

National Pharmacy Purchasing Association (NPPA)



2025 NPPA Conference & Membership Brochure

Join your Pharmacy Buyer colleagues from across the nation for the **28th Annual NPPA Conference** over the dates of **September 29 through October 2, 2025**, at Horseshoe LV hotel (formerly Bally's) in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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 expected to open in April 2025

For updates, check NPPA website: www.PharmacyPurchasing.com



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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 amount** 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 for Pharmacy Buyers
- Includes 4 editions/year in digital format, of NPPA's member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook (PPO)*
- Digital editions provided as searchable, interactive PDF files
- Access to Member Resources log-in section of NPPA website, which includes more current to-date important pharmacy news
- 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 (status must be current during month of conference)
- Rewarded monetarily for participating in various [Member Incentive Programs](#)



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 2024 NPPA Conference Educational CE Program 2025 Program Expected To Be Available In Late Spring

Pandemic Effects & Repercussions In Hospital Pharmacies

Dana Berryhill, DPh, BS, Pharmacy Director, and **Krista Reyes**, LPN, Pharmacy Technician & Clinic Vaccine Coordinator, from Duncan Regional Hospital, Duncan, Oklahoma

Compliance & Safety Requirements for USP Chapters 797 & 800 in Pharmacy

Kevin Dang, PharmD, MBA, Pharmacy Director, Arizona General Hospital (AZGH) in the Dignity Health system, Laveen, Arizona **Qualified for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement*

Addiction In The Pharmacy Community

Sarah Davis, CPhT, BS, MS Ed, 340B ACE, Consulting Director for Spend Insights & Services, Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas

Opioid Reversal Agents & The Pharmacy Buyer's Role In Preventing Overdose

Sarah Davis, CPhT, BS, MS Ed, 340B ACE, Consulting Director for Spend Insights & Services, Vizient, Inc.

Utilizing Attachment Theory To Manage Conflict & Improve Relationships Within Your Hospital Team

Margon Dillard, CPhT, Consultant, Linzer-Dillard Consulting, Richmond, Texas
Joshua Ward, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, Jozara LLC, Houston, Texas

Managing High-Cost Pharmacy Inventory While Staying 340B Compliant

Elizabeth Faust, MHA, 340B Purchasing Compliance & Optimization Specialist, Apexus, Irving, Texas
Mary Pollock, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician Specialist, Intermountain Health system, Salt Lake City, Utah

"Let's Build a Pharmacy" – How Quality Improvement in Purchasing Saves Lives, Costs & Time!

Ashley Franzen, CPhT, Pharmacy Purchasing Coordinator; **Sara Grieves**, CPhT, Pharmacy Purchasing Coordinator; and **Susan Ramsdell**, CPhT, Pharmacy Purchasing Coordinator, from Mayo Clinic Hospital Pharmacy Services-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Streamlining Procurement: The Power of Centralized Pharmacy Purchasing

Mary Gilmer, PharmD, MHA, BCPS, DPLA, Director of Pharmacy Purchasing; **Becca Jacobson**, CPhT, Inpatient Pharmacy Purchasing Manager; and **Kim Simons**, CPhT, Outpatient Pharmacy Purchasing Manager, from Mayo Clinic Hospital-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Reducing Drug Inventory Costs While Improving Patient Safety & Outcomes: A Team Approach

Kelly Kline, CPhT-Adv, Inpatient Pharmacy Purchasing Agent, Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, Maryland
**Qualified for Pharmacy "Patient Safety" CE requirement*

"Why is Everyone Looking at Me?" Operational Best Practices that Impact For Pharmacy Buyers

Lyle Matthews, PharmD, MAM, former Hospital Pharmacy Director & PIC, Redlands, California

Hidden Dangers: Counterfeit Products Revealed In The Pharmacy Supply Chain

Ashley Moore, MBA, CPhT-Adv, 340B ACE, Senior Consultant for Spend Insights & Services, Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas **Qualified for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement*

Enhancing Cybersecurity Strategies For Pharmacy

Fatimah Muhammad, DrPH (Doctor of Public Health), MPH, FHFMA, CRCR, CSBI, CSPR, Director of 340B Pharmaceutical Services & Drug Replacement, Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey

The Role of Certifications & Degrees for Pharmacy Technicians

Josie Quick, CPhT-Adv, CSPT, Senior Pharmacy Technician & Inventory Specialist, Sanford Health South University Medical Center, Fargo, North Dakota

Pharmacy Technology & Automation

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

28th Annual NPPA Conference

September 29–October 2, 2025, Las Vegas

Come join hundreds of your Pharmacy Purchasing Professional colleagues to network & learn the latest trends in Pharmacy Purchasing. Meet with between 85-100 exhibiting vendor companies who serve hospitals and health systems; as well as your facility's Group Purchasing Organization reps in our official GPO Breakout Sessions. We sincerely hope you are able to join NPPA and your buyer-colleagues!

Add a new or renewing NPPA Membership to get a discount on 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.
- **85-100 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 8-10+ 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 hotel.
- **Conference Start & End Times**—Opening Reception for attendees is held Monday, September 29 from 5:00-7:30pm; then the CE educational program begins on Tuesday, September 30 at 8:30am and ends midday on Thursday, October 2 (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 be returning with us again in 2025 for this optional add-on event held Monday, September 29, 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