

Detailed Attendee Information & FAQ's - 2018 NPPA Conference

Detailed Schedule of Educational Program & All Events

Now available, is the final & detailed [2018 NPPA Conference Program Agenda](#), with timeslots for *all* sessions that includes the *full schedule & all locations* for the whole event. The Conference as well as your sleeping rooms at Bally's, are all within their North "Resort" Tower. This year, our Educational Program's Lecture Hall, Opening Reception, and GPO & Wholesaler Breakout Sessions will all be held in the SkyView Rooms on the 26th Floor; and then downstairs for the Vendor-Exhibit Hall in the Grand Ballroom on the Ground/Casino Level. Click on the following link for a [Map of the Resort Tower Convention Rooms](#) (of *both* the *upstairs* SkyView Rooms *and downstairs* Grand Ballroom & more).

Also know that the detailed Agenda will be available for you onsite as well, in our Conference Program Binders that we provide for each registered attendee.

Bally's Hotel Reservations-Book Online By August 16, Or Call Afterwards

Don't forget to reserve your Hotel Room at Bally's if not yet done so, ASAP! *Before August 16 (up to midnight on 17th)*, go to our custom online room res site, as follows: [NPPA's 2018 Group Room Block-Bally's LV](#).

Then starting August 17, you will **HAVE TO CALL TO BOOK** your last minute reservation, at: **800-358-8777**. Ask for "NPPA 2018" (or Group Code "SBNPP8"), available over Sunday August 19 through Thursday August 23.

Although it is now past the date our low \$89/night (plus tax) NPPA rate was officially being held, our Rooming Manager is doing her best to still offer that rate as long as possible to those who continue to book under our block. *Either way*, also note that **booking even through show start** will still provide you with our **discounted \$30 Resort Fee** (otherwise currently \$5 more per night to other hotel guests).

Resort Fee Includes (daily): Premium Wi-Fi for 2 Devices (in your sleeping room); Fitness Center Access for 2; and Free Unlimited Local Phone Calls. Resort Fees are a mandatory daily charge for all Bally's/Caesars hotel guests, as well as in the majority of other Las Vegas hotels.

Also note: our Room Block has now been moved to Bally's brand-new Resort Tower Rooms! We were recently able to negotiate a change with our hotel managers, to move our Room Block to the same/closer tower as all of our event meeting rooms (the North "Resort" Tower), which were just completely renovated top-to-bottom, with **brand new** beds, carpet, bathrooms—**everything!** Also now with a min-frig in every room! For those of you who already reserved your room before this change was made on June 29, there is **NO NEED** to do anything different—it's all been automatically moved over by our hotel managers.

3 Chances To Win 1 Free Hotel Room Night At Bally's Under NPPA Block!

Stay at Bally's LV under our "2018 NPPA" Group Room Block, for **3 chances to win a FREE HOTEL NIGHT!** (As booked online or when after August 16, only by phone—see details in "Bally's Hotel Reservations" section here above.)

After the Conference, when the hotel provides our full NPPA guest rooming list, all of our registered Pharmacy or GPO Attendees staying under our block, will be put into a "hopper" for a drawing. Then 3 lucky winners will be randomly chosen for reimbursement of 1 of their hotel nights (at \$89/night+tax and \$30/night+tax Resort Fee, as booked under our NPPA 2018 Group Room Block at Bally's LV).

Airport Pickup & Transport - Special Rate for NPPA Guests!

NPPA has partnered with LASxpress Airport Transportation Service, to offer *cost-effective transportation service* between the Vegas McCarran Int'l Airport & your hotel. This special rate for NPPA guests only, includes "Meet & Greet" at Baggage Claim, to assist with your luggage...

Click [HERE](#) To Make Your Transport Reservations Now!

Full benefits of this service are as follows: \$11 one-way transport service; Non-Stop "Xpress" Service available for \$18 per person or discounted \$32 roundtrip; Airport Meet & Greet Service (at Baggage Claim, to assist with your luggage); 40+% Savings vs. Taxi Fare.

