The Philosophy of Pharmaceutical Care
The philosophy behind all of this

- Every major pharmacy organization in the country is pushing for increased pharmacist involvement in and payment for hands-on patient care services
- Multiple national patient care initiatives
- Pharmaceutical care is not the current standard of practice. What you see at work rarely reflects what you hear in class
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- ‘Pharmacy’ believes clinically and financially in increased patient care, but pharmacists have not fully adopted a new practice philosophy.

- Probably a combination of inadequate knowledge (easy to fix), skill (easy to fix), attitude (hard to fix).
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- The literature provides powerful evidence of need for us to change
- Crisis in health care funding, cost of Rx, need to add value to basic commodities like Rx, shrinking reimbursement
- A pharmacist who is unable or unwilling to adapt to a new role is placing a $4 million career at risk
The philosophy behind all of this

- Faculty are using our best estimates of how practice will change to prepare you for what pharmacy will be. This is not necessarily what practice currently is.

- Not to teach this would be irresponsible on our part. Not to learn it is risky on your part.
The philosophy behind all of this

- It’s just not safe to assume the practice you see today is the same practice you’ll be in 10 yrs from now.
- If I’m wrong, I’ve wasted a few class hours and you’ll continue to do what most pharmacists currently do.
- If I’m right but you don’t develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes.....