

## Detailed Attendee Information - 2019 NPPA Conference

### Detailed Schedule of Educational Program & All Events

Now available, is the final & detailed [2019 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** and GPO & Wholesaler Breakout Sessions will all be held in the various rooms within the **Grand Ballroom** on the Ground/Casino Level Convention Area (Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Grand Ballrooms).

Our **Attendee Opening Reception** will be upstairs in **SkyView Rooms 5/6** on the 26th floor.

And this year, our **Vendor-Exhibit Hall** is in the **Events Center**, also on the Ground/Casino Level, next to the Grand Ballroom space where our Lectures are.

Click on the following link for a [Map of the Resort Tower Convention Rooms](#) (of *both* the *upstairs* SkyView Rooms *and* all of the *downstairs* Convention Rooms).

Also know that the detailed Agenda as well as these hotel maps, 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 12, Or Call Afterwards

Don't forget to reserve your Hotel Room at Bally's if not yet done so, ASAP! *Through the end of day on August 12*, book on our custom online room res site, as follows: [NPPA's 2019 Group Room Block-Bally's LV](#).

*Then starting August 13*, you will **HAVE TO CALL** to reserve your Bally's hotel room, at: **800-358-8777**. Ask for "NPPA 2019" (or Group Code "SBNPP9"), available over Sunday August 18 through Thursday August 22 (and 3 days before & after on a limited basis). See our website's [Hotel Reservations & Info Page](#) for details:

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.

**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.

**Our Room Block is held in Bally's newest remodeled Resort Tower Rooms!** Completely renovated top-to-bottom in spring of 2018, with *brand new* beds, carpet, bathrooms, and a mini-frig in every room! Plus, these rooms are closest to all of our meeting space areas, easily accessible from your room elevators and a brief walk.

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

Stay at Bally's LV under our "2019 NPPA" Group Room Block, for **3 chances to win a FREE HOTEL NIGHT!** (See details to reserve 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 \$35/night+tax Resort Fee, as booked under our NPPA 2019 Group Room Block at Bally's LV).

### **LASxpress 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](http://www.caesars.com/parking)

### **ACPE-Accredited CE Available**

**This year's program will have 11.0 ACPE-accredited CE total units** available for Pharmacy recertification (for Technicians & Pharmacists); including the required CE hour for "Law." Detailed CE information and instructions for retrieval post-Conference, will be provided in our Program Binder that each Attendee receives.

### **Where To Check-In For NPPA Conference**

Check-In for all Pharmacy & GPO Attendees will be available starting **Monday August 19 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at our Opening Reception**, in the SkyView Rooms 5/6 *on the 26th Floor* of Bally's Resort Tower Convention Area—*as well as on Tuesday August 20* in Bally's *Ground Level* Convention Area's **Grand Salon from 7:30am to 8:30am** (also when breakfast is being provided, in the Gold Ballroom accessed through the Grand Salon). Then the Educational Program begins at 8:30am in the **Platinum Grand Ballroom** (also accessed through the Grand Salon). These details are all provided in our [Final Detailed Agenda](#).

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

**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, before going up to our Opening Reception and early NPPA Attendee Check-In in the SkyView Rooms 5/6 on Monday August 19 starting at 5:00pm (through 8:00pm). Turn right off the elevator on 26th floor to get to the Reception space.

To get to the NPPA Lecture & Exhibit Halls from your Resort Tower sleeping rooms, take the elevators down to the Ground/Casino Level and take an immediate left to go down a short hallway to the Grand Salon, which has the entrance into the Events Center from there (see link to map of Bally's, in the above section).

To get to our Lectures & Exhibit Hall from your Resort Tower sleeping rooms, simply go down the elevator bank to the Ground/Casino Level and walk directly to the left, down a hall that quickly brings you to the Convention Area space. Also see the following map of the general hotel area: [Full Map of Bally's Lobby+Casino & Food Court+Shopping Mall](#).

### **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); a Sponsored Lunch for Attendees on Wednesday only, by our Vendor-Exhibitor Ark Rx Returns Solutions; and light dinner food, desserts and a full hosted bar in our Attendee Opening Reception on Monday August 19 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Co-Sponsored by NPPA & Athenex, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors (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 22, 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.

### **Attendee Opening Reception, Co-Sponsored By Athenex**

**NPPA's Attendee Opening Reception, held on Monday August 19 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm in SkyView Rooms 5/6 on 26th Floor, is being Co-Sponsored by NPPA & 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.

### **Vendor Exhibit Hall**

The Vendor Exhibit Hall will be held in the **Events Center** on Bally's Ground/Casino Level Convention Area. Dates & hours for Exhibits are: **Tuesday 3:30pm to 6:30pm, and Wednesday 3:30pm to 6:00pm**, after each day's educational CE lectures end. To access the Events Center, the entrance will be within the Grand Salon area, where all of our NPPA Check-In Desks are and next to the Grand Ballrooms that hold our Lecture Hall and Breakout Sessions.

Apologies, however we do *not* offer Guest Passes for the Vendor-Exhibit Hall.

**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 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!

### **Cyber Café, Sponsored By American Regent**

This year's Cyber Café is **Sponsored by Health Care Logistics**, one of our Vendor-Exhibitors. It will be available in the Grand Salon 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.

### **\$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 1:30pm), 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.*

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 (starting 4:00pm, or can get charged for early check-in if can't wait):

**CLICK:** Check in with a few easy steps online, at: [ballys.com/checkin6](http://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 (by 11:00am, unless requested that morning with Front Desk):

**CLICK:** check-in with a few easy steps online, at: [ballys.com/checkout6](http://ballys.com/checkout6)

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

### **NPPA Out of Office After August 14**

Note that NPPA will be ***out of the office*** (on the way to Las Vegas), after August 14. **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 14. 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 17. 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 14), 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](mailto:Jonathan@PharmacyPurchasing.com)