

I_{Ph}A Annual Conference 2026

Pharmacy Currents



CHARTING THE COURSE FOR PHARMACY





Welcome to the 2026 IPhA *Annual Conference*

This year, we come together under the theme "Pharmacy Currents: Charting the Course for Pharmacy."

The profession of pharmacy continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace. From expanding patient care services and advancing clinical practice to navigating new technologies and shaping health policy, pharmacists are influencing the direction of health care every day. Like powerful currents that shape a river's path, the actions we take today are changing the course of our profession and creating new opportunities to improve patient outcomes and strengthen our communities.

We have planned an engaging weekend filled with opportunities to learn, connect, and collaborate. Through innovative continuing pharmacy education programs, interactive discussions, and networking events, you will gain practical knowledge, explore emerging trends, and discover new strategies to enhance your practice. Whether you work in community, health-system, ambulatory care, academia, industry, or another area of pharmacy, we hope you will leave inspired and equipped to navigate the future of our profession.

The Conference and Education Committee has carefully developed a diverse educational program that reflects the many currents shaping pharmacy today. Sessions will highlight clinical advancements, practice innovation, leadership development, legislative and regulatory updates, and student pharmacist engagement. In addition, our exhibitors and sponsors provide valuable opportunities to learn about new products, services, and resources that support patient care and professional growth.

As we gather to learn from one another and share our collective expertise, we are reminded that the future of pharmacy is not simply something we anticipate. It is something we actively create. Together, we can harness the momentum of today's innovations and challenges to chart new pathways for our profession and the patients we serve.

Thank you for joining us at the 2026 IPhA Annual Conference. We are honored to have you with us and look forward to an exceptional weekend of learning, engagement, and celebration as we work together to change the course of pharmacy.

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The registration desk will be open during the following times:

Thursday, August 27, 2026: 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

Friday, August 28, 2026: 7:00 am- 4:00 pm

Saturday, August 29, 2026: 7:00 am- 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 30, 2026: 7:45am- 11:00am

PRODUCT THEATERS

Attendees are invited to breakfast prior to the product/education programs. Join us Friday at 9:25 for a program from Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Friday, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc presents: "Unmet Needs in Acute Pain and the Role of Suzetrigine in Acute Pain Management"

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Make sure to stop by the Exhibit Hall located in River A-E. Our exhibitors are excited to let you know what is new in the pharmacy industry. Make sure to have each exhibitor stamp your passport for a chance to win exciting prizes. Details are located on the passport in your registration packet. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the following times:

Saturday, August 29, 2026 12:00- 3:00 pm

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IPhA adheres to the US Food & Drug Administration's policy on industry supported educational activities. IPhA policy requires, among other things, that we conduct the educational programs supported by any corporate educational grants independently and without control by the grantor or the program's planning, content or execution. Furthermore, the programs must be free of commercial bias for or against any product

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Business casual dress code is recommended during the Conference. Saturday's President's Reception is business professional. Meeting room temperatures may vary, so plan to dress accordingly.

HANDOUTS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY

Attendees will be responsible for printing their own materials, which will be available online at <https://www.lecturepanda.com/r/AM26Peoria> for 30 days following the Conference. If you are unable to access the handouts and would like us to provide you with a copy, please call 217-522-7300 or email Kim Condon at kimc@ipha.org. Packets are available at a cost of \$75. We appreciate your consideration of the cost savings to the Association as well as avoiding waste with overprinting.

In an effort to reduce paper waste, there will be complimentary wireless internet available in the meeting spaces during the Conference. To access the wireless network:

1. Turn on Wi-Fi
2. Connect to "Hilton Honors Meeting"
3. Enter the Wi-Fi password: Embassy2026

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Registrants at the 2026 IPhA Annual Conference may earn up to 13.5 contact hours of continuing pharmacy education. In order to receive CPE credit, all meeting attendees must complete and submit an activity evaluation form online for each course attended along with the overall meeting evaluation form. Links to evaluations can be found online at <https://www.lecturepanda.com/r/AM26Peoria>. Complete educational program descriptions are located in the back of the program booklet.



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Please make sure to write down the course code in your program booklet next to EACH session you attend. You will need the course code to unlock each program evaluation. Course codes will ONLY be given out at the end of each session and staff will not be able to provide them to you at a later time. Program evaluations will be accessed through a link on the Conference website at <https://www.lecturepanda.com/r/AM26Peoria>.

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Confirmation of attendance for the various sessions will be sent by IPhA on behalf of participants to the NABP through the CPE Monitor system. Participants should have included their CPE Monitor information when registering for the meeting. Attendees will be required to enter the correct program code for evaluations to be valid.

It is the policy of the IL Pharmacists Association to ensure balance, independent, objectively and scientific rigor in all its educational programs. All faculty participating in this program are expected to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of the presentation.



