



# Pharmacy Forward:

## Advancing Practice for a Healthier Tomorrow



### 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Trade Show

Hilton Columbus at Easton 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219

Pre-Conference Training: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Live Conference:

**NEW** Thursday, April 9 - Saturday April 11, 2026

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Pharmacy Forward: Advancing Practice for a Healthier Tomorrow is the theme for the 2026 OPA Annual Conference. This is a great opportunity for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and student pharmacists to network and to update your knowledge and resources to help you achieve professional satisfaction. Continuing education sessions will be held live April 9-11 with on-demand access available April 17 through June 30, 2026 for full-conference registrants. The full package of on-demand CPE will also be available for purchase by those who cannot attend in person.

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OPA Annual Conference & Trade Show Schedule

## Thursday, April 9

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Sponsors
8:00 - 8:50 am	Past Presidents' Breakfast ( <i>invitation only</i> )	Kroger Health
8:20 - 8:50 am	Breakfast Theatre*	(NO CPE credit)
9:00 - 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Spring 2026 Law Update<sup>§</sup></li> <li>Autoimmune Specialty Medication Journey</li> <li>Navigating the 2025 Hypertension Guideline Updates<sup>◊</sup></li> <li>2025 Ohio Pharmacist Workforce Study Results</li> </ul>	
10:10 - 11:10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Productivity Metrics that Matter in Ambulatory Care</li> <li>PrEP and the Pharmacist's Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic</li> <li>Supporting Neurodiversity in Pharmacy Practice</li> <li>2026 Legislative Update</li> </ul>	
11:20 am-12:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navigating Patient Assistance Programs</li> <li>How GLP-1s Are Changing Compounding</li> <li>How Self-Deception Affects Us and Our Relationships</li> <li>Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder</li> </ul>	
12:25 - 2:00 pm	Awards and PAC Luncheon / Alumni Group Photos	
2:10 - 3:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimizing the Pharmacist's Role in Osteoporosis Patient Care<sup>◊</sup></li> <li>Building the Next Generation of Community Pharmacy Programs</li> <li>Implications of Chemical Dependency in Pharmacy</li> <li>Let's Not Sugarcoat It: Insulin Safety Matters<sup>§</sup></li> </ul>	
3:20 - 4:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTSD Pharmacotherapy - Current Standards and Emerging Therapies</li> <li>House of Delegates*</li> <li>Successes at Federal &amp; State Level Since Rutledge v. PCMA<sup>§</sup></li> <li>Controlled Substance Oversight, Continuous Audit Readiness, &amp; more<sup>§</sup></li> </ul>	
4:30 pm	OPA Committees Recruitment/Networking Social	

## Friday, April 10

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration	Sponsors
8:00 am - 8:50 am	Trade Show Opening	
8:20 - 8:50 am	Breakfast Theatre*	(NO CPE credit)
9:00 - 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates in Heart Failure<sup>◊</sup></li> <li>Student Pharmacist Business Plan Competition*</li> <li>Pharmacy Technician Leadership: Building Influence Without a License</li> <li>Prescribing your Path: Unlocking Pharmacy Practice Residencies<sup>*◊</sup></li> <li>The 168-Hour Paycheck: Time as Currency for Pharmacy Leaders</li> </ul>	
10:10 - 11:40 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Pharmacist Self-Care Championship* <i>Kroger Health</i></li> <li>Ohio Innovative Practice Roundtables* <i>Council of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy</i></li> <li>Strategies for Compounding Excellence and Online Engagement</li> <li>Navigating the Ever-Changing 340B Landscape</li> </ul>	
11:40 am - 1:30 pm	Trade Show, Lunch, Headshots, Residency & Fellowship Expo	
1:30 - 2:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunization Update</li> <li>Safe Starts with Sensors: Pharmacists' Role in CGM Use<sup>§</sup></li> <li>Integrating Clinical Pharmacists in Specialty Care</li> <li>NPX Session: Building relationships through networking*</li> <li>Coaching Student Judgement and Integrity in the Age of AI*</li> </ul>	
2:40 - 3:40 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio Research Roundtables* <i>Council of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy</i></li> <li>Staying Current: A Review and Update of Ohio Pharmacy Practice Laws<sup>§</sup></li> <li>Navigating Medication Safety from Pregnancy to Postpartum<sup>§</sup></li> </ul>	
3:45 - 5:30 pm	Trade Show, Headshots, Prizes & Networking	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	Poster Session 1	
4:45 - 5:30 pm	Poster Session 2	
5:30 -6:30 pm	Student Olympics	
6:30 pm	Pharmacy Reception	
7:00 pm	President's Banquet and Under 40 Awards Recognition	<i>Kroger Health - Cincinnati &amp; Columbus Divisions</i>