Note: *if* you were planning on *renting a car* for your stay, Caesars properties including Bally's (and most other hotels in Las Vegas) are *now charging for parking*, even for guests (unless you have one of their Diamond or higher Total Rewards Cards). See details online, at: www.caesars.com/parking

Where To Check-In For NPPA Conference

Check-In for all Pharmacy & GPO Attendees will be available starting **Monday August 20 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in the SkyView Rooms 2/3 on the 26th Floor** of Bally's North "Resort" Tower (at the same time as our Opening Reception); *as well as on Tuesday August 21 at the SkyView Rooms 5/6, from 7:30am to 8:30am* (also when breakfast is being provided), before the educational program begins at 8:30am. These details are all provided in our [Final Detailed Agenda](#).

Also see the following map: [Full Map of Bally's Lobby+Casino & Food Court+Shopping Mall](#). To get to our Lecture Hall on the 26th floor SkyView Rooms, go up the Resort Tower Elevator bank, as on the top left of the map. Then our Exhibit Hall is on the Ground/Casino Level, which can be found by going back down those same elevators and taking a direct left turn, which will bring you to the Convention Area & Grand Ballroom of their Casino Level.

Hotel Sleeping Rooms Location, Bally's North "Resort" Tower

To get to the NPPA meeting rooms and exhibits from your Resort Tower hotel rooms, take the elevators up to the 26th Floor. Our Opening Reception on Monday will be to the left of the hallway off the elevator banks; and our Lecture Hall starting Tuesday is to the right. **However note:** if you are in a sleeping room that's on Floor 5 through Floor 16, you'll first have to go down to the hotel's Lobby/Ground Casino level, then move over to the next elevator banks up, that have access to the higher Floors 16 through 26 ("SkyView"). Then to get to our Vendor-Exhibit Hall, take those same elevators down to the Lobby/Casino Level and take an immediate left to go down a short hallway to the Grand Ballroom (see link to map of Bally's, in the above section).

ACPE-Accredited CE Available

This year's program will have 9.35 ACPE-accredited CE total units available for Pharmacy recertification (for Technicians & Pharmacists); including the required CE hour for "Law" as well as "Medication Safety." Detailed CE information and instructions for retrieval post-Conference, will be provided in our Program Binder that each Attendee receives.

Meals Provided With Your Registration

Attendee Registration includes the following meals at no additional charge: 1 meal each full day of Tuesday through Thursday (Breakfast Tuesday/Wednesday, Brunch on Thursday); and light dinner food, desserts and a full hosted bar in our Attendee Opening Reception on Monday August 20 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (see details below).

Snacks will also be served during the Vendor-Exhibit Hall period (on Tuesday and Wednesday after lectures end); as well as in the late morning on Thursday August 23, our final day. Also note that the GPO & Wholesaler companies will sometimes have refreshments available for their members during their respective Breakout Sessions.

Apologies, however Guest Passes are ***not*** available for any of the NPPA provided meals or events. Please see our "Attendee FAQ's" on the last page of this file, for more on this subject.

Attendee Opening Reception, Co-Sponsored By Athenex

NPPA's Attendee Opening Reception, held on Monday August 20 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in SkyView Rooms 2/3 on 26th Floor, is being Co-Sponsored by Athenex, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors. With Athenex's generous co-sponsorship, expect lots of tasty food, a full hosted open bar, great networking and fun, as well as the chance to win some ***fantastic Raffle Prizes!*** (*Note for prizes this year: must be present to win.*)

Also note that the Apexus 340B University on Monday is scheduled to end at 4:45pm, and is just down the hall from our Reception, so for those of you attending that event as well, there's no conflict with being able to join for our Opening Reception.

Apologies, however Guest Passes are ***not*** available for our Opening Reception. Please see our "Attendee FAQ's" on the last page of this file, for more on this subject.

Cyber Café, Sponsored By American Regent

This year's Cyber Café is **Sponsored by American Regent**, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors. It will be available in the SkyView foyer just outside of the Lecture Hall from Tuesday's start time through Thursday's end of show, so that you may conveniently check your emails from the office and home or print your flight's boarding passes, at no cost. The Cyber Café will include 3 provided laptops with internet connections, and 1 printer.