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Our Goals

- ✓ Develop, implement, maintain, and expand a network of community pharmacies
- ✓ Provide quality, enhanced service to improve patients' clinical outcomes and optimize utilization of healthcare resources
- ✓ Work collaboratively with health care providers, health systems, ACOs, payers and pharmaceutical industry via a single contracting entity to document and achieve improved health outcomes

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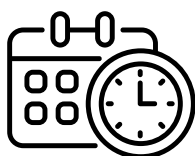
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2026 Presentations

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Session B: Risk Management in Pharmacy Practice	J. Christopher Lynch, PharmD	
PTCE Obesity	Jessica Kerr, PharmD, CDCES	
Keynote: Standard of Care: From Implementation to Everyday Practice	Caitlin Rohrbaugh, PharmD	
Session C: Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD): Illinois Law, Pharmacy Practice, and Lived Experiences	Cara Brock, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS Lytia Lai, PharmD	
Session D: Embracing and Leveraging Technology: Using AI to Improve Pharmacy Operations	Catherine Gilmore, PharmD, BCACP	
Session E: A Changing Landscape: The 2026 Diabetes Update	Susan Cornell, PharmD, CDCES, FAPhA, FADCES	
Session G: A Neuro-Affirming Approach to Autism Care in Community Pharmacy	Brittany Hoffman Eubanks, PharmD, MBA	
Session F: Bottom of the Pyramid: Charting the Course for Lower Drug Prices	Bedrija Nikocec, PharmD, BCACP Sakshi Patel, PharmD Student	
Keynote: Rough Waters to Smooth Sailing: Charting Clinical Excellence in the Waves of Standards of Care	Wendy Mobley-Bukstein, PharmD, CDCES, BCACP	
Pharmacy Jeopardy XIX	Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD Starlin Haydon-Greatting, MS, MPH, BSPHarm, CDM	
Session J: Needle Facts: Immunization Update 2026	Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD	
Session K: Dr. Google vs. The Pharmacist: Practical Strategies for Misinformation and Trust in Community Pharmacy	Catherine Gilmore, PharmD, BCACP	
Keynote: Riding the Currents: Navigating 2026 Pharmacy Law and Policy in a Time of Change	Garth Reynolds, BSPHarm, MBA, RPh, FAPhA	



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Keeping Up-to-Date, with so little time: Newly Approved Medications Review 2026

Golden L. Peters, PharmD, FCCP, BCPS and Erin K. Hennessey, PharmD, BCPS

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About the Speakers

Dr. Peters received his B.A. degree from Fontbonne University in Clayton, Missouri and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. He completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in affiliation with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. He is currently a Professor in the Pharmacy Practice Department at St. Louis College of Pharmacy at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis. He is also a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Primary Care at the St. Louis County Department of Public Health – North Central Community Health Center. His areas of interest and clinical services include: diabetes, resistant hypertension, headache disorders, opioid use disorder, and smoking cessation.

Dr. Hennessey earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with the St. Louis College of Pharmacy/Mercy Hospital St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri and a PGY2 Internal Medicine Residency with Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Virginia. She is currently an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy at University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis and practices as an Internal Medicine Clinical Pharmacist at Saint Louis University Hospital. Her areas of interest include: transitions of care, neurologic disorders, medical ethics, and scholarship of teaching and learning.

About the Course

Medications are constantly being reviewed and approved by the FDA, as health care providers it is our responsibility to stay up to date with these newly approved medications. There were 46 FDA approved medications in 2025 and there have been 21 newly approved medications as of June 2026. This presentation will be relevant to all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to help them learn basic information regarding new medications that have been approved in the past 12 months. The presentation will highlight selected new medications to review each medication's indication, specific mechanism of action, dosing information, contraindications, precautions, adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, special administration techniques (when needed), and potential place in current therapy. The presentation will also highlight any special patient instruction or monitoring parameters for providers to take into account when prescribing these new medications. (e.g. injection techniques, priming requirements). New generic medications will be presented, along with any updated FDA recommendations or recent labeling changes to mainstream medications.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Identify new molecular and biological entities that entered the U.S. drug market in the past year (excluding diagnostic compounds).
2. Describe each agent's indication, mechanism of action, dosage, adverse reactions, contraindications, and drug interaction profile.
3. List special patient instruction and monitoring parameters for each of these agents.
4. Identify molecular entities that have been approved as generic medications by the FDA in the past year.

Technician Objectives

1. Recognize novel drugs approved by the FDA in the past 12 months.
2. Recall each agent's indication, dosage, major adverse reactions, contraindications, and major drug interactions.
3. Identify special patient education/instructions for each agent.
4. Recall medications that have been approved as generic medications by the FDA in the past year.