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# Saturday, April 11

8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Registration
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Theatre* (NO CPE credit)
9:00 - 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Drug Update 2026: CV, Respiratory, GI, ID, Renal</li><li>• Nutrient Testing to Elevate Patient Engagement in Pharmacy</li></ul>
10:10 - 11:10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Drug Update 2026: CNS, Behavioral Health, Musculoskeletal, Immunology, Oncology, Ocular</li><li>• Motivational Interviewing to Address Social Determinants of Health</li></ul>
11:20 am - 12:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expanding Experiential Learning Beyond the Traditional Model<sup>®</sup></li><li>• Menopause Matters: A Personalized Approach to Women's Health</li></ul>
12:20 pm	Adjournment

Each continuing education session described is a knowledge-based activity unless noted.

and the factors that make vaccine development challenging, effective public health strategies for reducing transmission, including barrier protection, the U=U concept, and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). We will explore PrEP in depth, covering current evidence, newer options such as long-acting injectable lenacapavir, eligibility criteria, and essential steps for safe initiation. The session will conclude with a review of pharmacist prescribing authority for PrEP across the U.S., highlighting evolving legal trends and opportunities for Ohio pharmacists to engage in this expanding practice area.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-18-L02-P/T 0.1 CEU  
Application-based activity

## THURSDAY, April 9

9:00 a.m.



### State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Spring 2026 Law Update

*Sheri Zapadka, PharmD, R.Ph., Compliance Specialist, Ohio Board of Pharmacy*

Our speaker will provide a review of the most recent changes to Ohio laws and rules pertaining to pharmacy practice and will highlight common misconceptions in current law and rules. This session is a must for all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who want to stay up-to-date on legislative and regulatory changes impacting the practice of pharmacy.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy jurisprudence CPE credit.*

ACPE #0129-0000-26-13-L03-P/T 0.1 CEU

### The Autoimmune Specialty Medication Journey: A Pharmacy Team's Role in Access and Adherence

*Adrean Jones, BS, CPhT, School Health Technician Specialist and 340B Coordinator, Nationwide Children's Hospital & Brooke Powell, CPhT, Program Manager, Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics*

Patients receiving specialty medications for autoimmune diseases often face complex and frustrating care journeys. This continuing education session follows the patient experience from referral through ongoing therapy, highlighting how pharmacists and pharmacy technicians contribute to timely access, adherence, and sustained support. Through operational case examples and lived-experience insights, participants will explore common challenges such as benefits investigation, prior authorizations, financial assistance, side effect management, and treatment burden.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-14-L01-P/T 0.1 CEU  
Application-based activity

### Pressure Points: Navigating the 2025 Hypertension Guideline Updates

*David Foote, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy; Ambulatory Clinical Pharmacist, The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences & Taylor Baszynski, PharmD, PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Resident, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy/PrimaryOne Health*

This continuing education session will explore the latest updates to the hypertension treatment guidelines, with a focus on the understanding,

implementation and clinical implications of the PREVENT Risk Equation. Participants will critically examine how treatment thresholds, blood pressure goals, and self-monitoring strategies have evolved from previous recommendations. Emphasis will be placed on team-based care models and patient education pearls that support long-term blood pressure control. Through comparative analysis and practical insights, as well as application to patient cases, attendees will leave equipped to apply these updates in diverse clinical settings.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-15-L01-P 0.1 CEU

### 2025 Ohio Pharmacist Workforce Study Results

*Jennifer L. Rodis, PharmD, FAPhA, Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy & Debra Parker, PharmD, MBA, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Findlay College of Pharmacy*

This session will provide results from the latest Ohio Pharmacy Workforce Study. Characteristics of pharmacists and pharmacy practice in the state as well as trends since the inaugural study conducted in 2022 will be presented. Salary and workplace conditions will also be shared.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-16-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

**10:10 a.m.**

### Charting the Course: Productivity Metrics that Matter in Ambulatory Care

*Jennifer Wick PharmD, MPH, BCACP, Assistant Director of Pharmacy for Ambulatory Services, The Christ Hospital Health Network*

Oftentimes justifying roles in the ambulatory setting can be a difficult presentation to leadership. Limited productivity metrics exist in the ambulatory care space, and much research has focused on billing or clinical outcomes. Using data readily available from your own workflows in new ways, however, can lead to stronger presentations and advocacy for expansion of pharmacy presence in ambulatory care. In this presentation, we will examine real life workflows and their conversion into a meaningful productivity measure dashboard.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-17-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
Application-based activity

### PrEP and the Pharmacist's Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic

*Steven N Leonard, RPh, PharmD, BCIDP, Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Ohio Northern University*