Vendor Exhibit Hall

The Vendor Exhibit Hall will be held in the Grand Ballroom on Bally's Ground/Casino Level Convention Area. Dates & hours for Exhibits are: **Tuesday 3:30pm to 6:30pm, and Wednesday 3:00pm to 5:30pm**, after each day's educational CE lectures end. Take the elevators from the 26th Floor SkyView (where our Lecture Hall is held), down to the Lobby/ Casino Level, and take an immediate left to go down a short hallway to the Grand Ballroom.

During the Exhibit Hall hours, note that four (4) \$50 American Express Gift Cards on each day (as provided by NPPA), will be randomly given out to Pharmacy Attendees walking the Hall, throughout the time of each days' exhibit period (must be present to win, and as chosen by an outside person on hotel or security staff, not associated with NPPA).

Snacks will also be provided during the Exhibit Hall (ice cream bars, cheese, veggies/dips, etc.), **as well as two Full Bars** (which means that all types of drinks are available, including alcohol, but at additional cost if you choose to partake). **However, each registered Pharmacy Attendee will receive 2 total drink tickets** (1 for each Exhibit day), to redeem for a **complimentary non-alcoholic drink**. In addition, oftentimes some of our Exhibitors have complimentary drink tickets for giveaways at their booths, for wine, cocktails, and beer.

We highly encourage you to take advantage of this time to network and meet with our exhibiting vendors, enabling you to build relationships and develop new ones, so that when you go back to the office, you can call on them when medications are needed or for other important matters. Our Exhibitors have come to understand just how important it is to meet with you, the country's brightest and most dedicated pharmacy purchasing professionals, so are truly there for you!

\$100 Grand Prize Drawing for 2 NPPA Members on Final Day!

Be sure to ***stick around to the end*** of our programs on Thursday afternoon! Sometime before the end of our last event day (ending at 1:15pm), a random drawing will be made to give 2 lucky NPPA members still in attendance, a \$100 American Express Gift Card. *Eligibility: must be a current/new NPPA member, and present in the Lecture Hall at time of drawing, to win.*

Packing Reminders – Clothing & Business Cards

Comfortable walking shoes, clothing layers, sunscreen, cell phone & charger (along with a smaller travel size cell phone charger if you have one). Bringing layers of clothes for the air-conditioned hotel rooms are more important than you may realize, although it's August in Las Vegas and quite warm outside (see more on this below). In addition, you may want to consider packing a small travel-size umbrella, or just purchase one at the Bally's Gift Shop or the CVS store directly in front of Bally's (easy walking distance), if you expect to walk around on The Strip at all in the evenings or off-days you're in town. Since August is the "monsoon" season in Vegas, there are often thunder & rainstorms known to break out at any moment.

Be sure to bring your business cards to distribute to fellow attendees as well as the attending Exhibitor reps (to enter in their various raffles from their Exhibit booths, or to give them to contact you after the show if they don't have one of our available Lead Retrieval units to scan your Name Badge for that information). If you don't already have Business Cards, try VistaPrint.com for an inexpensive and hopefully fast, option.

Dress Code/Temperature In Hotel Meeting Rooms

The dress code is business casual, *no* coat or tie is required. Also note that the hotel air conditioning makes meeting rooms much cooler than you would expect, even though it will be the height of the heat in Vegas' summer season. So please be prepared with a sweater or jacket in the lecture rooms, since the hotel's air conditioning is usually set quite cool, and we oftentimes cannot get that adjusted fully or to everyone's liking.

Check-In & Out At Bally's With Text Or Mobile App

Bally's hotel guests can now check-in (and out) of their hotel rooms *without having to stand in line at the Front Desk*, or before even stepping into the door! Using their new Mobile App or Texting options for check-in/out services instead of the Front Desk.

To Check-In upon arrival:

CLICK: Check in with a few easy steps online, at: ballys.com/checkin6

Or TEXT: "CHECKIN6" to "227466" from any U.S. mobile phone.