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Course Participants:	Pharmacists, Technicians
CPE Target Audience:	Pharmacists, Technicians
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Contact hours:	1.0
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Risk Management in Pharmacy Practice

J. Christopher Lynch, PharmD

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About the Speaker

Chris Lynch received his BS and Doctor of Pharmacy from St. Louis College of Pharmacy before completing a residency in Family Medicine at St. Johns Department of Family Medicine. His services have included being the attending pharmacist for the Diabetes Center of Excellence at Charity Hospital New Orleans and running a medication reduction clinic for elderly patients in East St. Louis, Illinois.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Lynch has served as Director of Clinical Programs for the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. In that role he is responsible for the risk assessment of clinical practices. He has served as an expert witness in over 50 civil and criminal cases of alleged pharmacist malpractice.

Dr. Lynch is proud to have received teaching awards from his students 13 times in his career and was honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Illinois Bowl of Hygeia Award.

About the Course

Pharmacy practice has many inherent risks. The ability to recognize and manage these risks is imperative to patient care and to the liability of the pharmacists, technicians and pharmacy. This presentation will focus on how to manage risk from a civil, criminal and safety perspective. Pharmacists will learn the different types of liability risk they face; technicians and student pharmacists will learn how to minimize the risk to their pharmacists. Pharmacy practice outside of traditional dispensing roles creates the potential for unique liability situations, and the group will discuss how to manage these risks.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Identify the steps in performing a risk assessment of a practice.
2. Describe the special needs for risk assessment in an advanced practice.
3. Identify the common forms of risk in community pharmacy.
4. Differentiate between civil liability, criminal liability and vicarious liability.
5. Recognize the steps needed to protect the pharmacy and its employees from external risks.

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

1. Identify the steps in performing a risk assessment of a practice.
2. Describe the special needs for risk assessment in an advanced practice.
3. Identify the common forms of risk in community pharmacy.
4. Differentiate between civil liability, criminal liability and vicarious liability.
5. Recognize the steps needed to protect the pharmacy and its employees from external risks.



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Standard of Care: From Implementation to Everyday Practice

Caitlin Rohrbaugh, PharmD

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About the Speaker

Caitlin Rohrbaugh earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Iowa in 2024 and went on to complete a PGY1 residency at Schaffner Pharmacy in Sedro Woolley, Washington. She currently practices at Wells Hometown Clinic in Bloomfield, Iowa, as a pharmacist provider in the state's first pharmacist-led walk-in clinic.

About the Course

Pharmacy practice continues to evolve and recent changes in Iowa pharmacy law have created opportunities for pharmacists to expand the services they provide to patients. Law changes have allowed for opportunities for service development in other states, including Illinois, with the ability to provide hormonal contraceptive services and HIV PrEP and PEP. Many pharmacists remain hesitant to develop and implement new clinical services, limiting the impact these opportunities can have on patient care and business.

Pharmacists may recognize the need for additional services but are unsure how to determine where to begin, develop sustainable workflows, and integrate new services into daily practice. There may be uncertainty regarding service development, staffing, workflow, marketing, and financial sustainability. This hesitancy can prevent pharmacies from taking full advantage of expanded practice opportunities that are available.

This session will provide pharmacists with knowledge on implementing a pharmacist provided clinical service. The audience will learn strategies for new service implementation that aligns with patient and community needs, developing workflows, policies and procedures, and refining the process based on experience and measured outcomes. It will also address the importance of developing partnerships with local healthcare providers and using an appointment-based model to improve consistency and predictability. Pharmacists will leave with increased confidence to strategically expand services to meet evolving patient and community needs.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. List strategies for implementing and sustaining pharmacist provided clinical services
2. Recognize common barriers to implementation of clinical services
3. Identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships and improve patient access through pharmacist-led care



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CPE Target Audience:	Pharmacists
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Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD): Illinois Law, Pharmacy Practice, and Lived Experiences

Cara Brock, PharmD, FPPCP, CHCP and Lytia Lai, PharmD

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About the Speakers

Cara Brock, PharmD, FPPCP, CHCP, is a pharmacist, educator, and editor with more than 20 years of experience spanning direct patient care, pharmacy education, continuing professional development, clinical content development, and continuing education accreditation. She specializes in translating complex clinical evidence and medication information into clear, engaging educational materials for healthcare professionals. Her expertise includes clinical editing, continuing education program development and accreditation, evidence-based content strategy, adult learning, healthcare communications, and educational quality improvement. Throughout her career, Cara has been committed to improving the way medication information is communicated, whether through patient care, educating future pharmacists, developing accredited educational programs, or leading the editorial review of clinical content. She is passionate about advancing pharmacy practice through high-quality education, evidence-based communication, and lifelong learning.

