

RESOLUTION TO THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

COMMITTEE: Royal Counties Society of Health-System Pharmacists
SUBJECT: Clarifying the title/designation of pharmacists in the healthcare setting
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Whereas, interdisciplinary care is important in healthcare teams across all health-systems,

Whereas, care is provided by members of an interdisciplinary team such as, physicians, registered nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, dieticians, social workers,

Whereas, the role of pharmacists has been endorsed in various practice guidelines and value has been demonstrated in clinical studies,

Whereas, pharmacists provide a very specific level and area of care,

Whereas, specifically, pharmacy representation, is required on certain health-system committees,

Whereas, the Institute of Medicine does not recognize pharmacists as “Allied Health Personnel”, but rather, as their own separate entity,

Be it resolved that:

THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS PETITIONS THAT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS (ASHP) PUBLISH A GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR GOVERNING BODIES IN THE HEALTHCARE SETTING (e.g., TJC, CMS) TO RECOGNIZE PHARMACISTS AS THEIR OWN SEPARATE ENTITY AND NOT AS A HETEROGENOUS GROUP, SUCH AS MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS, ALLIED HEALTH PROVIDERS, OR SIMILAR DESIGNATIONS.

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