



Celebrate Pharmacy Professionals This World Pharmacists Day

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Celebrate Pharmacy Professionals Today

Held on September 25, [World Pharmacists Day](#) celebrates the work and dedication of pharmacy professionals protecting public health across the globe. The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) heads the campaign and announced that this year's theme is "Pharmacists: Meeting global health needs." The campaign highlights pharmacists' integral role in serving at the forefront of global health crises.

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Career Advancements and Opportunities Noted as Benefits of Earning CPhT Certification

Most pharmacy technicians reported that obtaining Pharmacy Technician Certification Board certification helped them progress their careers, according to a study published in the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. In April 2021, researchers surveyed 23,007 certified pharmacy technicians (CPhTs) across the United States, Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands. Participants were asked multiple choice, rating scale, and free text questions focused on five domains: practice experience, career aspirations, compensation, pharmacy practice motivations, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the data collected, 53.5% of participants cited career advancement and 77.4% of participants noted improvement of patient health as benefits of earning CPhT certification.

[View the Study](#)

DEA Issues Temporary Scheduling Order for Two Synthetic Benzimidazole-Opioid Substances

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) intends to issue a temporary scheduling order (in the form of a temporary amendment) for two synthetic benzimidazole-opioid substances, N-pyrrolidino metonitazene and N-pyrrolidino protonitazene, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

The trafficking and identification of benzimidazole-opioid substances in the recreational drug market continue to pose a threat to public safety, according to the agency. Benzimidazole-opioids, also known as nitazenes, have a similar pharmacological profile to fentanyl, morphine, and other mu-opioid receptor agonists. DEA's notice became effective on September 17, 2024.

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Cost-Related Medication Nonadherence Still a Factor in Older Adults

A 2021-2022 National Health Statistics Report found that cost-related prescription drug nonadherence affected a notable percentage of adults ages 65 years and older. Specifically, 3.6% of older adults reported not obtaining their prescription medications due to cost, while 3.4% did not take their medications as prescribed due to cost. In comparison, 88.6% of older adults took their medications and 82.7% had prescription drug coverage. The report utilized responses collected through its National Health Interview Survey, in which participants were randomly selected to answer questions about their health care access, health status and insurance, and health-related behaviors.

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DEA Operation Seizes Individuals Responsible for Pharmacy Burglaries

DEA has arrested 42 members of a Houston, TX-based drug trafficking group involved in multiple pharmacy burglaries. The drug trafficking organization has been linked to over 200 pharmacy burglaries nationwide. During the 21-month investigation, DEA found that oxycodone, hydrocodone, alprazolam, and promethazine with codeine cough syrup were among the main substances stolen and trafficked to

Houston for illegal sale. DEA has also released a [video](#) and other [resources](#) to help pharmacies prevent burglaries.

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FIP Updates Policy Statement to Improve Access to Safe and Quality Medications

FIP has released an updated statement of policy that outlines the objectives policymakers and pharmacists should consider to improve access to safe and quality medications. For policymakers, FIP advises implementing legislative changes that allow pharmacists to provide accessible substitutes when the prescribed medication is unavailable, establishing strong recall systems for medicines and medical devices. For pharmacists, FIP recommends educating patients with health and medical information so that they are equipped to make decisions regarding their health, collaborating with governments to create policies that aid underserved areas and populations. Additional recommendations for policymakers and pharmacists are listed in the statement.

[View FIP's Statement of Policy](#)



NABP's Executive Officer Forum Is Being Held September 25-26

NABP is hosting its Executive Officer Forum, "The Next Regulatory Challenge: Guiding Pharmacy Technology for the Healthiest Outcomes," on September 25-26, 2024, at NABP Headquarters.

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