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About the Course

Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) is increasingly important in palliative and end-of-life care as more U.S. states adopt legislation allowing patients at the end of life who meet state-specific legal requirements to request a medication regimen to hasten death. With Illinois soon implementing MAiD legislation, pharmacists play a critical role in ensuring safe, ethical, and patient-centered access to MAiD while navigating new legal, clinical, and operational considerations in their practice settings. This session will provide an overview of MAiD laws across the United States, with a focused discussion of the new Illinois law and practical clinical insights from a practicing pain and palliative care clinician with experience in Washington's established MAiD process. Participants will gain a working understanding of legal frameworks, clinical eligibility criteria, medication regimens, pharmacy logistics, interdisciplinary collaboration, and ethical considerations related to MAiD. Clinical cases highlighting patients' and caregivers' lived experiences will also be discussed to support compassionate, informed patient care.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Describe medical aid in dying (MAiD) terminology, patient eligibility requirements, safeguards, and procedural elements under the Illinois End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act.
2. Identify medication-related considerations for MAiD, including commonly used regimens, preparation, administration instructions, antiemetic use, cost, availability, and risk factors for prolonged time to death.
3. Recognize pharmacist and pharmacy practice considerations related to MAiD care, including medication access, compounding, dispensing, counseling, confidentiality, and workflow.

Technician Objectives

1. Describe medical aid in dying (MAiD) terminology, patient eligibility requirements, safeguards, and procedural elements under the Illinois End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act.
2. Identify common MAiD medication regimens and pharmacy technician considerations related to prescription processing, inventory support, compounding, workflow coordination, and documentation.
3. Recognize pharmacist and pharmacy practice considerations related to MAiD care, including medication access, compounding, dispensing, counseling, confidentiality, and workflow.



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Embracing and Leveraging Technology: Using AI to Improve Pharmacy Operations

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About the Speaker

Catherine Gilmore received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy and completed post-graduate residency training with the Community-based Pharmacy Residency Program at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the department of Pharmacy Practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy (STLCOP) at the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy. She is a board-certified pharmacist in ambulatory care (BCACP) and has clinical responsibilities at Beverly Hills Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy in North St. Louis County, where she leads the charge for the expansion of clinical services in the community setting and navigating provider and community partnerships. At STLCOP, her teaching responsibilities are rooted in the skills lab series, OTC and community pharmacy topics, immunization training, and the newly developed asynchronous pharmacy technician training program.

About the Course

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming healthcare, yet many pharmacists lack practical guidance on how to effectively integrate these tools into daily workflow. While AI technologies such as machine learning, generative AI, and automation are increasingly utilized to enhance clinical decision-making, improve adherence monitoring, and reduce administrative burden, their application in pharmacy practice remains underutilized. This presentation will explore current and emerging uses of AI in pharmacy operations, including inventory management, intelligent call routing, clinical documentation support, and remote patient monitoring. Participants should gain a foundational understanding of AI terminology and functionality, as well as real-world examples of implementation in community and health-system settings. Key challenges, including data privacy, bias, and accuracy concerns, will also be addressed. Opportunities to incorporate AI into workflow to optimize efficiency and enhance patient care will be explored.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Define terminology related to artificial intelligence (AI) and automation.
2. List examples of current AI tools and automation technologies used in pharmacy settings.
3. Identify common challenges in adopting AI and automation in pharmacy.
4. Review future directions of AI in pharmacy practice.



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A Changing Landscape: The 2026 Diabetes Update

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About the Speaker

Susan Cornell, Pharm.D, CDCES, FAPhA, FADCES is an Experiential Education Specialist and Professor Emeritus at Midwestern University College of Pharmacy in Downers Grove, Illinois (MWU CPDG). She also serves as co-advisor for the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter at MWU CPDG. Dr. Cornell practices as a clinical pharmacist, consultant and certified diabetes care and education specialist. Her current clinical practice is with the Bolingbrook Christian Health Center and the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, where she supervises student pharmacists, as they provide medication therapy management and diabetes care and education for underserved populations. Dr. Cornell served as President of the Illinois Pharmacists Association in 2011. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2024 APhA-ASP Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award, 2022 ADCES Allene Von Son Distinguished Serves Award, the 2021, 2019 and 2011 MWU Outstanding Faculty Advisor, 2017 ADCES Outstanding Illinois Diabetes Educator of the Year, and the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia, to list a few. She is an active member of the American Diabetes Association. She is also actively involved with the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES), where she previously served on their board of directors and continues to assist on various committees. Dr. Cornell is a key thought leader in the field of diabetes and has been invited to give numerous presentations to various healthcare professionals and community groups worldwide. She has served as editor, as well as, published and contributed to many peer-reviewed, professional written and online publications. Dr. Cornell is the associate editor of the ADCES Art and Science of Diabetes Care and Education Desk Reference- 3rd thru 7th edition.