This session will provide a brief overview of HIV

### Supporting Neurodiversity in Pharmacy Practice

*Briana Wukovich, CPhT-Adv, CSPT, Professional Development and Continuing Education Coordinator, Ohio Pharmacists Association*

Pharmacy teams regularly interact with neurodivergent individuals, both as patients and colleagues, yet many are unaware of the subtle barriers that can impact communication, learning, and safety. This session introduces the concepts of neurodiversity and neurodivergence, highlights the strengths and unique needs of individuals with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, and similar conditions, and outlines practical steps for improving support across the pharmacy workflow.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-19-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
Application-based activity

### 2026 Legislative Update

*Michelle Fitzgibbon, President, The Fitzgibbon Group & E. Michael Murphy, PharmD, MBA, Advisor for State Government Affairs, American Pharmacists Association*

This session will include information for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on the latest legislative and regulatory changes coming out of both Columbus and Washington, DC, which will impact the practice of pharmacy. This presentation will include timely updates on the status of current legislation and recently adopted Pharmacy Board Rules. The speakers will also provide an update for OPA's legislative agenda for the remainder of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-20-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

**11:20 a.m.**

### Navigating Patient Assistance Programs

*Kacee Williams, CPhT, RRT, RCP, Medication Assistance Coordinator, Kettering Health, Oncology Services*

This session will focus on how to assist patients in navigating financial burden in regard to oncology treatment and educate participants on available resources such as copay assistance, grant funding, and free drug programs.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-21-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
Application-based activity

### How GLP-1s Are Changing Compounding

*Scott Brunner, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding*

Upon completion of this presentation, participants will be able to describe the current federal legal and regulatory status of GLP-1 medications as it relates to pharmacy compounding, including FDA policy, drug shortage resolution, and

enforcement discretion; distinguish between lawful patient-specific compounding and impermissible compounding of copies of FDA-approved GLP-1 products in both 503A and 503B settings; analyze the legal, regulatory, and market forces influencing compounding practice, including litigation, manufacturer messaging, API scrutiny, and evolving FDA and state board positions; and evaluate the implications of these developments for patient access, prescriber judgment, pharmacy compliance, and the future of compounding beyond GLP-1 therapies.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-22-L07-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Made possible by a grant from the Pharmacy Compounding Foundation*

### Living with Your Eyes Open: How Self-Deception Affects Us and Our Relationships

Bruce Berger, PhD, President, Berger Consulting, LLC

People often embrace their individuality. The reality is that we are a "me" in relation to others. There is no me without others. We are always in relation. This is vitally important because understanding this changes how people view and communicate with their patients, other health professionals, their loved ones, and everyone in their life. At the heart of so many broken relationships are people who do not understand this fundamental idea.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-23-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

### Clinical Pharmacy Services in Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

Lauren Spoltman, PharmD, MBA, BCACP, Clinical Pharmacist, Family Health Services of Darke County

Family Health Services of Darke County initiated clinical pharmacy services for providing medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder in December 2024 and has been able to increase patient access to care. The clinical pharmacists utilize collaborative practice agreements for independent visits for management of opioid and alcohol use disorders. This CE session will review the process for initiation and implementation of the program including regulatory requirements and clinical workflow.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-24-L08-P/T 0.1 CEU

### 2:10 p.m.

#### The Bone Zone: Optimizing the Pharmacist's Role in Osteoporosis Patient Care

Megan Hull, R.Ph., PharmD, BCACP, Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, OhioHealth Grant Family Medicine & Andrew Faiella, R.Ph., PharmD, BCACP, Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, OhioHealth Doctors Hospital Family Practice

This continuing education session is a practical deep-dive into the pharmacist's essential role in managing osteoporosis and preventing fractures. We will review current guidelines for screening high-risk patients and provide evidence-based updates on both first-line and advanced pharmacologic therapies. Participants will gain actionable skills in comparing treatment options, monitoring for adverse effects, and employing patient-centered counseling strategies to significantly improve medication adherence and optimize long-term bone health outcomes.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-25-L01-P 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

### Public Health 2.0: Building the Next Generation of Community Pharmacy Programs

Myriam Shaw Ojeda, PharmD, R.Ph., MPH, Director of Pharmacy Extension and Public Health Initiatives, OPA

Ohio's legislative landscape is creating new opportunities for pharmacists to deliver patient-centered public health services. The advancement of test-and-treat authority, nicotine cessation expansion, and updates to provider status rules will allow pharmacists to play a larger role in prevention and early intervention. This session will connect attendees to the practical side of these policy shifts. Participants will explore how each initiative can be implemented within current pharmacy operations and how OPA resources can support adoption. The session will feature examples of programs already under development, workflow templates, and tools that pharmacists can use to prepare for the new scope of services.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-26-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

### Implications of Chemical Dependency in Pharmacy

Andy Pierron, BSPharm, R.Ph., Executive Director, Pharmacists Rehabilitation Organization, Inc.

