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2024 Calendar

JANURARY:

Jan 3 NASPA Recharge & Reconnect Leadership Training – Dana Point, CA

Jan 9 NDSHP Journal Club Meeting – Virtual

Jan 23 NDSHP Acute Care Pharmacy Networking Meeting – Virtual

Jan 27 NASPA CPS Winter Meeting – Beaver Creek, CO

FEBRUARY:

Feb 11 NACDS Regional Chain Conference – Bonita Springs, FL

Feb 13 NDSHP Education Meeting – Virtual

Feb 27 NDSHP Pediatric Pharmacy Networking Meeting – Virtual

Feb 28 NCPA Multiple Locations Conference – Fort Myers, FL

MARCH:

Mar 21 NASPA Spring Meeting – Orlanda, FL

Mar 22-25 APhA 2024 Annual Meeting & Exposition – Orlando, FL

NDPhA President's Message

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

As we close the door on 2023, I hope you all have had a cheerful holiday season and a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family (or at least having a more relaxing time than stressful as is sometimes the case during this time of year). It's also a time when we reflect on what we are thankful for from the past year, what we have achieved both personally and professionally, and what we look forward to in the future. For me, I am thankful for all the friendships that I have made by being involved with the North Dakota Pharmacists Association. Pharmacy is a small world in this state and it becomes apparent when you get to know your colleagues and attend events such as district meetings and state conventions.

I am also thankful for a state that supports local pharmacies and legislators who know the importance of pharmacies and health care systems to communities, especially in rural areas. That can be said about local businesses all over the state. A few years ago, during the holiday season, I tried to get as many gifts from local shops as I could. Obviously for some products I had to turn to big box stores or the internet if I couldn't

find what I was looking for, but shopping local makes a difference not only to that business but to our economy and community. In my opinion it's like a patient getting a medication filled at a local pharmacy versus getting it from a large chain or mail order.

Going into this new year, let's not just be thankful for the support we receive from our communities, but also what we can do to support them in return – not just during the holiday season but throughout the year to keep local businesses thriving.

Cheers,

Jamie Nelson, PharmD



Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
from all of us at NDPhA!

NAPT President's Message

Award Nominations

Season's greetings from all of us serving on the NAPT Executive Board. The holidays are a time to reflect and also give thanks for the blessings of the past year. It is a great opportunity for all to show appreciation for those dedicated pharmacy technicians we work with. These pharmacy technicians are there every day to help us all through the daily struggles as they arise. Please take this opportunity to nominate the rockstars on your team for our yearly awards that are given at the NDPhA State Convention.

NAPT Executive Board is seeking nominations for our 2023 Awards:

- DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

*What newly registered pharmacy technician is a valuable member of the profession?

- FRIEND OF NAPT

*Who has shown how important pharmacy technicians are to safe, reliable care and promotes professional growth and advancement?

- DIAMOND AWARD

*What pharmacy technician drives the core of the pharmacy; actively building up the community and team?

- PHARMACY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

*What pharmacy technician is a stand out; showing leadership and professionalism in every aspect of their roll?

Take a moment to recognize those pharmacy technicians who have provided mentorship, exemplify patient care and safety, and/or radiate who we are as professionals.

Submit your nominations today! Due by Feb 26th, 2024.

Call for open executive board positions for 2024-2025

Season's greetings from all of us serving on the NAPT Executive Board. We truly appreciate all the hard work and effort that the North Dakota pharmacy technicians give every day in the pharmacy field. Interested in how to give more and be a part of our executive board? Here is your opportunity! For the 2024-2025 term we have several open positions. The open elected positions that are available are: Secretary and Vice-President. The vice-president position is a 3 year commitment as it moves into President and then to Chairperson. We also have open appointed positions available: Parliamentarian and 2 Member-At-Large positions. Please reach out for more information and to express an interest in any of these openings! I can be reached directly at josierae@yahoo.com, or any board member is happy to be a resource as well.

Best wishes for the upcoming holidays and New Year!