About the Course

Diabetes guidelines continue to shape clinical practice by refining approaches to screening, diagnosis, therapy selection, technology use, and the management of related health conditions. This session discusses the current updates and highlights how these recommendations influence comprehensive diabetes care and management. You will learn how guideline changes can inform person-centered management strategies, support safe and effective medication use, and enhance your role in optimizing outcomes for people living with diabetes across practice settings.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Describe the latest updates in the ADA diabetes guidelines that influence clinical assessment and therapeutic decision-making.
2. Identify recommendations related to screening, monitoring, and risk reduction in diabetes care and management.
3. Discuss changes in pharmacologic guidance, including considerations for safety, efficacy, and comorbidity management.
4. Develop an individualized care approach that incorporates current diabetes guideline recommendations into pharmacy practice.

Technician Objectives

1. Describe updates within the latest ADA diabetes guidelines that influence diabetes management in pharmacy practice.
2. Identify recommendations related to screening, monitoring, and risk reduction in diabetes care and management.
3. Discuss common medication therapies used in managing people with diabetes.
4. Outline ways pharmacy technicians can support collaborative diabetes care, including communication with pharmacists, patients, and other healthcare providers.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

6:30 pm- 8:00 pm Registration Open
Conference Registration

7:00 pm- 8:30 pm Summer Send-Off Networking Event
Outdoor Patio

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

7:00 am- 4:00 pm Registration Open
Conference Registration

12:15 pm- 2:00 pm Award Presentations and Lunch
River E

7:45 am- 8:45 am Session A: Keeping Up-to-Date, with
so little time: Newly Approved
Medications Review 2026
River G

2:30 pm- 3:30 pm Session C: Medical Aid in Dying
(MAiD): Illinois Law, Pharmacy
Practice, and Lived Experiences
River H-J

7:45 am- 8:45 am Session B: Risk Management in
Pharmacy Practice
River H-J

3:45 pm- 4:45 pm Session D: Embracing and
Leveraging Technology: Using AI to
Improve Pharmacy Operations
River H-J

9:00 am- 10:30 am The Educated Pharmacist- Weighing
In: Identifying Candidates and
Optimizing GLP-RA and Dual GIP/
GLP-RA Therapies for Obesity, A
Case-Based Workshop
River F

5:00 pm- 6:00 pm Session E: A Changing Landscape:
The 2026 Diabetes Update
River H-J

10:45 am- 12:00 pm KEYNOTE: Standard of Care: From
Implementation to Everyday
Practice
River F

6:00 pm- 7:30 pm STLCOP Alumni Reception
Fon Du Lac A-C

6:00 pm- 7:30 pm SIUE Alumni Reception
Fon Du Lac D-F



FULL CONFERENCE BOOKLET



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

● SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026 ●

7:00 am- 4:00 pm	Registration Open Conference Registration	9:25 am- 10:25 am	Medical Presentation/ Product Theater: “Unmet Needs in Acute Pain and the Role of Suzetrigine in Acute Pain Management” River F
7:45 am- 9:15 am	Session G: A Neuro-Affirming Approach to Autism Care in Community Pharmacy River H-J	10:30 am- 12:00 pm	Keynote: Rough Waters to Smooth Sailing: Charting Clinical Excellence in the Waves of Standards of Care River F
8:00 am- 9:00 am	Session F: Bottom of the Pyramid: Charting the Course for Lower Drug Prices River G	12:00 pm- 3:00 pm	Pharmacy Jeopardy XIX River F
8:00 am- 10:00 am	Pharmacy Innovation Student Competition Lydia C	3:00 pm- 4:30 pm	Lunch Exhibits Poster Competition River A-E
8:00 am- 10:00 am	Pharmacy Innovation Holding Area Lydia B	4:40 pm- 5:00 pm	Presentation of Student Competition Winners River F
8:00 am- 10:00 am	Student Patient Counseling Competition Lydia A	5:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Gold Sponsor Presentation- McKesson River G
8:00 am- 10:00 am	Counseling Study Room Hospitality 205	6:30pm- 8:00 pm	President’s Reception and Board Installation River H-J

● SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 ●

7:45 am- 11:00 am	Registration Open Conference Registration	9:45 am- 10:45 am	Session K: Dr. Google vs The Pharmacist: Practical Strategies for Misinformation and Trust in Community Pharmacy River H-J
8:30 am- 9:30 am	Session J: Needle Facts: Immunization Updates 2026 River H-J	11:00 am- 12:30 pm	Keynote: Riding the Currents: Navigating 2026 Pharmacy Law and Policy in a Time of Change River H-J



A Neuro-Affirming Approach to Autism Care in Community Pharmacy

Brittany Hoffmann-Eubanks, PharmD, MBA

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About the Speaker

Dr. Brittany Hoffmann-Eubanks spent 15 years behind the pharmacy counter — long enough to know that the most important thing a pharmacist can offer isn't a medication. It's a moment of genuine connection. She believes communication is a bridge, and that every patient interaction can help create access, build trust, and change outcomes. As a parent of an Autistic child, her lived experience shapes how she understands healthcare and the intentionality required to support a community navigating systems not built for them. She serves as the first pharmacist on the Autism Society of America's Panel of Professional Advisors and as Chair-Elect of its National Board of Directors, working to build a world where Autistic people and their families have the resources and support, they need and want to thrive.