Presenter will provide a brief overview of addiction including genetic disposition, environmental factors, and brain development. The main neurotransmitters involved in addiction will be reviewed. The rules within the Ohio Administrative Code addressing addiction will be presented. The appropriate and necessary steps to take when addiction is impacting a pharmacy staff member and the work environment will be covered.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-27-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

### Let's Not Sugarcoat It: Insulin Safety Matters

Megan Kaun PharmD, BCACP, Director of Experiential Education & Michelle Seegert PharmD, BCACP, BC-ADM, Associate Dean for Admissions and Enrollment, The University of Toledo

Insulin is consistently listed by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) as a high-alert medication, with concentrated formulations presenting additional safety challenges. As obesity rates rise and newer insulin products become more common, use of concentrated insulins has increased. While these agents offer therapeutic benefits, they require careful attention to dosing, pharmacokinetics, and safe-use practices to prevent medication errors. This session reviews current insulin formulations and provides practical strategies for safe selection, initiation, and management across patient populations and practice settings.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy patient/medication safety CPE.*

ACPE #0129-0000-26-28-L05-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

### 3:20 p.m.

#### PTSD Pharmacotherapy- Review of Current Standards and Emerging Therapies

Chloe Matecki, PharmD, Assistant Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, University of Toledo

Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a complex

psychiatric condition that often requires a combination of psychotherapy and tailored pharmacotherapy regimens. Recent guidelines continue to recommend longstanding options like selective serotonin and serotonin and norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs, SNRIs respectively), but give a hierarchy that can be difficult to understand. This session breaks down evidence for why we use the current mainstay agents, common augmentation agents, and why certain medications may not be recommended. Additionally, the session will touch on agents that are currently being studied as novel agents for PTSD treatment, including ketamine and psychedelics.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-29-L01-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

### Gameday Ready: Strategies for Controlled Substance Oversight, Continuous Audit Readiness, and Inspection Response That Win Every Time

Jaime McDermott, R.Ph., Director, Controlled Substance Compliance, Kroger Health

Pharmacies are subject to audits and inspections by many regulating bodies, such as DEA and state licensing boards. Just like preparing for a big game, pharmacy compliance demands consistent training, smart strategy, and a strong team. This session will cover topics to help participants stay "audit ready" and be prepared for inspections - the focus will be on controlled substance compliance.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy jurisprudence CPE credit.*

ACPE #0129-0000-26-30-L03-P/T 0.1 CEU

### A Review of Successes at Federal & State Level Since Rutledge v. PCMA

Lucas Morgan, Esq., Shareholder/Partner, Life Sciences/Pharmacy Attorney, Buchanan

This session will explore successes in various settings as it relates to Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) in Ohio and throughout the country at the federal and state level. This session will explore legislative developments at federal and state level as well as successes in individual cases involving PBMs. The session will conclude with a review of the current legal landscape as between independent pharmacies and PBMs.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy jurisprudence CPE credit.*

ACPE #0129-0000-26-42-L03-P/T 0.1 CEU

### FRIDAY, April 10



### 9:00 a.m.

#### Updates in Heart Failure

Emma Siegel, PharmD, BCACP, Clinical Pharmacist & Tara Schreck, PharmD, BCACP, Clinical Pharmacist, OhioHealth Advanced Heart and Vascular Clinic

Heart failure is a complex disease with new guidelines and clinical trials being published regularly. This session will provide a brief overview of guideline-directed medical therapy and will then dive into new and emerging data in heart failure. Topics of interest will include finerenone in HFpEF, digitoxin use in HFrEF, emerging therapies in cardiac amyloidosis, and the use of IV iron.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-31-L01-P 0.1 CEU

**Pharmacy Technician Leadership: Building Influence Without a License**  
*Loren Ballard, CPhT, Strategic Program Manager & Heidi Claytor, CPhT, Kroger Health*

This session will focus on leadership development, communication skills, and how techs can lead initiatives, mentor peers, and drive change.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-32-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

**Prescribing your Path: Unlocking Pharmacy Practice Residencies**

*Bethanne Brown PharmD, BCACP, Professor and Residency Program Director, University of Cincinnati James L Winkle College of Pharmacy; Rachel Barhorst PharmD, BCACP, BCADM, Pharmacist, MTM Provider, Residency Program Director, Family Health*

This interactive session will be designed to educate and promote PGY1 residency programs to all levels of student learners. The session will begin with an overview of pharmacy practice residency definitions and descriptions leading into 3 current residents from various practices who will provide a description of the day in the life of a resident. The final half of the program will be set aside to answer student questions from the audience.

