

National Pharmacy Purchasing Association (NPPA)



2023 NPPA Conference & Membership Brochure

Join your Pharmacy Buyer colleagues from across the nation, at the **26th Annual NPPA Conference, August 14 through 17, 2023 at Horseshoe Las Vegas** (formerly Bally's).

All NPPA Conference educational sessions highlight the issues of pharmacy purchasing, and come with 8-11 hours of ACPE-accredited CE units for pharmacy recertification (including the special "Law" and "Patient Safety" CE requirements).

Become a new Member of NPPA (the National Pharmacy Purchasing Association), to save on your conference registration fee, support your profession's Association, and also receive our official member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook* at no additional cost!

To Register, visit NPPA's website: www.PharmacyPurchasing.com

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Receive Annual Publication, & More Benefits!

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** become eligible to receive a **DISCOUNT on Attendee Registration** to our NPPA Conferences.

Adding a new NPPA membership to your Attendee Conference Registration (\$90/year), is **actually LESS** of a total cost 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—you receive **MORE for less!**

Full NPPA Pharmacy & GPO Member Benefits

- Membership in NPPA, first association of Pharmacy Buyers
- Includes 7 editions/year of member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook (PPO)*
- Receive digital interactive PDF versions of all *PPO* editions
- Receive RxBuyer eNews, a periodic e-newsletter
- Eligible for nomination to Outstanding Buyer of Year Award Program, which comes with cash prizes for Top 3 placements
- Lower Member Registration Fee for Annual NPPA Conference (membership status must be current during month of August)
- Access to the Members-Only section of the NPPA website, www.PharmacyPurchasing.com
- Specific Pharmacy Buyer info & opportunities for education, networking, career growth, and ACPE-accredited CE units



NPPA Member Testimonials

"Wow! As a long-time member and conference attendee, NPPA has been very helpful to me and my job position, even from the start. They have been a great resource for product information as well as networking with other pharmacy buyers. After my first NPPA Conference, I felt much better knowing I was not alone in my quest to manage product shortages and backorders. I have even been able to keep in contact with some of the other buyer-attendees I meet at the event. We talk about how we handle issues that come up on the job, and try to help solve each other's problem. In addition, the NPPA member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook*, is informative and discusses topics that pertain to buyers. "

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

"The NPPA Conference provides so very much for us buyers. Each year I come home with my head swimming from all the changes I can see making for our Pharmacy."

Bobbi Holthaus, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer
Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, OH

No national pharmacy organization we know of fully recognizes the crucial importance of pharmacy purchasing. However, NPPA asserts that pharmacy purchasing is the most important specialty in Pharmacy. We invite you to join your fellow buyer colleagues in NPPA, and help us participate in the progress of this important field.

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

Dale J. Kroll, Founder of NPPA

Educational Program (to date, as of 7/5/23)

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USP 800-Handling Of Hazardous Drugs In Hospital Pharmacy

Sarah Davis, CPhT, BS, MA, 340B ACE, Lead Product Advisor-Pharmacy Analytics, Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas.

♦ *Qualifies for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement*

Evolving Roles For Pharmacy Buyer-Technicians: Compounding, Reimbursement & 340B

Bryan McCormick, MBA, CPhT, Corporate Pharmacy-Director of 340B Program,

Anne Hameed, CPhT, CSPT, Pharmacy Billing, Denials & Appeals Specialist,

Berna Sweeney, BS, CPhT, Pharmacy Business Manager,

RWJBarnabas Health, West Orange, New Jersey

Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) Information & Updates

Ashley Moore, MBA, CPhT-Adv, 340B ACE, Product Advisor-Pharmacy Analytics, Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas

♦ *Qualifies for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement*

Drug Shortages: Lessons Learned & Assumed Best Practices

Bryan Neary, MPA, Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Supply Chain,

University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York

Jennifer Shaw, CPhT, Pharmacy Procurement Information Analyst,

University of Rochester-Wilmot Cancer Center, Rochester, New York

Preparing For A Natural Disaster In Hospital Pharmacies: Before & After The Storm

Angela Westdorp, CPhT, RPT, Pharmacy Tech Distribution Specialist,

Sarasota Memorial Hospital-Venice, North Venice, Florida

Generating & Tracking Cost-Savings In Hospital Pharmacies

**Cassi Prosper, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer & Technician Consultant, and Director/Instructor
of Pharmacy Technician Program (for several cities in California)**

