

# National Pharmacy Purchasing Association (NPPA)



## 2015 NPPA Conference Attendee Registration

Join your Pharmacy Buyer colleagues at the 19th Annual 2015 NPPA Conference, this August 17-20, at Bally's Las Vegas. All NPPA Conference sessions highlight the issues of pharmacy purchasing, and come with approximately 8-11 hours of ACPE-accredited CE units, for continuing pharmacy education (for Technicians & some for Pharmacists).

Learn more about this complex profession, share experiences with your fellow Pharmacy Buyers from across the country, and build relationships with your GPO representatives and approximately 85 to 90 Exhibiting Vendor companies that serve hospitals & health systems.

**Registration now all online!**

See NPPA's website for the link to register: [www.PharmacyPurchasing.com](http://www.PharmacyPurchasing.com)

## August 17-20, 2015 • Bally's Las Vegas



For Questions or help with the registration process, contact NPPA:

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# Become a Member of NPPA, the National Pharmacy Purchasing Association And SAVE on Registration Fees!

## HOW DO I SAVE?

By becoming a member of NPPA, not only are you supporting the advancement of the Pharmacy Purchasing Profession and joining your buyer colleagues, but you will also be entitled to receive a **discount on your conference registration**.

Adding a new NPPA membership (\$125/year) to your conference registration, is *less* than only registering to attend as a non-member. NPPA membership includes a subscription to our member-publication and other benefits (see below). That's right, receive more for less!

## Full NPPA Member Benefits

- Membership in NPPA, first association of Pharmacy Buyers
- Subscription to *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook*, a publication dedicated to news & issues of pharmacy buyers
- RxBuyer eNews; a periodic e-newsletter
- Access to the Members-Only section of the NPPA website, [www.PharmacyPurchasing.com](http://www.PharmacyPurchasing.com)
- Member rate at Annual NPPA Conference (membership status must be current during the month of August)
- Plentiful opportunities to enhance clinical and leadership skills
- Unique opportunities for networking, career growth and continuing education
- The chance to participate in advocacy, policy and planning

"Pharmacy purchasing is a profession that has for too long been ignored. We are out to change that."

Dale J. Kroll  
Founder, President & CEO  
NPPA & Summerdale Enterprises, Inc.



## NPPA Member Testimonials

"Wow! NPPA has been very helpful to me since my first attendance at the conference. I felt much better knowing that I was not alone in my quest to manage product shortages and back orders. NPPA has been a great resource for product information and networking with other buyers. Since the conference, I have had the opportunity to keep in contact with some buyers that I met at the show. We talk about how we handle issues that come up and try to help solve each other's problem. The NPPA publication, *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook*, is informative and discusses topics that pertain to buyers."

Jeffrey Brown, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer  
Carolinas Hospital System-Marion, Mullins, SC

"NPPA's member-publication is quite helpful with finding out about new drugs and other relevant information. Additional NPPA member benefits are: networking, getting advice from fellow buyers, gaining vendor contacts and increasing product awareness, and the ongoing education that is offered (in their Annual Conferences). And the NPPA website is a very useful tool, from buyer posts to getting drug shortage info. I have used their Buyers Forum board to get answers to my questions, as well as answer questions for others."

Cathy Orlando, CPhT, Pharmacy Purchasing Specialist  
Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs, CO

No national pharmacy organization we know of recognizes the true importance of pharmacy purchasing. However, NPPA thinks that pharmacy purchasing is the most important specialty in Pharmacy. We invite you to join NPPA, to participate in the progress of this important field.