APCE # 0129-0000-26-34-L04-P 0.1 CEU

**The 168-Hour Paycheck: Time as Currency for Pharmacy Leaders**

*Rob Mullins, R.Ph, MBA, Founder, Trusted Advice Leadership & Business Consulting, LLC*

Each of us receives the same weekly deposit—168 hours—but how that time is invested determines both professional success and personal well-being. This session introduces the 168-Hour Paycheck framework created by Rob Mullins, helping participants shift from reactive time management to intentional time investment. Through practical tools and reflection, attendees will identify where their time “leaks” occur, clarify priorities, and apply strategies such as the RACI model to reduce meeting overload. The result is greater clarity, focus, and fulfillment for pharmacy professionals at every role and stage of their career.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-33-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

## 10:10 a.m.

**Student Pharmacist Self-Care Championship**

Learn up-to-date information about nonprescription products, along with the rationale for product choices, at OPA's 18<sup>th</sup> "OTC and Self-Care Challenge – Battle of the Colleges!" Join us for a highly interactive, fun-filled session that will enhance your OTC expertise and update your knowledge of common self-care conditions.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-35-L04-P/T 0.15 CEU  
*Sponsored by Kroger Health; Supported by NASPA and the Nonprescription Medicines Academy*

**Ohio Innovative Practice Roundtables**  
*Moderator: Jennifer Rodis, PharmD, FAPhA, Professor and Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement, Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*

Innovative pharmacy practices and services in Ohio will be showcased to help practitioners initiate or expand novel services and approaches in their own practices. Practitioners from a variety of practice

sites will present examples and share successful implementation strategies and methods for overcoming barriers to offer patient-centered services. This session will consist of 8–10-minute roundtable presentations focused on patient care innovation. Audience participants will gain ideas and engage in discussion with the presenters and other roundtable attendees to enhance their own practices.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-36-L99-P/T 0.15 CEU

*Application-based activity*

*Sponsored by the Consortium of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy*

**Custom Meds, Custom Message: Strategies for Compounding Excellence and Online Engagement**  
*Erin Michael, MBA, MS, CPhT, FAPC, Senior Director of Member Relations, PCCA*

This session is designed for pharmacy teams who want to elevate their compounding skills and expand their impact. We'll cover practical tips for mastering compounding workflows, maintaining compliance, and upholding the highest standards of quality assurance. In addition, attendees will learn how to become ambassadors for their pharmacy by leveraging website content and social media to educate patients, connect with providers, and promote the value of compounding services. Real-world examples and actionable marketing ideas will empower pharmacists and technicians to help their pharmacy stand out in a competitive healthcare landscape.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-37-L07-P/T 0.15 CEU

**Navigating the Ever-Changing 340B Landscape**

*R. Logan Yoho, PharmD, BCACP, 340B ACE, Director of Advocacy and Education, FQHC 340B Compliance*

The last several years have introduced new and unique challenges to operation and optimization of the 340B program. One of the biggest changes as of late is the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Like independent pharmacies, the IRA has introduced new workflows and processes. This session will review some of the most impactful changes to the program.

ACPE # 0129-0000-26-38-L04-P/T 0.15 CEU

*Application-based activity*

## 1:30 p.m.

**Immunization Update**

*Olivia Kinney PharmD, Corporate Health & Wellness Vaccine & Clinical Visits Program Leader, Kroger Health*

This session will provide a vaccine update to review new recommendations and clinical guidance.

ACPE # 0129-0000-26-39-L06-P/T 0.1 CEU

**Safe Starts with Sensors: Pharmacists' Role in CGM Use**

*Emily Eddy PharmD, RPh, CDCES, BC-ADM, BCACP and Brittany Long, PharmD, RPh, BCACP, CTTS, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Ohio Northern University*

This session will discuss the currently available continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices that have been approved, including their indications, safety concerns, limitations, and benefits. It will discuss ways that pharmacists can serve as the bridge to ensure appropriate patient CGM use and safety. This presentation will be interactive with clinical

scenarios that allow the audience to apply the knowledge taught within the session so that they feel empowered to integrate the use of CGMs within their patient populations with a focus on ensuring patient safety.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy patient/medication safety CPE.*

ACPE #0129-0000-26-40-L05-P/T 0.1 CEU

*Application-based activity*

**Integrating Clinical Pharmacists in Specialty Care**

*Jared Malott, PharmD, R.Ph., Clinical Pharmacist; Ben Ash, PharmD, BCPS, R. Ph., Senior Clinical Pharmacist; & Ariel Williams, PharmD, BCACP, R. Ph., Clinical Pharmacy Manager, AndHealth*