The Pharmacy Buyer's Role In Patient & Medication Safety

Fatimah Muhammad, MPH, 340B Pharmaceutical Services Director,

Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey

♦ *Qualifies for Pharmacy "Patient/Medication Safety" CE requirement*

Process For Changes Implemented In The Hospital Pharmacy

Jaime R. Bracero, PharmD, MBA, Vice President of Clinical Operations,

Halifax Health Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Florida

Drug Waste & Reverse Distribution At 340B & Non-340B Hospital Systems

Elizabeth Faust, MHA, 340B Purchasing Compliance & Optimization Specialist,

Apexus, LLC, Irving, Texas

Bryan Neary, MPA, Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Supply Chain,

University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York

The U.S. Biosimilar Medication Market Outlook & Its Impact On Supply Chain

Sophia Humphreys, PharmD, MHP, Director of System Pharmacy Formulary

Management & Clinical Programs, Sutter Health System, Sacramento, California

Benefits Of Training Hospital Pharmacy Technicians As Backup Buyers

Elizavette Arellano, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer

Mabel Stanley, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician,

Marian Regional Medical Center (Dignity Health System), Santa Maria, California

26th Annual NPPA Conference

August 14-17, 2023 – Bally's Las Vegas

Come join hundreds of your Pharmacy Purchasing Professional colleagues to network & learn the latest trends in Pharmacy Purchasing. Meet with between 90-110 exhibiting vendor companies who serve hospitals and health systems; as well as your GPO & Wholesaler reps, in our official GPO & Wholesaler Breakout Sessions. We sincerely hope you are able to join NPPA and your buyer-colleagues in August!

Add a new or renewing NPPA Membership to get a discount on your registration. As a member, you'll stay informed of the latest new product approvals to save money for your facility, and help in our mission to get Buyers the recognition they deserve within the world of Pharmacy. See more on Page 2, or our website.

Here are some NPPA Conference highlights:

- **Pharmacy Buyer Training & Improvement**—education tailored specifically to the needs of the Pharmacy Procurement Specialist.
- **90-110 Pharmaceutical Company Exhibitors**—to meet & view their products & services.
- **2 Meals Per Day Included in Registration fee (*plus* Opening Reception)**—unlike most conventions.
- **Comes with 8-11 units of ACPE-accredited Pharmacy CE's**—for recertification (for Technicians and some also for Pharmacists), including the mandatory 1-hour of Pharmacy Law.
- **Scholarship Program for Attendees** available to apply for request of Registration Fee and/or 4 Hotel Room Nights, under our NPPA Group Room Block at Bally's Las Vegas.
- **Conference Start & End Times**—for 2023, Opening Reception for attendees held Monday August 14 from 5:00-7:30pm; CE educational program begins on Tuesday August 15 at 8:30am and ends on Thursday August 17, midday (*approx. 2:00pm, final end time still TBD*).
- **GPO Breakout Sessions**—usual participants are HealthTrust, Premier, & Vizient.
- **Optional "340B University" sponsored by Apexus LLC**—Apexus will return with us again in 2023 for this optional add-on event, which is held the day before the start of NPPA Conference (Monday, August 14), at no additional cost (*registration is comped by Apexus*).

Comments From Past Attendees

- "We need to get most or all, of our Pharmacy Buyers to attend NPPA's worthwhile Annual Conference."
-David Billing, MS, R.Ph., Pharmacy Director, DePaul Medical Center/SSM Health, Bridgeton, MO
- "Each year I have attended the NPPA Conference, I get new information with regard to changes in law affecting Pharmacy, safe professional practices, and different issues that can affect supply chain. The opportunity to meet and network with other buyers and to share our different processes is very valuable to help possible improvement in my day to day."
-Lucia Tafoya, Pharmacy Buyer, St. Mary Medical Center/Dignity Health, Long Beach, CA
- "Not only is your NPPA Conference the smoothest event I have ever attended, but the knowledge and networking I was able to do was worth its weight in gold. Sometimes working in a small hospital, you feel alone in your day to day tasks, so it was very nice and incredibly helpful to meet other professionals to exchange struggles and solutions. I will be advocating with our hospital for us to attend your event again next year. I have also now submitted a request for an NPPA membership, since after this event we saw the benefits of joining."
-Megan Marquissee, MS, CPhT, Pharmacy Business Manager
North Country Hospital Pharmacy, Newport, VT