THEN: Leave your bags at the Bell Desk while your room is getting ready.

Hang out in the Bally's casino and you will then be notified by text or email when your room keys are available. Have your Reservation Number available for verification.

If you booked your Bally's room reservation on the *same day* as your *arrival date*, you will *not* be able to use this Self Check-in Service.

Checking-Out is just as easy:

CLICK: check-in with a few easy steps online, at: ballys.com/checkout6

Or TEXT: "CHECKOUT6" to "227466" from any U.S. mobile phone.

Attendee FAQ's

For additional information and answers to our NPPA Conference Attendees' frequently asked questions, see the last page of this file, for our "Attendee FAQ's."

NPPA Out of Office After August 15

Note that NPPA will be *out of the office* (on the way to Las Vegas), after August 15. **So please do NOT send payments** for Conference Registration to be received after that date, nor fax any other Conference-related documents to our office after August 15. Since we will no longer be at the office at that time, but on our way to Vegas, so you must instead bring your payment onsite.

Also note: our online Attendee Registration Site will be open through Saturday August 18. Which means that any new registrations or changes to your existing registrations (for RSVP to Meals, other), ***must be done ONSITE, after that date.***

For questions before we leave the office (by August 16), please call us toll-free, at: 888-544-NPPA (6772). Before or after we leave for Vegas, you can send an email with your questions to: Jonathan@PharmacyPurchasing.com

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2018 NPPA Conference: Attendee FAQ's

What is included with the NPPA Conference Registration Fee for Pharmacy & GPO Attendees?

ACPE CE Accredited 2018 NPPA Conference Educational Sessions:

- 9.35 hours of ACPE-accredited CE available for Technician-Buyers & half or more also for Pharmacists, including 1 hour each of both Pharmacy “Law” & “Medication Safety”, which are required for re-certification.

Meals:

- 1 meal each day, Tuesday August 21 through Thursday August 23 (Breakfast or Brunch). Light Dinner Food & Open Hosted Full Bar in our Attendee Opening Reception on Monday August 20 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, ***Co-Sponsored by Athenex (one of NPPA's Exhibitors).***
- Snacks will also be served during the Vendor-Exhibit Hall period (on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, after lectures end); as well as snacks on our final day in between breakfast and the final adjournment at 1:15pm on Thursday August 23.
- Apologies, however Guest Passes are ***not*** available for any of the provided meals.

Program Binders: Includes speaker presentation handouts & bios; the final Program Agenda with details on locations and ACPE CE course information; instructions for submitting your request for your CE Certificate after the show; maps of Bally's Hotel; and more.

Raffles:

- a) Four (4) “Door” prizes (\$50 American Express Gift Cards), will be randomly presented to Pharmacy Attendees, in each of the 2 days of Vendor-Exhibit Hall hours.
- b) Two (2) \$100 American Express Gift Cards will be randomly drawn on the last day of the educational program (Thursday), for current or new NPPA members still in attendance.

What exactly will be provided in the Opening Reception?

Location: SkyView Rooms 2/3/4 on the 26th Floor of Bally's North Resort Tower.

Date/Time: Monday August 20, 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Co-Sponsored by: NPPA & Athenex (one of our Exhibiting-Vendors).

Food & Drink Provided: Light dinner/happy hour food, and a full hosted open bar.

Raffles: will be conducted during the Reception, with the chance to win some ***fantastic*** Raffle Prizes (must be present to win), as provided by Co-Sponsor Athenex.

Guest Passes: apologies, however Guest Passes are ***not*** available for any of the Reception, nor other NPPA provided meals or events.

Are Guest Passes available for the Exhibit Hall, Provided Meals, or Opening Reception?

- Apologies, however we do ***not*** offer Guest Passes for our NPPA Conference provided meals with your Attendee Registration, including the Opening Reception. Due to the significant additional costs involved with the hotel as well as having limited space for the meals, we are only able to offer our meals to registered Pharmacy & GPO Attendees.
- In addition, Guest Passes for our Exhibit Hall are also ***not*** available for purchase, due to the previous years' misuse of such passes. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.