Presenters will share how pharmacists collaborate with providers and health coaches to optimize outcomes for patients with complex conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, and multiple sclerosis. Attendees will gain insight into the pharmacist's role, as a clinician, in medication management, lab monitoring, access support, and chronic disease lifestyle integration. Real-world examples will illustrate how clinical pharmacists enhance patient engagement and improve clinical outcomes across specialty and chronic care.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-41-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU

*Application-based activity*

**NPX Session: Where would we be without building relationships through networking?**

*Korie Payne, PharmD, Chair of OPA NPX Committee & Dana Wilkerson, PharmD, MS, BCACP, President, Ohio Pharmacists Association*

On behalf of the New Practitioner Experience (NPX) Committee, this session will discuss the power of building relationships throughout your pharmacy career, especially in your first years of practice, and the importance of keeping these relationships strong and connected. Current OPA President, Dana Wilkerson and her Residency Classmates/Co-Residents will share their experiences and what has happened to make their relationships and networking so successful still to this day, 8 years post-residency and will represent the live panel for this session.

**Artificially Intelligent? Coaching Student Judgement and Integrity in the Age of AI**

*Zach Jenkins, PharmD, BCPS, Director of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Cedarville University School of Pharmacy; Kunal Amin, PharmD, BSpS, President, NEOvations Pharmacy Services & Assistant Director of Experiential Education, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice; & Lukas Everly, PharmD, BCPS, Director of Experiential Education, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Pharmacy*

This session will explore emerging AI technologies in pharmacy practice and academia, address ethical considerations for AI use by students, and offer guidance on maintaining academic integrity and clinical judgment in experiential education. Attendees will gain strategies to model appropriate AI engagement, support student learning, and mitigate concerns related to misinformation, overreliance, and data privacy. The presentation will also provide examples of how to incorporate critical thinking around AI

into feedback and evaluation practices.  
ACPE #0129-0000-26-43-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

**2:40 p.m.**

#### Ohio Research Roundtables

*Natalie DiPietro Mager, PharmD, PhD, MPH, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Ohio Northern University Raabe College of Pharmacy*

Research conducted by Ohio pharmacists, college faculty, pharmacy residents and students will be showcased in the annual Ohio Research Forum. Research areas may include those from pharmacy practice, scientific research, economic/social/administrative sciences, and pharmacy education. This session will consist of six roundtable presentations focused on pharmacy research in Ohio. Audience participants will gain ideas and engage in discussion with the presenters and other roundtable attendees to enhance their own practices.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-44-L99-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Sponsored by the Consortium of Ohio Colleges of Pharmacy*

#### Staying Current: A Review and Update of Ohio Pharmacy Practice Laws

*Donnie Sullivan, R.Ph., PhD, Professor of Clinical Practice, Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*

It is extremely difficult to stay up-to-date with all the interpretations, guidance documents, and changes in Ohio pharmacy practice laws and rules. The task can sometimes seem overwhelming and frustrating. This session will discuss the requirements of remote dispensing pharmacies (pharmacies operated without an onsite pharmacist) and other relevant, new Ohio pharmacy laws and rules. The session will conclude with commonly misunderstood Ohio pharmacy laws and rules with case examples to aid pharmacists in understanding these concepts.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy jurisprudence CPE credit.*

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#### Bump to Baby and Bottles: Navigating Medication Safety from Pregnancy to Postpartum

*Kristine M. Cline, PharmD, MS, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*

Pharmacists play a critical role in guiding safe medication use during pregnancy and lactation, a time when therapeutic decisions can have lasting impacts. This session will explore evidence-based strategies for evaluating drug safety, interpreting risk categories, and counseling patients and providers. Through case-based discussion and practical tools, attendees will gain confidence in managing complex scenarios involving maternal, fetal, and infant health. Let's demystify the gray areas and empower pharmacists to be trusted resources in pre-, peri-, and post-natal pharmacotherapy.

*This program qualifies for State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy patient/medication safety CPE.*

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*Application-based activity*

**SATURDAY, April 11**



**9:00 a.m.**

#### New Drug Update 2026: CV, Respiratory, GI, ID, Renal

*Karen Kier, PhD, M.Sc., R.Ph., Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Director of Drug and Health Information, Ohio Northern University*

Our speaker will review cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, infectious disease, and renal prescription medications released to the market in the past year. This session will include indications, clinical applications, significant drug-drug and drug-food interactions, adverse effects, toxicities, and important counseling information to convey to patients and caregivers. In addition, the speaker will compare these new medications to similar agents on the market and where they fit into therapy.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-47-L01-P/T 0.1 CEU

