pharmacists in the planning, selection, design, and implementation, and maintenance of medication-use information systems, electronic health records, computerized provider order entry systems, automated dispensing technologies and e-prescribing systems to facilitate clinical decision support, data analysis, and education of users for the purpose of ensuring the safe and effective use of medications; further, NYSCHP advocates that pharmacists must have accountability for strategic planning and direct operational aspects of the medication-use process, including the successful deployment of medication-use information systems; further, NYSCHP supports that pharmacists engaged in the design, implementation and maintenance of these systems have academic and/or experiential credentials (for example IT Certificate program, informatics residency, and EMR training certification) to help ensure process efficiencies while minimizing patient safety risk in the medication use process.</p>	<p>Amended:</p> <p>NYSCHP advocates for key decision making roles, accountability, and academic and/or experiential credentials for pharmacists in the planning, selection, design, and implementation, and maintenance of medication-use information systems, electronic health records, computerized provider order entry systems, automated dispensing technologies and e-prescribing systems to facilitate clinical decision support, data analysis, and education of users for the purpose of ensuring the safe and effective use of medications.</p>
2012	(1-12)	The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists supports the requirement to include the indication, whether it be an FDA approved or off label use, on all inpatient medication orders and outpatient prescriptions.	Renew
2012	(3-12)	The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists (NYSCHP) supports increasing the number of PGY-1 and PGY-2 residency positions within NY State, by ways of supporting educational efforts offered through ASHP and legislative activities at the State and Federal level to support funding.	Renew
2012	(6-12)	The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacist's advocates that all hospitals should encourage provisions be made for their patients upon	Renew

		discharge to receive a supply of all newly prescribed medications and the education that is required to ensure the optimization and safe use of their discharge medications.	
2012	(7-12)	NYSCHP advocates that patient specific information regarding pharmacogenomics if available and considered standard of care should be included in patient profiles.	Amended: NYSCHP advocates that patient specific information regarding pharmacogenomics if available be included in a patient's medical records.
2007	(1-07)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists requires that health-systems in New York State establish and maintain minimum clinical and operational competencies and educational, certification, and leadership training requirements for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians pertinent to the various types of health-system practice settings within the organization and requires pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in all health-system practice settings to continually maintain leadership, clinical and operational competencies appropriate to the area of practice and expertise and requires that health-systems in New York State ensure pharmacists and pharmacy technicians demonstrate, through competency assessment and documentation, clinical, operational and leadership competencies appropriate to the area of practice and expertise and advocates the use of professionally recognized competency assessment tools to routinely assess and document, clinical, operational and leadership competency of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in health-systems in New York State.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists advocates that health-systems in New York State establish, continually maintain and demonstrate thorough periodic individual assessment minimum clinical, operational, educational and leadership competencies for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians pertinent to the various types of health-system practice settings. To support this, we advocate the use of professionally recognized competency assessment tools to routinely assess and document, clinical, operational and leadership competency of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in health-systems in New York State.
2007	(2-07)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the utilization of safe and efficient systems and processes for remote medication order entry services that meet all local, state and federal regulations, and	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the utilization of safe and efficient systems and processes for remote

		comply with the Joint Commission's medication management standards and the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists' Guidelines on Outsourcing Pharmaceutical Services.	medication order entry and verification services that meet all local, state and federal regulations, and comply with the Joint Commission's medication management standards and the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists' Guidelines on Outsourcing Pharmaceutical Services.
2007	(9-07)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports that health-system pharmacy leaders establish policies and procedures for health-system pharmacists responding to advanced cardiac life support and pediatric code life support situations.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports qualified pharmacists participation in medical emergency response events such as advanced cardiac life support, pediatric code, neonatal life support situations,.
2007	(12-07)	The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the development of a campaign to educate pharmacists serving the community in various settings and employ the cooperation of said pharmacists in promoting the medication reconciliation process across the continuum of patient care.	Amended: The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports educating pharmacists in various settings in order to improve and enhance the medication reconciliation process across the continuum of patient care.

Respectfully submitted,

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