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## **Current Educational Program (as of 7/9)** **2015 NPPA Conference – August 17-20, Bally's LV**

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**Agenda/Schedule** *(see following pages for Educational Session details)*

#### **Sunday August 16**

**Early Check-In for Attendees:** 5:00pm to 6:00pm

#### **Monday August 17**

**Early Check-In for Attendees:** 9:30am to 11:00am

**Brunch Provided:** 9:45am to 11:00am

**Educational Sessions:** 11:00am to approximately 4:30pm *(exact end time still subject to change)*

**Opening Reception for Attendees:** 4:30pm to 6:30pm *(with open bar & light dinner buffet)*

#### **Tuesday August 18 & Wednesday August 19**

**Breakfast Provided:** 7:30am to 8:30am

**Educational Sessions:** 8:30am to 2:30pm *(with break for lunch at approximately 12:00pm, exact time TBD)*

**GPO Breakout Sessions:** Tuesday, approximately 10:45am to 12:00pm *(exact start time TBD)*

**Wholesaler Breakout Sessions:** Wednesday, approximately 10:45am to 12:00pm *(exact start time TBD)*

**Lunch Break (lunch on own):** approximately 12:00pm to 1:00pm *(exact start time TBD)*

**Vendor Exhibit Hall:** 2:30pm to 5:30pm *(with “door prizes”, snacks, and full bar available for drinks)*

#### **Thursday August 20**

**Educational Sessions:** 8:30am to approximately 12:00pm

**End of NPPA Conference:** by 12:00pm

*Find Educational Sessions on next page*

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**CE Units Available:** approximately 9-12 ACPE-accredited CE units for pharmacy recertification are expected to be available for Pharmacy Technician/Buyers (with some also available for Pharmacists); including the required "Law" credit, as well as for "Patient Safety" (*see below where indicated*).

**Timeslots for Educational Sessions:** are currently still TBD.

#### **Ground Zero: Leveraging Pharmacy Automation & Standardized Buying Practices To Increase Patient Safety\***

**Sherrie L. Lane, PD**, Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System: Eugene Towbin Healthcare Center North Little Rock and John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, AR

***\*Qualifies for Pharmacy "Patient Safety" CE requirement***

#### **Drug Supply Chain Security Act: Current & Future Implications for the Pharmacy Buyer**

**Robert Milnes II, PharmD, BCPS, CGP**, Pharmacy Director, Ashtabula County Medical Center, Ashtabula, OH

***\*Qualifies for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement***

#### **Identifying & Tracking Pharmacy Cost Savings**

**Barbara Hintzen, CPhT, BA**, 340B Pharmacy Supervisor, North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale, MN

#### **Lessons Learned From DEA Drug Diversion & Compliance Audit Of 1,000-Bed Hospital Pharmacy\***

**Christopher Fortier, PharmD, FASHP**, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

***\*Qualifies for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement***

#### **Biosimilars & Other New Medications on the Horizon**

**Molly Billstein Leber, PharmD, BCPS**, Pharmacy Manager-Drug Use Policy, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

#### **The ABC's Of Pharmacy Inventory Management & Drug Shortages**

**Chris Saboura, RPh, MBA**, Pharmacy Director, Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA

#### **"True Grit" – Developing Legal, Ethical & Cost-Effective Generic Buying Practices For Your Pharmacy**

**Sherrie L. Lane, PD**, Inpatient Pharmacy Supervisor, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System: Eugene Towbin Healthcare Center North Little Rock and John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, AR

#### **Improving Communications Between GPO's & Pharmacy Buyers**

**Richard Ponder, MBA, CMRP, CPhT, CPP, CEPP**, Senior Advisor of Advisory Services, VHA Inc., Irving, TX

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#### **Chilling Out When Your Feet Are To The Fire: Managing Workplace Stress**

**Leslie Binder, MAMFT** (Marriage & Family Therapist), Pharmacy Buyer II, Meyer Orthopedic & Rehabilitation Hospital (Cox Health), Springfield, MO

#### **Cross-Training for Pharmacy Buyer Coverage**

**Robert Milnes II, PharmD, BCPS, CGP**, Pharmacy Director, Ashtabula County Medical Center, Ashtabula, OH  
**Paula Wellings, CPhT**, Pharmacy Buyer, Ashtabula County Medical Center, Ashtabula, OH

#### **Going "Green" In The Pharmacy**

**Whitney Grover, RPhT**, Pharmacy Buyer, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital (part of Dignity Health), San Francisco, CA

