Suggested Proposal Topics

Below are suggested topics for submission. Feel free to submit on a topic not listed below.

ASHP is also soliciting proposals addressing ASHP’s Practice Advancement Initiative 2030*, which includes 59 recommendations to promote optimal, safe, effective medication use; expand pharmacist and technician roles; and implement the latest technologies. Five focused initiatives accelerate movement toward specific goals to speed the adoption of best practices and measure progress. Consider submitting a Midyear proposal that incorporates and highlights success in one of these focused areas!

1. Optimizing medication use and access through pharmacist prescribing.
2. Leveraging and utilize technology to optimize pharmacist provision of care to patients.
3. Ensuring all patients receive seamless and coordinated pharmacy services at all transitions of care.
4. Improving patient access to pharmacist services in ambulatory care clinics.
5. Expanding the role of pharmacy technicians.

* [www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Practice/PAI/About-PAI-2030](http://www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Practice/PAI/About-PAI-2030)

Ambulatory Care

- **Clinical**
  - Impact of Supreme Court ruling on access to women’s healthcare
  - Continuous Glucose Monitors, Diabetes treatment updates (SGLT2s, GLP1s)
  - Demystifying gender affirming care
  - Opioid Stewardship in primary/ambulatory care
  - Updates in asthma treatment/management
  - Updates in heart failure treatment/management
  - Vaccine updates (monkeypox, shingles, COVID, pneumococcal)
  - Mental health and pain management (when to use benzodiazepines)
  - COVID: long-covid, experiences with paxlovid

- **Operations/Logistics**
  - Pharmacy technicians: shortage, licensure requirements, use in ambulatory care
  - Remote patient monitoring & pain management via telehealth
  - Transitions of Care and special populations (small/rural, LGBTQ+)
  - Comprehensive Medication Management services in primary care
  - IT in ambulatory care
  - Differences in scopes of practice based upon state
  - Pharmacogenomics in ambulatory care (e.g. implementation)
Community Practice

- Clinical topics
  - New drugs, new indications, new guidelines, and key clinical/counseling considerations.
  - Practical advice on how community pharmacy practitioners can improve patient safety.
    - Recognizing stop/start therapies for patients and offering actionable tips on how to be better practitioners regardless of setting.
  - Innovative clinical services offered within outpatient pharmacies.
    - How those programs are built and value of outpatient pharmacy and outcomes.
    - Women’s health, PGx, Population Health, CPAs, and new clinical services
    - How do you build relationships with other counterparts to build those services?
    - Comprehensive care practices (blend of clinic and pharmacy services)
  - How can you advocate as an individual within your community to advance practice?
    - What are advocacy skills that you need?
    - What are some examples of strong, existing legislations to point your state to?
    - What are some gaps that community pharmacists can fill?
    - How do you forge relationships with other healthcare players?
  - Best practices with meds to beds, and additional tools for optimizing transitions of care.
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the pharmacy team and the patients we serve.
    - Education and training on things to consider – pronouns, and other patient considerations to build it into workforce. Disability accommodation best practices.

- Operational:
  - Business of outpatient pharmacy.
    - Reimbursement rules for community pharmacy practitioners/ Billing structure and setting up/ Cost avoidance vs revenue generating services/ Managing DIR changes
    - Differentiate community versus specialty pharmacy business parameters and benchmarks
    - Metrics of excellence (clinical vs medication-related performance)/ Key to sustainable business solutions
  - Scheduling tips and identifying pooled scheduling and how to optimize inventory, diversion, etc.
    - A lot of the inpatient tools don’t work for outpatient. We can’t endorse, but what can we provide help with.
  - Customer service guidance geared to pharmacy.
    - Who is doing something well for customer services? /What can we do differently to drive the patient experience?
  - Social determinants of health, and how we can incorporate that practically in the community pharmacy.

