Suggested Proposal Topics

Below are suggested topics for submission; however, proposals on topics not listed below may still be submitted for consideration.

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 utilizing 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

Ambulatory Care
- Obesity and pipeline of new weight loss medications
- Billing and service development in ambulatory care
- Development of clinical services in the community pharmacy setting
- Population Health Metrics
- Artificial Intelligence in Ambulatory Care practice
- Diabetes treatment updates and continuous glucose monitors
- Women’s Health: pregnancy, post-menopausal
- Health disparities and social determinants of health
- Pain Management in ambulatory care
- Substance Use Disorders
- Leadership development
- Precepting (GenZ learners)

Clinical Topics
Therapeutic-Specific Topics
- Toxicology/Toxicology in Special Populations
• Harm Reduction
• Population Health
• Anticoagulation/Anticoagulation in Special Populations
• Pharmacogenomics
• Opioid Use Disorder
• COPD/CAP/Asthma
• Stewardship Programs (Including Antimicrobial, Opioid, Anticoagulation and Oncology)
• Therapeutic Guideline Updates
• Psychiatry: special populations, pharmacogenomics, and emerging therapies
• New and Emerging Oncology Therapies
• Updates in anticoagulation and reversal
• Non-Statin Therapies
• Expanding the role of Ketamine in Practice
• Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

Non-Therapeutic Topics

• Value-Based Pharmacy Models
• Successful Pharmacist Billing Practices
• Expansion of Pharmacy Services
• Incorporating DEI in Residency Training
• Incorporating DEI into Clinical Trials
• Enhanced Inpatient Pharmacy Models
• Operationalize and Implementing Cellular and Gene-Based Therapies
• Drug Shortages
• Implementation of Standardized for Safety in Pediatric and Neonatal Populations
• Precepting New Generations of Learners
• Changes in Medicare 2024 and 340b reimbursement
• Disaster Preparedness
• Clinical Pharmacy Metrics
• Transitions of Care in the Emergency Department
• Integrating Artificial Intelligence into the Pharmacy Department and Beyond

Specialty Pharmacy

• Biosimilars implementation, management, and coverage considerations
• Advocacy and legislative updates affecting specialty pharmacy (including DIR fees, 340b, whitebagging, and site of care restrictions)
• Alternate funding programs and payer design considerations (including copay maximizers and accumulators)
• Site of care optimization, including topics on infusion services
• Specialty pharmacy accreditation – changing standards and continued readiness
• Clinical outcome measures and social determinants of health
• The future of specialty pharmacy (including pipeline updates, clinical service line development and expansion, and how to stay up to date when guidelines fall behind new therapy availability)
• Optimizing technology use in the patient care journey (including use of digital platforms for patient management, innovative technologies, and use of AI, and operational technologies)
• Specialty pharmacy workforce development (including advanced roles for pharmacy technicians and education related to specialty pharmacy within colleges of pharmacy)
• Specialty pharmacy operational considerations (cold chain shipping, operational efficiencies, interstate/intrastate management)

Community Practice
• Workforce challenges (work conditions in community pharmacy, recruitment and retention)
• Pharmacist prescribing in the community setting (including oral contraceptives and point-of-care testing)
• Billing for pharmacist services
• Advocacy and policy topics impacting community pharmacy (ex: impact of the Inflation Reduction Act, PBM reform, DIR fees, 340b program changes)
• Role of artificial intelligence within community pharmacy (related to workflows, efficiency, and safety)
• Centralized pharmacy services
• Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the pharmacy team and for the patients we serve
• Wellbeing and resilience in the pharmacy workforce, and combatting burnout
• Role of the community pharmacist in promoting health equity and evaluating social determinants of health
• Drug shortage management within the community pharmacy setting

Pharmacy Educators
• Advances in interprofessional education
• Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and training
• Balancing academic and practice priorities
• Demonstrating the value of learners as extenders of care
• Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in residency and academic settings
• Faculty and preceptor professional development
• Precepting with cultural humility
• Preparing learners for advanced pharmacy practice roles and changes in the healthcare landscape
• Residency program preceptors and director support and development
• Teaching and assessing critical thinking skills and autonomy in pharmacy residents and student pharmacists
• Well-being and resilience for educators, pharmacy residents, and student pharmacists