About the Course

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects one in 31 people in the United States, meaning Autistic patients and their caregivers interact with community pharmacies every day. This session equips community pharmacy teams with foundational knowledge of ASD and introduces neuro affirming care: an approach centered on meeting people where they are, respecting neurological differences, and delivering care that preserves dignity and autonomy. Through honest discussion and real-world examples, attendees will gain practical strategies to provide neuro affirming care to Autistic patients and their caregivers. In community pharmacy, trust is built one interaction at a time. This session will help you make each one count.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Describe Autism Spectrum Disorder, its prevalence, and common support needs of Autistic patients.
2. Define neuro-affirming care and its role in patient-centered pharmacy care.
3. Implement practical neuro-affirming strategies to enhance pharmacy interactions.

Technician Objectives

1. Describe Autism Spectrum Disorder, its prevalence, and common support needs of Autistic patients.
2. Recognize neuro-affirming care and its importance in pharmacy interactions.
3. Apply practical neuro-affirming strategies to improve daily pharmacy interactions.



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Bottom of the Pyramid: Charting the Course for Lower Drug Prices

Bedrija Nikocecic, PharmD, BCACP and Sakshi Patel, PharmD Student, Class of 2028

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About the Speakers

Bedrija Nikocecic, PharmD, BCACP is an Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences at Roosevelt University College of Science, Health and Pharmacy in Schaumburg, Illinois. She is also an ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialist at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to her current role, she was a community pharmacist for 8 years. Her professional interests include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, immunizations, pharmacy law, and self-care and nonprescription therapeutics. Bedrija is a proud alumna of University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy.

Sakshi Patel is a PharmD student at Roosevelt University College of Science, Health and Pharmacy in Schaumburg, Illinois. She previously earned an integrated Bachelor of Pharmacy and MBA in Pharmaceutical Technology from NMIMS in Mumbai, India. Prior to beginning her PharmD, she worked in international marketing and business development in the pharmaceutical industry. Her interests include medical affairs, medical communications, policy building and legal and regulatory aspects of healthcare.

About the Course

Medication affordability remains a significant barrier to equitable healthcare, particularly for individuals living in bottom-of-the-pyramid (BoP) markets. These populations face disproportionate challenges in accessing essential medications due to financial constraints, healthcare disparities, and structural inefficiencies in pharmaceutical pricing. Despite pharmacists' critical role in promoting medication access, pharmacy education often provides limited instruction on the economic and policy factors that influence drug pricing and affordability for underserved populations.

This presentation introduces the concept of BoP markets within the pharmaceutical landscape and examines the key drivers of medication pricing, including manufacturing costs, market exclusivity, supply chain dynamics, government policies, and payer systems. Participants will also explore evidence-based strategies that improve medication affordability, such as generic substitution, tiered pricing, voluntary licensing, and global access initiatives. Through discussion of current literature and real-world examples, attendees will gain a practical understanding of how equitable drug pricing influences medication adherence, health outcomes, and healthcare access.

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to define BoP markets in the context of drug pricing, describe factors that influence medication costs for low-income populations, identify strategies to improve medication affordability, and explain the importance of equitable drug pricing in reducing healthcare disparities. This educational activity equips pharmacy learners with foundational knowledge to make cost-conscious clinical decisions and advocate for improved medication access in underserved communities.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Define the concept of bottom-of-the-pyramid (BoP) markets in the context of drug pricing.
2. Describe key factors that influence drug pricing for low-income populations.
3. Identify common strategies used to improve medication affordability in BoP markets (e.g., generics, tiered pricing).
4. Explain why equitable drug pricing is important for access to healthcare in underserved populations.

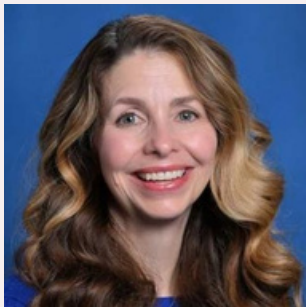
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Rough Waters to Smooth Sailing: Charting Clinical Excellence in the Waves of Standards of Care

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About the Speaker

Wendy Mobley-Bukstein, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES, CHWC, NASM-CPT, FAPhA, FADCES, is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Drake University. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Drake University in 1999 and is a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, Certified Health and Wellness Coach and a Certified Personal Trainer. She teaches a Medication Management elective, co-teaches the Advanced Diabetes Care elective, and coordinates the Intermediate Pharmacy Skills and Applications 2 lecture and lab. She maintains a clinical practice at Primary Health Care East Side Clinic where she precepts third- and fourth-year student pharmacists, focusing on interprofessional ambulatory care and diabetes as a specialty practice. Her areas of interest in practice and scholarship are diabetes, diabetes technology, and community education. She is a Past President of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management, President and Advocacy Lead for the Iowa Chapter of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Coordinating Body, an active member of the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, where she sits on the Awards Committee and Technology Committee. She was named the Diabetes Care and Education Specialist of the Year for 2025 by ADCES. She is an active member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, where she participates on the Legislative Committee. She is currently studying to become a certified nutrition coach. She has a passion for helping people dream, set, and achieve their goals.

