Dear Thomas E. Menighan,

On behalf of Million Hearts, I applaud the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) for launching a certificate training program to support the pharmacists’ role in cardiovascular disease risk management.

Million Hearts® is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that brings together communities, health systems, organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners for a common goal: to prevent a million heart attacks and strokes in five years. We are proud of our partnership with APhA and grateful for its contributions to date and to come.

Team-based care, a pillar of Million Hearts®, improves control of high blood pressure, as evidenced by the Community Preventive Service Task Force findings and by real-world exemplars such as the Million Hearts Hypertension Control Champions. Team members bring complementary skills to the task of achieving and maintaining healthy blood pressure and by working closely with patients, safe control--and healthier futures---can be realized for millions.

We celebrate APhA’s leadership in launching their Pharmacy-Based Cardiovascular Disease Risk Management certificate training program to facilitate continued engagement of pharmacists in cardiovascular health. As outlined in the training, pharmacists play a unique and critical role in medication management and adherence, disseminating hypertension-related information and resources, and assisting patients in self-measured blood pressure monitoring.

Thank you APhA for your continued support of Million Hearts and your contributions to cardiovascular health.

Best regards,

Janet Wright, MD, FACC
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