Leadership/Management

- Big data and impact on population health and health care
- Leveraging technology and digital health in transformation of health care
- Workforce culture and managing healthcare and societal trends
- Revenue cycle management
- Workforce resilience
- Effectively leading innovation and change
- Leading diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within the pharmacy department
- Addressing leadership shortages and succession planning
- Promoting pharmacists to leadership roles outside of pharmacy
- Metrics and dashboard for operational and clinical value
- CPD and career planning of team members for professional growth and retention
• Best practices for financial recovery
• Optimization of multi-hospital health system integration and systemization

New Practitioners

• Advice for Conducting Research and Pursuing Publication
• Career Planning
• Continuing Professional Development
• Health Equity
• Leadership Development
• Personal Financial Management
• Professional Identity Formation and Personal Branding
• Well-Being and Resilience for New Practitioners

Pharmacy Educators

• Pharmacy residency recruitment strategies for attracting quality candidates
• Fostering diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in pharmacy education and training
• Innovative partnerships between academia and healthcare institutions
  o Advanced practice opportunities for learners beyond experiential training
  o Student exposure to health-systems practice
  o Strategic collaboration for shaping pharmacy education and training
• Preceptor development programs for student and resident preceptors
• Demonstrating value of learners as extenders of care
• Supporting and onboarding new pharmacy preceptors
• Effective implementation of layered learning practices in education
• Student pharmacist professional development
  o Teaching and assessing critical thinking skills and autonomy in didactic & experiential setting
  o Developing engaging learning experiences & active learning
• Well-Being and resilience for educators
• Preparing learners for advanced pharmacy practice roles and changes in the healthcare landscape
  o Educating on innovative technology, data analytics, and healthcare trends impacting pharmacy
  o Providing contemporary experiences that expand pharmacy scope

Pharmacy Technicians

• Adverse Drug Event Monitoring
  o Pharmacovigilance
• Cost Containment
• Drug Utilization Evaluations
• Hazardous Drug Handling
  o Drug Storage Management
• Informatics/Information Technology System Management
• Inventory Management
• Patient Assistance Programs
  o Medication Adherence
  o Patient Scheduling
Specialty Pharmacy

- Outcomes and value research
  - Establishing benchmarks and disease-state specific dashboards
  - Standardizing clinical outcomes across institutions
  - Involving students and residents in specialty pharmacy outcomes research
- Biosimilar implementation, including formulary changes and patient access considerations
- Specialty pharmacy workforce recruitment, retention and engagement
  - Including a focus on remote work strategies and practice models
- Accreditation (existing and emerging), including best practices for maintenance of accreditation and obtaining new secondary or tertiary accreditations
- Advanced pharmacy technician roles in specialty pharmacy, including work-from-home opportunities and unique or newly developed job descriptions
- Payer engagement strategies, including contract evaluation best practices and strategies for gaining access to limited distribution drugs
- Innovative use of technology
- Management of high-cost, non-specialty medications (‘specialty lite’)
- Legislative updates affecting specialty pharmacy practice, including strategies for remaining up to date on changes and state-level advocacy, PBM legislation, and DIR fee changes
- Role of specialty pharmacy in social determinants of health and population health programs/interventions
- Billing considerations, including billing for infusion services, medical billing vs pharmacy benefit billing, and billing for pharmacist-provided clinical services
- Specialty drug pipeline
  - Including loss of exclusivity and generic launches of specialty medications
  - Oncology, MS, HIV and biosimilars
  - Gene therapies
- Innovative practice models, including those with a focus on synergistic practice models between specialty pharmacy and other pharmacy service lines, the total care model, and use of telehealth
- Specialty pharmacy metrics and data
  - Identifying and capturing specialty pharmacy metrics
  - Aggregation, utilization and evaluation of data
  - Use of vendors and contract services
- Management of infusion services, including operations and approaches to white-bagging and clear-bagging
Student Programming

- Diversity/equity/inclusion
  - Cultural competence, identifying and understanding unconscious and hidden biases, creating inclusive/affirming environments
- Networking skills / building professional connections
- Personal branding
  - Building a digital brand, navigating social media
- Post-graduate training opportunities
  - Residencies, PGY1s, PGY2s, Industry PharmD Fellowships
  - Residency preparation-experiences, post-match process for matched and unmatched applicants
  - Industry preparation-experiences, timeline for application and interview process
  - How to choose a residency — guiding students on how to narrow down programs during their search
- Professional and leadership development
  - Professional identity formation
  - Value of mentorship
  - Time management strategies
  - Navigating career transitions
  - Non-positional leadership
- Research fundamentals
- Wellness and Well-being
  - Fostering resilience, preventing and addressing burnout
- Residency Showcase preparation
- PPS preparation
- Personal financial management

Miscellaneous

- Quiet Quitting: precepting in the post-pandemic world, loss of preceptors
- Learning from social media platforms
- Student and resident wellbeing

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