#### Test, Talk, Transform: Integrating Nutrient Testing to Elevate Patient Engagement in Pharmacy

*Emlah Tubuo, PharmD, MS, Owner, Pharmacist, Powell Pharmacy*

In today's evolving pharmacy landscape, patients are seeking more than prescriptions, they are looking for meaningful conversations, personalized insights, and proactive care. This presentation explores how pharmacists can integrate nutrient and wellness testing into everyday practice to strengthen patient relationships, improve outcomes, and elevate the role of pharmacy in preventive health. Join us to discover how testing can become a bridge to deeper dialogue, stronger outcomes, and a pharmacy practice that transforms the way patients experience care.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-48-L99-P/T 0.1 CEU

*Application-based activity*

**10:10 a.m.**

#### New Drug Update 2026: CNS, Behavioral Health, Musculoskeletal, Immunology, Oncology, Ocular

*Karen Kier, PhD, M.Sc., R.Ph., Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Director of Drug and Health Information, Ohio Northern University*

Our speaker will review CNS, behavioral health, musculoskeletal, immunology, oncology, and ocular prescription medications released to the market in the past year. This session will include indications, clinical applications, significant drug-drug and drug-food interactions, adverse effects, toxicities, and important counseling information to convey to patients and caregivers. In addition, the speaker will compare these new medications to similar agents on the market and where they fit into therapy.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-49-L01-P/T 0.1 CEU

#### Connecting Conversations to Care: Applying Motivational Interviewing to Address Social Determinants of Health

*Nira Kadakia, PharmD, BCACP, Assistant Professor of Teaching in Pharmacy Practice, University of Findlay College of Pharmacy, Clinical Pharmacist, Mercy Health St. Charles Hospital & Bethanne Brown, PharmD, BCACP, AAHIVP, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, University of Cincinnati Winkle College of Pharmacy*

Patients in underserved populations often face challenges stemming from the social determinants of health (SDOH). Issues like food insecurity, unstable housing, and limited literacy, may impact patients' health and health outcomes. Pharmacists in com-

munity and ambulatory settings can use motivational interviewing (MI) to engage patients to guide them toward positive health behavior changes and to promote self-efficacy. This session will provide case examples from practice, discuss integrating SDOH screening into pharmacy workflow, and practice using MI patient-centered communication techniques.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-50-L04-P/T 0.1 CEU  
*Application-based activity*

**11:20 a.m.**

#### Innovative Student Engagement in an Academic Health System: Expanding Experiential Learning Beyond the Traditional Model

*Marilee Clemons, PharmD, BCACP, Ambulatory Pharmacy Manager & Breanna Meinzer, PharmD, BCACP, Managed Care Manager, UT Toledo Health*

This session will highlight three unique student learning experiences developed within an academic medical center to enhance experiential education and meet institutional needs. Presenters will describe the design, implementation, and outcomes of an administrative IPPE rotation, an ambulatory care intern program, and a Meds-to-Beds IPPE experience. Attendees will gain practical strategies to integrate students into meaningful, value-added roles that advance both learning and patient care.

ACPE #0129-0000-26-51-L04-P 0.1 CEU

#### Menopause Matters: A Personalized Approach to Women's Health

*Amanda Gilliland, PharmD, Integrative Pharmacist and Compounding Specialist, Powell Pharmacy*

This session aims to educate pharmacists on practical, patient-centered approaches to managing menopausal care. It will explore the hormonal changes of menopause and discuss symptoms associated with those changes. It will compare commercial, compounded, and non-hormonal therapies, including evidence-based supplements in the treatment and managements of menopausal symptoms. And it will educate on patient-counseling strategies to discuss these sensitive topics.

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*Application-based activity*

### CONTINUING PHARMACY EDUCATION

This Conference is targeted to all pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists. To receive CPE credit for the live sessions, pharmacists and technicians must attend the entire session, actively participate, complete the speaker evaluation(s) in OPA's LecturePanda platform, and indicate sessions attended **within 60 days of the Conference**. CPE Statements of Credit can be printed from the CPE Monitor.

Learning objectives for each of the CPE activities can be found on the OPA website at [www.ohiopharmacists.org](http://www.ohiopharmacists.org).

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DISCOUNTED PHARMACIST MEMBER	\$314	\$344	\$374
NON-MEMBER PHARMACIST *	\$511	\$561	\$611
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Indicate size for OPA Shirt: (Must register by 3/5 to guarantee size)

 X Small  Small  Medium  Large  X Large  XX Large Check this box if you want to reserve a set of printed handouts. Handout reservations will be accepted thru March 25, 2026. (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**FRIDAY BANQUET**Indicate if you will attend the Friday evening President's Banquet. This Conference event is *not included* in full or one-day registration fees. I will attend the Friday Banquet (\$55/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend Check this box if you wish to serve as a delegate at the OPA Annual Conference's House of Delegates meeting on Thursday.**SPOUSE/GUEST EVENT REGISTRATION**

Indicate all events the spouse/guest plans to attend.