Informatics
• Drug Supply Chain Security Act Requirements and Readiness
• Artificial Intelligence Applications and Clinical Decision Support
• Advanced medication identification technologies: 2D barcodes, RFID, computer vision, etc.
• Cybersecurity
• Role of Robotics in Pharmacy
• Big Data and Data Visualization; Data Analytics and Dashboards
• Smart Pump Interoperability
• Clinical Decision Support Using Pharmacogenomics
• Managing Digital Health Technologies
• Leadership Strategies and Skills for Managing Technology and Automation Innovations

Digital Health Technologies
• Artificial Intelligence Applications in Pharmacy Practice & Education (e.g., case studies & implementation in primary care, critical care, ED, CDS, inventory, precepting, simulations, etc.)
• Implementing Digital Health and Telehealth in Pharmacy Practice
• Business and Technology: Cost and Scaling of Digital Tools
• Impact of Healthcare Technology on the Pharmacy Workforce
• Data Analytics and Data Visualization in Pharmacy
• Precision Medicine
• Harnessing Big Data for Clinical Decision Support
• Interoperability and Cyber Security

Inpatient Care
• Formulary Management and Drug Shortages
• Sterile and Non-sterile Compounding
• Staff Retention/Career Development and Transitions/Workplace Flexibility (e.g., hybrid, remote, etc.)/Workforce Burnout
• Financial Stewardship (e.g., revenue cycle management, high-cost medications, billing/reimbursement for pharmacist services, etc.)
• Artificial Intelligence
• Vaccines
• Medication Safety and Policy
- Fluid and Electrolyte Imbalances
- Inpatient Cannabis Use
- Medication Stewardship (e.g., anticoagulation, opioid, antimicrobial, etc.)

Leadership/Management
- AI – Impact on pharmacy services and access
- Financial management and performance
- Succession planning and leadership pathways
- Drug shortage management innovations and use of analytics
- Alternate sites of care strategies
- Stewardship of high-cost drugs and gene therapy
- Technician leadership development and career ladders
- Workforce recruitment, retention, and role of technology
- Workplace culture – Improving engagement and joy
- Staffing models of the future
- DEI – Creating organizations of belonging at all levels
- Value and margin management for pharmacy and health system
- Strategic partnerships – Internal and external to the health system
- CS diversion management and use of technologies
- Leadership Development and leading leaders

New Practitioners
- Expanding your network as a new practitioner
- Identifying career advancement opportunities within your organization
- Managing impostor syndrome and building confidence as a new graduate
- Personal financial management
- Navigating community resources for patients
- Balancing personal and professional challenges
- Techniques for staying up to date with practice changes
- Preventing burnout and promoting well-being
- Mastering the transition from learner to practitioner

Students
- 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
  - Professionalism
  - 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

Technicians

- Adverse Drug Event Monitoring
- Pharmacovigilance
  - Cost Containment
  - Drug Utilization Evaluations
  - Hazardous Drug Handling

- Drug Storage Management
  - Informatics/Information Technology System Management
  - Data Analytics/AI/Automation
  - Inventory Management
  - Patient Assistance Programs

- Medication Adherence

- Patient Scheduling

- Medication Therapy Management (MTM)
  - Patient Safety (renewal requirement)
  - Pharmacy Law (renewal requirement)

- Compliance

- State Advocacy Initiatives
  - Purchasing/Fiscal Management
• Recruitment & Retention Strategies
  • Specialty Pharmacy
  • Sterile Compounding
  • Waste management
  • Controlled environments
    • Cleanroom ergonomics (email communication was passed around about this as a hot topic)
  • Technician Supervisory/Management Responsibilities
Other:
• Technician Educator Content
• Community Pharmacy
• Oncology
• Pain Management/Opioids