#### **"Let's Build a Pharmacy Team": Leadership, Staff Relations & Purchasing Duties**

**Debby Flannery, CPhT**, Pharmacy Purchasing Coordinator, Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, CA  
**Leanne Witt, CPhT**, Pharmacy Inventory Specialist & 340B Coordinator-Western Region, Mercy Hospital-Springfield, MO  
**Nina Karl, CPhT**, Pharmacy Purchasing Coordinator, Providence St Patrick Hospital, Missoula, MT  
**Deborah Harden**, Pharmaceutical Buyer, The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, OH  
**Vicki Wernes, CPhT**, Pharmacy Buyer, Franciscan Alliance St. Anthony Health, Crown Point, IN

#### **Working With The Pharmacy Director For Buyer Support & Partnership**

**Lyle Matthews, PharmD, MAM**, Director of Pharmacy Services, Redlands Community Hospital, Redlands, CA

#### **Career Growth & Leadership – Regional Pharmacy Buyer Meetings**

**Allen Sutherland, CPhT**, Senior & Regional Pharmacy Buyer, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center/ Dignity Health, Phoenix, AZ

#### **GPO Breakout Sessions (Group Purchasing Organizations)**

Participating GPO's are: **Amerinet, MedAssets, Novation, & Premier.**

#### **Wholesaler Breakout Sessions**

Participating Vendor-Wholesalers are: **AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, & McKesson.**



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Come join hundreds of your Pharmacy Purchasing Professional colleagues to learn the latest trends in Pharmacy Purchasing, and make valuable connections with your fellow buyers across the nation. Meet with 85 to 90 exhibiting vendor companies who serve hospitals & health systems, and your GPO & Wholesaler reps in our official GPO & Wholesaler Breakout Sessions. Make plans now to join us in August 2015!

Add a new NPPA membership to get a discount on your registration. As a member, you'll stay informed of the latest new generic approvals to save money for your facility (in our member-publication Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook); and help in our mission to get Pharmacy Buyers the recognition they deserve!

## Here are some of the NPPA Conference highlights:

- **Pharmacy Buyer Training**—education tailored specifically to the needs of the Pharmacy Procurement Specialist
- **GPO & Wholesaler Breakout Sessions**—usual participants are GPO's Amerinet, MedAssets, Novation, Premier; and Wholesalers Amerisource-Bergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson
- **85 to 90 Pharmaceutical Company Exhibitors**—to meet & view their products & services
- **4 Meals Included in Registration Fee**—unlike most conventions
- **Comes with 8-11 units of ACPE-accredited Pharmacy CE's**—for recertification (for Technicians & at least half or more for Pharmacists), including the required 1-hour of Pharmacy Law
- **Optional "340B University" by Apexus 340B Prime Vendor**—is being offered on Sunday August 16 (day before start of NPPA Conference), at no additional cost, pre-reg is required through Apexus (see details & reg link on NPPA's registration site)

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** NPPA's 2015 group room block rate of **\$85/night + tax** (single/double), has been reserved at Bally's Las Vegas; along with an \$8.99 daily special for 1 wi-fi connection in your room (only available to NPPA guests). To book directly online under our block or by phone, see "Hotel Reservations" link to left of the NPPA website's home page ([www.PharmacyPurchasing.com](http://www.PharmacyPurchasing.com)).

## Comments From Past Conference Attendees

- "We need to get most or all, of our Buyers to attend this worthwhile conference," (by David Billing, MS, R.Ph., Pharmacy Director of SSM DePaul Medical Center of Bridgeton, MO, part of the SSM Healthcare system).
- "I thoroughly enjoyed the NPPA Conference. The topics and speakers were very helpful and overall the presentations were great. I am truly amazed at the amount of knowledge I have received in the past 3 days. The displays are a lot of fun as well. Thanks for making this possible and hopefully I will be able to attend next year!"
- "This is my second year attending. As with the year before, I truly enjoyed it. It was very informative and interesting. I hope to return in the following years."
- "I really learned a lot. I will take what I have learned back to my hospital and apply it to my job."
- "I have been a buyer for 26 years and never had come to the convention before, but I will never miss it again. It had an excellent variety of issues and topics. Also, there was great representation by suppliers – I got to meet & talk to lots of them during the display periods."
- "I feel that every Buyer should have the opportunity to attend this yearly convention hosted by NPPA."