



Convention 2016!

Unify - Educate - Advance - Pharmacy Technicians

July 7-8

Please join us for AAPT's 34th Annual National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska on the prestigious University of Nebraska Medical Center campus within lecture halls of the new College of Pharmacy building, *UNMC Center for Drug Discovery Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education*. Convention programming offers continuing pharmacy education (CPE) Thursday afternoon (7/7) and all day on Friday (7/8). AAPT Convention goal is to unify pharmacy technicians from around the country for education that promotes advancement in individual careers, patient safety and the healthcare system.

Convention Details

Target Audience	Pharmacy Technician
Convention Location	University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Pharmacy S 42 nd & Emile St. Omaha, NE 68198 See attached map for assigned parking.
Dates	July 7-8, 2016
Registration	\$89 AAPT Member \$99 Non-Member Also available: half-day rates \$35 and up/discounted student rates <i>All rates increase after July 1</i>
Link for On-Line Registration	Click HERE to REGISTER for Convention Online Click HERE for PDF/Hard Copy Convention Registration
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Registration Fee includes continuing pharmacy education (CPE) specific to pharmacy technicians, admission to Exhibitor Hall, afternoon snack and meal when all-day session is selected.

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AAPT has blocked rooms at the Omaha Marriott Regency at a discounted rate of \$99/night. Limited rooms are available; we advise early booking. Marriott offers:

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AAPT Convention 2016 Program

Thursday Afternoon- July 7, 2016

1:00 Registration Table Opens

1:30-2:30 The Pharmacy Technician's Role in Reducing Medication Error Focused CPE to meet Certification Requirements: Patient Safety (UAN) # 0839-9999-16-026-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour

This presentation will review common causes of medication errors and best practices associated with error reduction. Learning objectives:

1. Describe why systems and not individuals should be the focus of medication error prevention.
2. Explain the importance of reporting near misses.
3. Explain the importance of Just Culture.
4. List strategies for the pharmacy technician to actively participate in medication error prevention.

Dr. Gary Cochran, PharmD, SM is an Assistant Professor at UNMC College of Pharmacy.

2:30-3:30 Empowering Pharmacy Technicians Beyond the Job (UAN) # 0839-9999-16-027-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour

This presentation covers the history and mission of PTCB while describing the need for certification and changes within the profession that impact the role of the pharmacy technician. Pharmacy technicians have expanding roles as a result of the changes from the profession. This program will cover some of those changes as well as give an overview of the regulatory landscape within the states and provide information on how technicians can get involved in the profession beyond the workplace. Learning objectives:

1. Describe the history, mission and function of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).
2. Identify the evolving roles of pharmacy technicians and opportunities in advancing care.
3. Identify the state by state regulatory landscape and how to get involved outside of the workplace.

Zack Green, CPhT is the Partnership Development Manager for PTCB.

3:30-4:30 The Value of Certification (UAN) # 0839-9999-16-037-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour

This presentation provides valued information that persons currently certified can give to employer, family, friend, and others about why certification is important and the benefits of certification. Persons not certified will learn about common process for all certification and talking points to share with others to support obtaining certification. The presentation will include information on the number and types of certifications that are available to pharmacy technicians. Learning objectives:

1. Create an understanding of the benefits of certification focused on pharmacy technicians.
2. Learn about common processes for all certifications focused on pharmacy technicians.
3. Learn about the number and types of certification that are available to pharmacy technicians.

Douglas Viehland, CAE is the Executive Director of Certifications for Ascend Learning.

- 430-530 **Improving Population Health Through Enhanced Prescription Monitoring**
Focused CPE to meet Certification Requirements: Healthcare Fraud, Waste, & Abuse
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-029-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
Nebraska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), available through Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII), provides a current list of prescription medications. Unlike in other states, pharmacies and clinics are not currently required to submit data and use of the system is voluntary. New legislation has been proposed by the Nebraska Unicameral to improve the system by mandating reporting to the system, removing patient opportunities to opt-out and providing free access to all prescribers and dispensers. Stay tuned as the bill advances. Learning objectives:
1. Explain how Nebraska's PDMP is different from other state PDMP systems.
 2. Explain what enhancements have been proposed to Nebraska's PDMP.
 3. Explain the role of state and federal legislation in the Nebraska PDMP.

Rachel Houseman is the Project Manager for Nebraska Health Information Initiative.

Friday - July 8, 2016

7:00am **Breakfast served for participants with two-day registration.**

- 7:30-8:30 **Breakfast Club Session**
Professionalism: Using it to Advance Your Career
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-038-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
Dr. Krobot will discuss the concept of professionalism and provide his perspectives on how important this fundamental concept is to one's career growth pathway. Learning objectives:
1. Identify primary characteristics of professionalism.
 2. Describe how professional conduct impacts job performance.
 3. Discuss the role of professionalism in career development.

Dr. Charles Krobot, PharmD is an Assistant Professor and Interim Department Chair for the Department of Pharmacy Practice at UNMC College of Pharmacy.

- 8:30-8:35 **President's Welcome**
Judy Neville, CPhT is AAPT President. She has held Office with AAPT since 2013. She is the Director of Pharmacy Technician Education at UNMC College of Pharmacy.

