

Educational Program Agenda - 2015 NPPA Conference (as of 7/21) **August 17-20 ♦ Bally's Las Vegas, Nevada**

ACPE-accredited CE available: between 10-12 ACPE-accredited CE units are expected to be available for Technician-Buyers, with some also available for Pharmacists (final CE units offered will be provided at a later date). Also note: the required "Law" CE credit is included (from 2 such sessions as noted); as well as the newest "Patient Safety" CE requirement (as noted).

- **SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 5:00pm – 6:00pm: Early Attendee Check-In, Bally's North Tower Grand Salon**

MONDAY AUGUST 17

- **9:30am – 10:45am: Attendee Check-In, Bally's North Tower Grand Salon**
- **9:45am – 11:00am: Brunch Provided, North Tower Platinum Ballroom (also location of Lecture Hall)**
- **11:00am – 11:15am: Opening Session**
 - 1) **About NPPA (National Pharmacy Purchasing Association), Conference Hosts**
 - 2) **Outstanding Buyer of the Year Awardees Recognized – Sponsored by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc.**
- **11:20am – 12:20pm**

Chilling Out When Your Feet Are To The Fire: Managing Workplace Stress
Leslie Binder, MAMFT (Marriage & Family Therapist), Pharmacy Buyer II, Meyer Orthopedic & Rehab. Hospital (Cox Health), Springfield, MO
- **12:25pm – 1:25pm**

"Let's Build a Pharmacy Team": Staff Relations, Leadership & 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
- **1:30pm – 1:40pm: 10 Minute Snack & Restroom Break**
- **1:40pm – 2:40pm**

Working With The Pharmacy Director For Buyer Support & Partnership
Lyle Matthews, PharmD, MAM, Director of Pharmacy Services, Redlands Community Hospital,
Redlands, CA
- **2:45pm – 3:45pm**

Identifying & Tracking Pharmacy Cost Savings
Barbara Hintzen, CPhT, BA, 340B Pharmacy Supervisor, North Memorial Medical Center,
Robbinsdale, MN

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MONDAY AUGUST 17 (continued)

- **3:50pm – 4:20pm**
Going "Green" In The Pharmacy
Whitney Grover, RPhT, Pharmacy Buyer, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital
(part of Dignity Health), San Francisco, CA
- **4:30pm – 6:30pm**
Attendee Opening Reception - 26th Floor Sky-View Rooms 5/6, Bally's LV
Light Dinner Buffet & Open Bar Provided
Tickets for Exhibitors are also available for purchase (*see details in Exhibitor Prospectus*)

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

- **7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast Provided**, Bally's Platinum Ballroom (also location of Lecture Hall)
- **8:15am – 9:15am**
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*
- **9:20am – 9:50am**
Improving Communications Between GPO's & Pharmacy Buyers
Richard Ponder, MBA, CMRP, CPhT, Senior Advisor of Advisory Services, VHA Inc., Irving TX
- **10:00am – 11:15am** (largest group in Lecture Hall & rest in Sky-View Rooms, locations provided onsite)
GPO Breakout Sessions (Group Purchasing Organizations)
Participating GPO's are: **Amerinet, MedAssets, Novation, & Premier.**
- **11:15am – 12:20pm: Lunch Break** (*on own*)
- **12:25pm – 1:25pm**
**"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 McClellan Memorial
Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, AR
- **1:30pm – 2:30pm**
Biosimilars & Other New Medications on the Horizon
Molly Billstein Leber, PharmD, BCPS, Pharmacy Manager-Drug Use Policy, Yale New Haven Hospital,
New Haven, CT
- **2:30pm – 5:30pm: Vendor Exhibit Hall** – Grand Ballrooms Gold/Silver/Bronze (*snacks provided*)



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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

- **7:30am – 8:30am: Breakfast Provided**, Bally's Platinum Ballroom (also location of Lecture Hall)
- **8:30am – 9:30am**
Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA): 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*
- **9:35am – 10:35am**
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 McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital,
Little Rock, AR
**Qualifies for Pharmacy “Patient Safety” CE requirement*
- **10:45am – 12:00pm** (largest group in Lecture Hall, rest in Sky-View Rooms, locations provided onsite)
Wholesaler Breakout Sessions
Participating Vendor-Wholesalers are: **AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, & McKesson.**
- **12:00pm – 1:10pm: Lunch Break (on own)**
- **1:15pm – 2:25pm**
The ABC's Of Inventory Control & Management
Chris Saboura, R.Ph., MBA, Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, GA
- **2:30pm – 5:30pm: Vendor Exhibit Hall** - Grand Ballrooms Gold/Silver/Bronze (*snacks provided*)



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THURSDAY AUGUST 20

- **Coffee/Tea will be provided (*breakfast on own*)** - Bally's Platinum Ballroom
- **9:00am – 10:00am**
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
- **10:05am – 10:35am**
Career Growth & Leadership – Regional Pharmacy Buyer Meetings
Allen Sutherland, CPhT, Senior & Regional Pharmacy Buyer, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center/ Dignity Health, Phoenix, AZ
- **10:40am – 10:55am**
NPPA Conference Wrap Up
- **11:00am – 11:50am (*OPTIONAL sessions*)**
Attendee Networking Forum: to share/ask questions of your peers on daily practices & issues
Feedback Session: on NPPA Conference & Membership
- **11:55am: Conference End/Adjournment**