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Educational Program Topic Suggestions & Call for Speakers 21st Annual, 2017 NPPA Conference

Help us fill out the Educational Program & speaker roster at the upcoming 21st Annual, 2017 NPPA Conference this August 22 through 24, at Bally's Las Vegas (with a 340B University event hosted by Apexus, Inc. being held the day before, on August 21). The NPPA Conference is *ALL* about the Pharmacy Purchasing profession and the information you need to expand your knowledge of this complex and important field, by considering becoming a presenter, and hopefully refresh the enthusiasm you have for your career. Or, perhaps you've seen or heard of an interesting and applicable pharmacy purchasing related speaker that you can recommend.

See below for NPPA's list for speaker participation details and suggested topics, for an idea of what we look for to fill our Educational Program (or please suggest your own for consideration, if not listed there, as long as it relates to Pharmacy Purchasing). This year's topics were taken from the following: ideas given in feedback by Pharmacy & GPO Attendees from last year's NPPA Conference; suggestions given by the NPPA Advisory Board; and then it includes the remaining topics not visited from the previous year's Conferences (or that still warrant further exploration). If there is a subject you feel you can speak about that is relevant for our group but is not on our current list of topic suggestions, please feel free to submit your new topic for consideration.

Or, perhaps you've seen or heard an interesting and applicable speaker elsewhere to recommend to us; or are a representative of a vendor company interested in speaking. However please first be aware that each lecture must be general and non-promotional to the speaker and/or the facility/company they represent. In addition as a general rule, speakers employed by drug or supply vendors that provide or have a hand in the services or products they offer, *can no longer* be considered for the ACPE-accredited CE that comes with NPPA Conference attendee registration, due to their strict requirements in that respect. This means that unless we have room in our program for a non-CE/optional session, we would not be able to fit such a lecture in our program.

2017 NPPA Conference Educational Program Topic Suggestions

- Drug Supply Chain Quality & Security Act (DSCSA) Information & Updates
- Biosimilar Drugs
- Joint Commission Rules & Helpful Information
- Hazardous Drug Handling Rules for Healthcare Settings (USP Chapter 800)
- Purchasing for Outpatient Pharmacies and/or Clinics
- Generic Drug Patent Opportunities, being more proactive in acquiring medications going off-patent
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Rules & Updates - How They Affect Pharmacy

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- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) Rules & Updates
- Compounding Practices & Requirements
- How and why Buyers should become a member of hospital's P&T Committee
- Identifying & Tracking Cost-Savings
- Electronic Medical Records & How They Impact Hospitals
- Patient & Medication Safety (preventing errors, bedside barcoding, and more)
- Chapter 797 Rules for Pharmacy Medications (sterile handling, storage, and distribution)
- The Changing Laws & Regulations that affect pharmacy purchasing
- E-Pedigree "Track & Trace" Rules
- Improving Communications between GPO's & Pharmacy Buyers
- Organizational Ideas To Improve Workflow & Available Space
- Software Systems Normally Used In Hospitals/Pharmacies
- Pharmacy & Doctors: Cultivating Relations & Improving Care
- Over-the-Counter Medications (for pain & more)
- Contract Negotiations
- Reverse Distribution, including outdated returns information
- Barcoding Tips & Tricks
- Info for Critical Access/Rural Hospitals
- Inventory Management & Control, including Perpetual Inventory Systems
- Insulin & Diabetic Pen Injections (benefits to high cost, waste handling & safety issues)
- The Affordable Healthcare Act & How It Is Affecting Hospitals
- Technology/Automation (Pyxis®, Carousel, ADC, packagers, etc.)
- Emergency Preparedness for Pharmacies/Hospitals
- State & Federal Programs that Hospitals Can Use
- Recycling & going "green" in Facilities
- GPO Conversions
- Waste Management
- The Drug Recall Process, by FDA
- Quality Assurance or Improvement Projects
- DEA Compliance of Controlled Substances (or Drug Diversion)

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- Generic Purchasing Practices:
 - Generic conversion process
 - Patent challenges
 - Authorized Generics
- Quality Assurance or Improvement Projects
- DEA Compliance of Controlled Substances (or Drug Diversion)
- Buyer Daily Functions & Helpful Tips
- Team-Building, Staff Relations & Leadership Training:
 - Working with & motivating others
 - Improving morale
 - Building a strong relationship with the Pharmacy Director
 - How Directors can advocate more for their Pharmacy Buyer
 - Teaching pharmacy staff basic buying duties, for overall assistance and backup during vacations
- Global Trade Item Numbers (GS1) in Healthcare
- New Medications on the Horizon
- Pain Management Pumps vs. PCA Pumps
- Stress Management & Easy Relaxation/Meditation Exercises
- Career Improvement & Growth
- The Influenza Cycle and how it can affect the purchasing of the vaccines
- Pharmacy Dept. Newsletters: Including Buyer's Input
- How to be better prepared for Drug Shortages

To inquire about speaking, send email to: Speakers@PharmacyPurchasing.com with your preferred topic/s, and whether you're interested in presenting for 1 hour to 1.5 (at least 50 minutes for the hour session); or a shorter time length of 10/15 to 30/40 minutes. We will then discuss together a bit further, before sending our materials for you to review, complete, and return in order to be considered. If you prefer to discuss by phone initially, please send email first, to advise of the best times for one of us on NPPA's Speaker Committee to call as soon as we're able. Thank you for your interest!

Having Pharmacy Buyers presenting to their peers is something we always strive to find and fill in our program, and is a long-standing request from attendees. So consider presenting on a topic that you have experience in and passion about, and know that sharing your knowledge with your colleagues is always a rewarding experience!