About the Course

This presentation will explore the critical role of medical billing in advancing pharmacy practice. Pharmacists, traditionally associated with dispensing medications, can significantly expand their services by embracing medical billing for cognitive and clinical contributions. The presentation will delve into the distinction between pharmacy and medical billing cycles, highlighting the processes from claim submission to payment adjudication. Key medical billing terminology, including CPT/HCPCS codes and ICD-10 codes will be defined to help demystify billing practices for pharmacists. The presentation will outline the potential for pharmacists to engage in reimbursable services such as Transitional Care Management (TCM), Chronic Care Management (CCM), Annual Wellness Visits (AWV), Medication Therapy Management (MTM), and Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT). Real-world examples, including Missouri Medicaid's pharmacist MTM billing codes, will demonstrate practical applications. Attendees will gain insight into how leveraging medical billing can enhance pharmacy service recognition, support primary care, and ensure pharmacists are compensated for their clinical expertise. This presentation will empower pharmacists to navigate billing systems, contribute to healthcare delivery, and thrive in an evolving medical landscape.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Formulate core Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for clinical pharmacy services.
2. Develop standardized and structured clinical documentation.
3. Create concise, bi-directional communication between pharmacy and primary care providers.

Technician Objectives

1. Formulate core Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for clinical pharmacy services for pharmacy technicians.
2. Illustrate how accurate technician-driven data capture directly impacts downstream clinical documentation.
3. Apply standard communication protocols to handle routine, bidirectional correspondence with healthcare providers regarding clinical pharmacy services.



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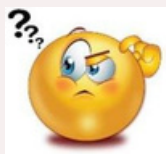
Pharmacy Jeopardy XIX

Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD and Starlin Haydon-Greatting, MS, BSPHarm, FAPhA

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About the Course

Pharmacy Jeopardy is back for its 18th year to test your knowledge on all things OTC.



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Pharmacist Objectives

1. Identify and explain aspects of the effective and safe practice of self-care treatments.
2. Outline the usage and effectiveness of over-the-counter medications and medical terminology.
3. Classify different groups of over-the-counter medications based on drug treatment class.

Technician Objectives

1. Identify and explain aspects of the effective and safe practice of pharmacy self-care treatments.
2. Recall the usage and effectiveness of over-the-counter medications and medical terminology.
3. Recognize different groups of over-the-counter medications based on drug treatment class.



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Needle Facts: Immunization Update 2026

Miranda Wilhelm, PharmD

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About the Speaker

Miranda Wilhelm, Pharm.D. is a Clinical Professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) School of Pharmacy. In addition, she provides clinical and pharmacy services for the SIUE Health Service pharmacy. Dr. Wilhelm received her doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. She completed a community pharmacy residency at B&K Prescription Shop partnered with the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. Dr. Wilhelm serves as the coordinator for the Self-Care and Alternative Medicine required course, Skills Lab I required course, Skills Lab II required course, and the Advanced Self-Care elective. Miranda also teaches in the Immunization Certificate course. In addition to her didactic responsibilities, Miranda precepts students during Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. Her areas of interest include self-care initiatives, immunizations, point-of-care screenings, wellness and disease state management and education

About the Course

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets three times a year to review and update immunization recommendations. With the frequently changing immunization recommendations, staying up-to-date can be challenging. This session will discuss the new 2026 ACIP recommendations regarding adult and pediatric immunizations. Also included will be a review of influenza vaccine considerations to prepare for the 2026-2027 season. The session will conclude with patient cases to evaluate immunization history information and determine appropriate vaccine recommendations based on the appropriate immunization schedule

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Discuss the new 2026 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations regarding adult and pediatric immunizations.
2. Review recent vaccine preventable disease outbreaks.
3. Review influenza vaccine considerations in preparation for the 2026-2027 season.
4. Discuss a patient's immunization history to determine vaccine recommendations based on the appropriate immunization schedule.

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

1. Discuss the new 2026 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations regarding adult and pediatric immunizations.
2. Summarize recent vaccine preventable disease outbreaks.
3. Review influenza vaccine considerations in preparation for the 2026-2027 season.
4. Review a patient's immunization history to assist the pharmacist in determining vaccine recommendations based on the appropriate immunization schedule.



