FLORIDA'S PHARMACISTS IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES

Pharmacists are a valued member of the healthcare team and data shows that there is a need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. The potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services is great, improving health equity and access to care.

Learn More!

QUALIFIED



6+ YLAKS Courses focused on pharmacotherapy, patient education, disease management, and clinical decision-making.



LICENSURE Pharmacists take the North America Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) & Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).



Pharmacists are Highly Qualified Healthcare Providers

DDITIONAL EDUCATION

Many pharmacists complete Post-Graduate Residencies, Fellowships, and/or Board Certification in specialty areas. As of 2004, all pharmacy school graduates earn the PharmD degree...a doctorate degree to reflect the increased complexity of pharmacotherapy and advanced training required for adequate provision of patient care.

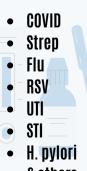
Pharmacists are the Most Accessible Healthcare Professionals



890/0 Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy²

TEST & TREAT

Pharmacists and pharmacies are increasingly offering this public health service of test and treat to promote prevention, early detection, and disease management. Patients are referred when appropriate.



• & others

Annually, Americans visit their pharmacy **35 times** vs. 4 times

at their primary care provider. ³

ACCESSIBLE

Number of pharmacies is **15% higher**

than number of provider's offices

in communities where more than 30% of households live in poverty.⁴



Since May 2020, there has been a 200% increase in the # of pharmacies with CLIA/point of care waivers in the U.S., leading to more pharmacist accessibility for patient care services.⁵

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT



Approximately 50% of all adults in the U.S. have one or more chronic disease conditions ⁶



Chronic conditions account for over 85% of total U.S. health care costs ⁷



Saved for every \$1 spent on pharmacist service.⁸



COVID-19 From February 2020 - November 2022, **Florida pharmacists** 2022 Flu Season pharmacists in the U.S. provided more than are providing flu Pharmacies have given shots 🔀 18.7 Million flu shots WICE VS Millinr the hours offered for 10.7 Million giving immunizations vs. provider's offices 12 given at provider's offices ¹¹ COVID-19 Vaccinations ⁹ COVID-19 tests ⁹ **Engaging Pharmacists & Their Teams** States now authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe antivirals based on a Expanding the number of pharmacies with positive flu test.¹³ test-and-treat sites in medically underserved areas could increase access to Florida pharmacists should be authorized to do this too! COVID-19 treatment fold 10 HIV **OPIOID CRISIS** Pharmacists have been identified by the CDC as 80,000 Americans key professionals in achieving one of the CDC's died from an opioid overdose in 2021.¹⁴ goals of ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. by preventing HIV infection. States authorize average deaths per day ¹⁵ pharmacists to directly prescribe PrEP.¹⁷ Naloxone access laws that grant pharmacists direct States authorize States authorize pharmacists authority to prescribe are pharmacists to directly to administer naltrexone to associated with significant patients.¹⁶ prescribe PEP.¹⁷ reductions in fatal overdoses.

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