- 8:35-9:30 **AAPT Convention Keynote Address**
Positive Effects of Teamwork
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-031-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
Topics for discussion will include the creation of TeamSTEPPS® by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the positive effects of teamwork in a healthcare environment. Additional discussion of the development and implementation of TeamSTEPPS® skills for pharmacy technicians in an effort to promote effective communication skills and increase patient safety. Learning objectives:
1. Discuss the origins and effects of TeamSTEPPS®.
 2. Discuss the importance of open communication and teamwork related to increasing patient safety.
 3. Discuss the development and implementation of TeamSTEPPS® in a healthcare environment.

Russell Buzalko, PhD is a TeamSTEPPS® Advanced Master Trainer. He is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at UNMC.

- 930-1030 **Point of Care Testing in Community Pharmacies & the Role of the Pharmacy Technician**
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-032-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
This presentation will provide an overview of community pharmacy based point of care testing (POCT) services. It will include a discussion on the steps necessary to establish a pharmacy as a CLIA-waived laboratory and what role the pharmacy technician can play in the development and delivery of these services. Learning objectives:
1. Discuss the current state of POCT in community pharmacies.
 2. Describe the CLIA waiver process and tests available for pharmacies.
 3. Examine the role pharmacy technicians can play in pharmacy-based POCT services.
- Don Klepser, PhD, MBA is an Associate Professor at UNMC College of Pharmacy.
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- 1030-1130 **Emerging Trends in Protein and Peptide-based Medicines**
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-033-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
This presentation covers the various strategies currently under investigation for protein and peptide-based medications. Development of an effective oral delivery system requires an understanding of their properties such as molecular weight and pH stability as well as biological barriers that restrict protein and peptide absorption. Learning objectives:
1. Discuss the development of effective oral delivery system
 2. Discuss the biological barriers and challenges in drug delivery.
 3. Discuss the strategies in which to achieve effective intestinal absorption and metabolism.
- Ram Mahato, PhD is a Professor and Pharmaceutical Sciences Department Chair at UNMC College of Pharmacy.
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- 1130-1230 **Lunch & Exhibitor Hall**
Exhibitor Hall Open 11:00 - 2:00
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- 1230-130 **Advances in the Treatment of HIV**
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-034-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
This presentation discusses the current standard of care for medication related prevention of new HIV infections and current guidelines for antiretroviral therapy for HIV-infected individuals living in the United States. Learning objectives:
1. Explain the rationale for pre and post exposure prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection.
 2. Define the current national guideline recommendations for antiretroviral therapy combination in antiretroviral naïve patients.
 3. Identify common medication therapy management issues in patients on antiretroviral therapy.
- Dr. Kim Scarsi, PharmD, MS is an Associate Professor at UNMC College of Pharmacy.
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- 130-230 **Facing Addiction**
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-035-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour
Discussion of the following questions and more. How addiction is identified and is it really a disease? How can we recognize addiction and how can we help addicted individuals and support their recovery? What resources exist to help addicted and recovering colleagues? Learning objectives:
1. Identify the characteristics of the disease of addiction.
 2. Identify how addictions may present in the pharmacy environment.
 3. Identify ways to obtain help for those with addictions.
 4. Identify how to access assistance resources available for addicted or recovering colleagues.
- Dr. Jeff Baldwin, PharmD, FAPhA, FASHP is a Professor of Pharmacy Practice and UNMC College of Pharmacy.
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- 230-245 **Afternoon break**

245-345 Drug Use Review and the Pharmacy Technician
Focused CPE to meet Certification Requirements: Pharmacy Law
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-036-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour

This program will focus on the drug use review process and proper intervention by pharmacy technicians. We need to remember that the goal of DUR alerts isn't to see if you have broken the code for payment, the goal of DUR alerts is to protect patients and systems. Balancing patient and provider expectations with the law with patient safety isn't always easy. Learning objectives:

1. Define DUR.
2. Recognize the appropriate times to intervene in DUR alerts and when to refer to the pharmacist.
3. Participate in prescription processing in a manner to protect patient safety using online computer alerts.

Dr. Ally Dering-Anderson, BA, PharmD, FAAIM is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy at UNMC College of Pharmacy.

345-445 Strategies Used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers to Control Drug Utilization
(UAN) # 0839-9999-16-028-L04-T accredited for 1.0 hour

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) manage prescription drug benefits for most individuals with health insurance. All PBMs use a variety of strategies to control drug utilization. This presentation will discuss the role of evidence in drug formulary decisions and strategies used by PBMs to control drug utilization. Learning objectives:

1. Describe the role of a Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee.
2. Describe the role of evidence in drug formulary decisions.
3. Describe strategies that PBMs use to control drug utilizations.

Dr. Gary Yee, PharmD, FCCP, BCOP is a Professor and Associate Dean for the Department of Pharmacy Practice and UNMC College of Pharmacy.

Accreditation Statements:



Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) for the AAPT Convention 2016 is provided by Creighton University Health Sciences Continuing Education (HSCE). HSCE is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. The APPT Convention 2016 is a knowledge-based CE activity.



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