

# National Pharmacy Purchasing Association (NPPA)



## 2024 NPPA Conference & Membership Brochure

Join your Pharmacy Buyer colleagues from across the nation, at the **27th Annual NPPA Conference, August 19 through 22, 2024** 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" CE requirement).

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!

**Registration is now *open!***

See our [Attendee Reg & Info](#) web page  
for more info & to get started



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# Become a Member of NPPA...

## To SAVE on Conference Registration Fees...

## 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 annual NPPA membership (\$90) to your attendee conference registration, is **actually a LOWER** 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 cost!

### Full NPPA Pharmacy & GPO Member Benefits

- Membership in NPPA, first association of Pharmacy Buyers
- Includes 6 editions/year of member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook (PPO)*
- Receive digital interactive PDF versions of all *PPO* editions
- Receive RxBuyer E-News, 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](http://www.PharmacyPurchasing.com)
- Specific Pharmacy Buyer info & opportunities for education, networking, career growth, and ACPE-accredited CE units



### Testimonials on Membership & Conference

"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



# ***Last Year's NPPA Educational Program—Example from 2023 2024 Program Expected To Be Available In Spring***

## **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

## **The Pharmacy Buyer's Role In Patient & Medication Safety** *(qualified for Pharmacy "Safety" CE)*

**Fatimah Muhammad**, MPH, Director of 340B Pharmaceutical Services, Saint Peter's University Hospital,  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

## **Processes For Implementing Changes In The Hospital Pharmacy**

**Jaime R. Bracero**, PharmD, MBA, VP of Clinical Operations, Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Florida

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

**Angela Westdorp**, CPhT, RPT, Pharmacy Technician Distribution Specialist, Sarasota Memorial Hospital,  
North Venice, Florida

## **Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) Information & Updates** *(qualified for Pharmacy "Law" CE)*

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

## **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, RPhT, Information Analyst-Oncology Pharmacy Procurement, University  
of Rochester Medical Center Strong Memorial Hospital-Wilmot Cancer Center, Rochester, New York

## **USP 800-Handling Of Hazardous Drugs In Hospital Pharmacy** *(qualified for Pharmacy "Law" CE)*

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

## **Generating & Tracking Cost-Savings In Hospital Pharmacies**

**Cassi Prosper**, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician Supervisor & Backup Buyer, Sutter Memorial Medical Center,  
Modesto, California, and Director of the Pharmacy Technician Program at Modesto Junior College, California

## **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

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

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

**Berna Sweeney**, BS, CPhT, Pharmacy Business Manager-Corporate Pharmacy  
(both of RWJBarnabas Health, West Orange, New Jersey)

**Anne Hameed**, CPhT, CSPT, Oncology Pharmacy Technician, RWJBarnabas Health-Hamilton,  
Hamilton Township, New Jersey

# 27th Annual NPPA Conference

## August 19-22, 2024 – Horseshoe 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 NPPA's 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 Horseshoe Las Vegas.
- **Conference Start & End Times**—Opening Reception for attendees is held Monday, August 19 from 5:00-7:30pm; then the CE educational program begins on Tuesday, August 20 at 8:30am and ends midday on Thursday, August 22 (approx. 2:00pm, final end time TBD).
- **GPO Breakout Sessions**—usual participants are HealthTrust, Premier, & Vizient.
- **Optional "340B University" sponsored by Apexus LLC**—Apexus will likely be returning with us again in 2024 for this optional add-on event held Monday August 19, the day before NPPA's educational program begins, 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