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### Continuing Education and Events Calendar

#### 2013
- December 5
  - Utilizing Guidelines to Manage COPD
    - December 8
      - Rochester, NY
      - Download Flyer

#### 2014
- January 9
  - PSSNY House of Delegates Meeting
    - Saratoga Springs, NY
    - Register Online
- January 10-12
  - Mid-Winter Meeting
    - Saratoga Springs, NY
    - Register Online
- January 26
  - Updates on Prevention of Medication Errors & NYS Controlled Substances
    - 2014
    - also Current Topics in NY Community Pharmacy Practice
      - 2014
      - 8am - 3:30pm
      - Register at wsp@att.net

**SAVE THE DATE**
- March 4
  - Pharmacy Owners Lobby Day
- April 8
  - Pharmacy Lobby Day

### Don't Forget to Renew your PSSNY Membership for 2014. Login to your profile at [www.pssny.org](http://www.pssny.org) to renew.

### St Johns University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Rho Chi Rx Post**

The Rho Chi Post is a monthly, electronic, student-operated, dean-approved newsletter by the St. John's University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' Rho Chi Beta Delta chapter. This is the only student-run publication published by a Rho Chi chapter. The aim is to promote the pharmacy profession through creativity and effective communication. The publication is a profound platform for integrating ideas, opinions, and innovations from students, faculty, and administrators.

Past issues can be accessed at this [link](#).

### Immunization Action Coalition

**Recently released November 2013 Needle Tips**

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) has recently released its November 2013 issue of [Needle Tips](#), for healthcare professionals who administer vaccines. Also available is [Vaccinate Adults](#), a shortened version of Needle Tips, modified for those who work only with adult patients. Both are now available for downloading, printing, and reading.

These publications contain ready-to-print educational materials for healthcare professionals and their patients, vaccine news highlights, and IAC's popular "Ask the Experts" Q&A column with answers by CDC experts Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH; Donna Weaver, RN, MN:
June 5 - 8
PSSNY Annual Meeting
LaGuardia Marriott
New York, NY

CE Needs Assessment Survey for 2014

PSSNY is currently conducting a Continuing Education Needs Assessment for 2014 to ensure we provide future programs that you need. The information gathered in this survey will help us better understand the desired educational topics for continuing professional development, venues for programs, and general information regarding you, the member. Please click here to take the brief Continuing Education Needs Assessment survey. Thank you in advance for your input!

Member Benefit

State Employee Prescription Notice Templates

The State Employee Prescription plan for 2014 was awarded to CVS/Caremark. In an effort to assist our members in communicating with their patients about the change we have created a set of templates for you to customize with your pharmacy name and logo. At this link you will find bag stuffers, signs and advertisement templates.

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Needle Tips and Vaccinate Adults are available exclusively online. Current and past issues of Needle Tips are available at www.immunize.org/nt.

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PSSNY UPDATE

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Member Benefits

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Are you interested in blogging for pharmacy? Send me an email with your interest and we will get you started!
Tracy Russell - tracy.russell@pssny.org

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NOT A PSSNY MEMBER?

REGISTER NOW!!
January 9-12, 2014
Saratoga Springs, NY

This year's conference will provide an opportunity to better understand the current issues facing the profession and update your continuing education requirements with a broader offering including:

- PSSNY Committee Meetings
- House of Delegates meeting
- Reception to meet the New PSSNY Executive Director
- Special APhA MTM Certificate Program being offered to the first 30 registrants
- Federal and State Regulatory Update
- Medication Errors
- Update on Anti-coagulation Therapy
- Implementing an Immunization Clinic
- Poison Control Update
- New HIV Drugs
- Pediatric Medications

Click here to view the full weekends schedule and printer-friendly registration form.

Hotel Reservations:
A special group rate of $110 per night for a standard room has been negotiated at the Saratoga Hilton. Please make your reservations by calling 888-866-3596 or online at [www.thesaratogahotel.com](http://www.thesaratogahotel.com) and use this group code: AKMF.