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Dr. Google vs. the Pharmacist: Practical Strategies for Misinformation and Trust in Community Pharmacy

Catherine Gilmore, PharmD, BCACP

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About the Course

Community pharmacists are among the most accessible healthcare providers, frequently engaging with patients and assisting with decision-making. However, traditional counseling models often fall short when patients present with misinformation, hesitancy, or limited health literacy, which are factors that significantly impact medication use, adherence, and health outcomes. In our current environment shaped by social media and conflicting health messaging, pharmacists must transform to have more adaptive, patient-centered communication strategies. This presentation aims to provide a practical framework for navigating challenging conversations commonly encountered in community pharmacy, including vaccine hesitancy, misinformation, and resistance to evidence-based recommendations. Through real-world, case-based scenarios, participants will apply these techniques and leave with practical tools to improve patient trust and combat misinformation in everyday practice.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Identify common communication barriers in community pharmacy practice, including patient hesitancy, misinformation, and limited health literacy.
2. Recall the components of a structured communication framework that can be used to address misinformation and navigate challenging patient interactions.
3. Recognize practical approaches to tailor patient counseling based on individual patient needs, beliefs, and levels of health literacy.

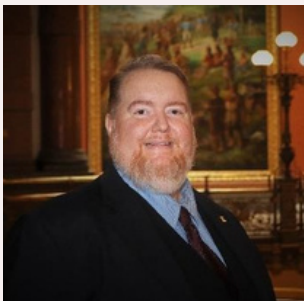
Technician Objectives

1. Identify common communication barriers in community pharmacy practice, including patient hesitancy, misinformation, and limited health literacy.
2. Recall the components of a structured communication framework that can be used to address misinformation and navigate challenging patient interactions.



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Riding the Currents: Navigating 2026 Pharmacy Law and Policy in a Time of Change

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About the Speaker

Garth Reynolds is a nationally recognized pharmacy leader and advocate, serving as the Executive Director of the Illinois Pharmacists Association (IPhA) since 2013. A licensed pharmacist in Illinois and Missouri, Garth brings more than two decades of diverse experience across independent, regional, and national community pharmacy settings. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and a Master of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Prior to IPhA, Garth served as the Pharmacy Supervisor and Immunization Coordinator for Dierbergs Markets, Inc., a regional community pharmacy chain based in Chesterfield, Missouri, where he helped expand adult and adolescent immunization access throughout the Midwest. An esteemed educator and thought leader, Garth is a frequent lecturer on pharmacy law, regulation, technology, drug diversion, and immunization practices. He currently holds adjunct faculty appointments at three major institutions: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy, Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, Chicago State University College of Pharmacy, and the University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy. In these roles, he teaches pharmacy law, ethics, and regulatory compliance, and mentors future leaders in pharmacy practice. A champion for pharmacist-led care, Garth serves as faculty for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) certificate programs, including Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery, Delivering Medication Therapy Management Services, Advanced Travel Health, and Immunization Administration by Pharmacy Technicians. In recognition of his leadership and dedication to public health, Garth received the 2015 APhA Immunization Champion Award for Partnership and was named a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association (FAPhA) in 2022. He is a past president of IPhA and a tireless advocate for reforming pharmacy benefit manager practices, establishing full practice authority and standard of care for pharmacists, and improving healthcare access in underserved communities. Garth's voice has become a leading one in national conversations on pharmacy policy, workforce development, and protecting patient access to care especially through independent and rural community pharmacies.

About the Course

This knowledge-based continuing pharmacy education program provides pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with a comprehensive review of significant 2026 developments in pharmacy law, regulation, and public policy affecting pharmacy practice. Using the framework of legislative, regulatory, judicial, payment, practice, and ethical "currents," the program examines changes at the Illinois and federal levels and their implications for pharmacy operations, professional responsibilities, patient access, reimbursement, and evolving standards of practice. Participants will review key legislative and regulatory actions, emerging compliance expectations, and policy trends influencing the profession, while identifying practical considerations for applying current legal and regulatory requirements in pharmacy practice. The program concludes by examining developing issues and policy trends that pharmacy professionals should monitor as they prepare for changes in 2027.

Pharmacist Objectives

1. Describe significant federal and Illinois pharmacy law and regulatory changes affecting pharmacy practice in 2026.
2. Explain the impact of recent legislative and regulatory developments on pharmacy practice, patient care, and reimbursement.
3. Identify legal and regulatory requirements related to current pharmacy practice, including changes in scope of practice, compliance expectations, and reimbursement policies.
4. Recognize appropriate responses to common pharmacy law and regulatory situations using current legal and professional standards.

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

1. Describe federal and Illinois pharmacy law updates that affect technician practice.
2. Explain how recent legal and regulatory changes influence pharmacy workflow, patient safety, and technician responsibilities.
3. Identify compliance requirements applicable to pharmacy technicians and situations that require pharmacist involvement.
4. Recognize resources available to support compliance with current pharmacy laws and regulations.
5. Identify scenarios in which legal consultation may be necessary to ensure compliance with state or federal requirements.



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