

THE GREAT DEBATE: HOT TOPICS IMPACTING PHARMACY TODAY

District IV NABP/AACP Meeting 2024

Moderator: Jeff Mesaros, PharmD, JD, NABP President
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TODAY'S PANEL

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

- Nicole L. Chopski, Brittany Stewart, and Jeffrey J. Mesaros declare that they do not have an affiliation or financial arrangement with any ineligible companies that may have a direct interest in the subject matter of this continuing pharmacy education (CPE) activity within the past 24 months.
- Grace Sesi and Charles Mollien declare that they have a current affiliation or financial arrangement with ineligible companies as employees of CVS Health and Meijer, respectively.
- All relevant financial relationships have been mitigated.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify hot topics that are trending within the profession of pharmacy.
- Recognize challenges and barriers in various sectors of pharmacy.
- Define opportunities and solutions for challenges facing the pharmacy.

SESSION STRUCTURE

Moderator
Questions



Audience Questions



Summary/Conclusion

GROUND RULES

- Panel members will be given questions on various topics to respond to and provide insights.
- To keep the session productive and respect everyone's time, **each speaker will limit their responses to 3 minutes per question.** The moderator will keep time and keep speakers honest!
- Please be respectful of all opinions and perspectives to keep this a productive session.
- **If endured with an issue, suggesting solutions is encouraged to make this productive for all (rather than a venting session).**
- Audience members can write down questions on a note pad and pass them to the “mic runner” to be sent up to the moderator for the audience Q&A portion.

MODERATOR QUESTIONS

STANDARD OF CARE

- What are the biggest opportunities for boards of pharmacy and other stakeholders with a transition to a “standard of care” regulatory enforcement?
- What are the biggest barriers?
- Do you believe this is the right pathway to move towards? Why or why not?

PHARMACIST PRESCRIBING

- Should pharmacists have independent prescriptive authority? Why or why not?
- Describe the pros and cons of adopting **pharmacist prescriptive authority by category** (i.e., *hormonal contraceptives, naloxone, immunizations...*) VS. **broad non-categorized authority** (i.e., *can prescribe for products within education, training, and scope*).

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ADMISSIONS

- Discuss how factors OUTSIDE of health care are impacting the current and future of pharmacy school admissions, i.e.:
 - Decreasing birth rates
 - Remote work/work from home job popularity
 - Inflation/cost of living
 - Generational differences in expectations

TECHNOLOGY/AUTOMATION

- What is the future impact of new technology and automation on health care and pharmacy?
- How can we leverage artificial intelligence as a tool in pharmacy?
- How can Boards and Colleges prepare for the future of technology and automation?

WORKFORCE AND BURNOUT

- Discuss what factors are contributing to workforce challenges and burnout within **ALL sectors** of pharmacy.
- What solutions do you propose stakeholders consider to help with resolving perceived issues?

UPDATED USP STANDARDS

- What are the pros and cons of a Board of Pharmacy adopting USP Standards for compounding/nonsterile compounding?
- Should Boards of Pharmacy adopt USP Standards by reference in your opinion? Why or why not?

LICENSURE PORTABILITY

- Describe the barriers and opportunities for change that exist with the current pharmacy/pharmacist/technician/intern licensing model.
- Why should or shouldn't licensure portability for pharmacy be a discussion of Boards, Colleges, and all stakeholders?

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- What are the pros and cons of the current continuing education model (i.e., mandates that you must complete certain CE for licensure renewals)?
- How would you propose this changes in the future to improve the model?

AUDIENCE Q&A

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

- Thank you to the panel, moderator, and audience for participating in this discussion.
- Keep an open mind when it comes to challenges and opportunities faced by the profession.
- Having open conversations amongst peers and those outside of health care is important to keep in mind!

QUESTIONS?

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