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Note

2026 Pre-Conference Injectables Training registration is only accessible via the QR code on page 2 and not included on this registration form.

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**ONE DAY LIVE-ONLY REGISTRATION**

	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
PHARMACIST MEMBER	\$184	\$201	\$218
Thursday	\$184	\$201	\$218
Friday	\$124	\$135	\$146
Saturday			
NON-MEMBER PHARMACIST *	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Thursday	\$357	\$391	\$425
Friday	\$357	\$391	\$425
Saturday	\$297	\$325	\$353
TECHNICIAN MEMBER	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Thursday	\$88	\$96	\$105
Friday	\$88	\$96	\$105
Saturday	\$60	\$65	\$70
NON-MEMBER TECHNICIAN *	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Thursday	\$115	\$123	\$131
Friday	\$115	\$123	\$131
Saturday	\$86	\$92	\$97
PGY1 RESIDENT MEMBER	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Thursday	\$121	\$133	\$144
Friday	\$121	\$133	\$144
Saturday	\$82	\$89	\$96
NON-MEMBER RESIDENT *	<b>by 3/5</b>	<b>by 3/20</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Thursday	\$188	\$199	\$210
Friday	\$188	\$199	\$210
Saturday	\$148	\$155	\$163
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Non-member registration includes OPA Membership. New members<sup>6</sup> will enjoy OPA member benefits such as the *Ohio Pharmacy Newsline* email and legislative updates; the bi-monthly *Ohio Pharmacist* journal with home-study continuing pharmacy education, including CPE that qualifies for the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy jurisprudence and patient/medication safety credit; access to the *Members-Only* section of the website, networking opportunities, and much more. Check it out at [www.ohiopharmacists.org](http://www.ohiopharmacists.org).

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**Pre-Conference  
Injectables Training** **NEW**  
**Wednesday 8:00-12:20 pm**  
OPA is re-introducing this program to train pharmacists in the use of pharmacist administered injectables. More information and registration QR code appear on page 2 of this brochure.

**Awards & PAC Luncheon**  
**Thursday 12:25-2:00 pm (new day)**  
OPA will recognize excellence in the profession, in the community, and in the Association. Current issues impacting the profession of pharmacy will be presented. We encourage you to continue supporting OPA's PAC. Following the Luncheon, alumni group photo opportunities will be offered. The Luncheon is included in pharmacist and technician registration fees. Students and guests can purchase luncheon tickets. Alumni group photos will follow the Luncheon.

**House of Delegates**  
**Thursday 3:20 pm (new day/time)**  
The House of Delegates serves as the policy-making body of the Association. Be a part of decisions made for the future of pharmacy practice in Ohio through the Resolutions and Bylaws processes.

**Committee Networking Social**  
**Thursday 4:30 pm NEW**  
Join OPA committee chairpersons and members in a casual setting to learn more about how OPA committees shape the future of pharmacy in Ohio. No previous committee experience or attendance is required to participate. OPA Committees include Legal and Regulatory, Member Services and Development, Resolution and Bylaws, Practice Advancement and Innovation, New Practitioner Experience, & Communications.

**Friday Breakfast Theatre**  
**Friday 8:20-9:00 am**  
Breakfast is served to the first 40 attendees. No additional charge or registration is required. No CPE credit is available.  
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**Trade Show, Networking, Headshot Opportunity, Breakfast, Lunch, & Prizes**  
**Friday 8:00-9:00 am (new time)**  
**Friday 11:40 am-1:30 pm**  
**Friday 3:40-5:30 pm**  
Meet exhibitors to learn about products and services. New way to qualify for the chance to win a BIG prize! Enjoy the continental breakfast and lunch refreshments while you reconnect with friends and colleagues.

**Residency and Fellowship Expo**  
**Friday 11:40 am-1:30 pm**  
The Expo is your chance to

meet residents, fellows, and program directors from across the state. Come with questions and discover what programs could be a good fit for your career.

**Poster Session**  
**Friday Session 1 @ 3:45-4:30 pm**  
**Friday Session 2 @ 4:45-5:30 pm**  
Our annual Poster Session will feature the research and innovative practices of faculty and students from Ohio's colleges of pharmacy, as well as practitioners from around the state.

**Pharmacy Reception & President's Banquet**  
**Friday 6:30 pm (new day/time)**  
Come to the Installation of OPA President Nick Newman and the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees. This event requires an additional fee on the registration form.