Sincerely,

Josie Quick, RPhTech, CPhT-Adv, CSPT

NAPT President



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NAPT 31ST ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

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Northland Association of Pharmacy Technicians (NAPT) 30th Annual Fall Conference Follow Up

Submitted by: Diane Halvorson, NAPT Fall Conference Chairperson

Thirty Years in the Making: and we've just begun was the theme for the 30th NAPT Annual Fall Conference held on September 22 & 23, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo North Dakota.

With an attendance of over 70, consisting of pharmacy technicians, technicians in training, pharmacists and even a potential future pharmacy career professional in the making. The event focused on historical information, consisting of how NAPT started and the journey to this point, where pharmacy is at today and provided tools for pharmacy technicians to identify potential growth in the profession while encouraging pharmacy technicians to continue to pave the way for expanded/advanced practice of the technician and how the pharmacy practice can continue to evolve to best serve our patients/customers.

This event offered 10 continuing education credits for pharmacy technicians, speakers and topics included:

Speaker	Presentation Title
Mark Hardy	Updates from the Board of Pharmacy
Brody Maack	We are the champions! Pharmacy Technicians as Leaders in Billable Tobacco Treatment
Tyler Rogers	Seasonal Guide in OTC Medications
Barbara Lacher	Back to the Future
Diane Halvorson	Patient Story: Navigating the System to Care for an Aging Parent
Maari Loy	Gearing up for the USP Revisions
Joel Aukes & Craig Lawler	Med Rec Escape Room
Matt Skoy	Cultivating Collaboration
Heidi Eukel	Gratitude, Passion, and Impact: The North Dakota Pharmacy Technician

In addition to the above education opportunity, NAPT also offered an additional track that provided Immunization training. This training opportunity will assist expanding immunization delivery to the citizens of North Dakota.

Special guests were invited to join the attendees during the luncheon. Kathy Kochevar, Kim Durben and Barbara Lacher, who were some of the members that served on the initial steering committee that created NAPT, shared their story of the beginning of NAPT and Kim even brought some of the past NAPT wearables. It was an honor to have these pioneers join current members providing a time to network, discuss the past and expand the visions of others on growing into the future.

Once again, the basket extraordinaire was held during the conference, all proceeds collected during the basket extraordinaire goes directly to the NAPT scholarship fund which is used to support educational and scholarship opportunities. This year the event was hosted by Essentia of Fargo employees with Lori Crandall as the committee chair. Through the dedication of this committee, a great experience was had by attendees and a total of \$1,605.00 was raised.


Special thanks to the NAPT Fall Conference 2023 planning committee members, basket extraordinaire committee members, speakers and invited guests. It is through the collaboration of many that made this event the best it can be! Looking forward to next year where we will be meeting at the Holiday Inn in Bismarck ND on September 20 & 21, 2024.



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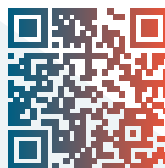
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Pulse by NABP Assists Trading Partners, Including Pharmacies, As FDA Rolls Out DSCSA Provisions, Begins to Enforce Requirements

The Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) represents a significant change in the way regulators ensure the safety and reliability of the prescription drug supply chain within the US. It provides additional tools to combat the serious challenges posed by counterfeit and adulterated drugs and establishes a framework for enhanced tracking and tracing of prescription drug products throughout the supply chain. While the requirements set forth by DSCSA place a burden of responsibility on trading partners within the supply chain, they also present new opportunities for the industry and its regulatory bodies to work together to help ensure the protection of public health.

The DSCSA Implementation Journey

More than a decade ago, the United States pharmacy profession experienced one of the most significant adverse public health tragedies in recent history when improperly compounded and contaminated injectable drugs were produced at the New England Compounding Center and shipped to multiple states. The reckless actions of the pharmacy resulted in a large-scale fungal meningitis outbreak, resulting in at least 750 infections and 64 deaths. Many of the patients who survived the infection continue to experience adverse effects.

In response to these events and to overall concerns about the integrity of the pharmaceutical supply chain, lawmakers in Congress passed the Drug Quality and Security Act with broad bipartisan support. The complex law was divided into two parts. Title I, known as the Compounding Quality Act, gave Food and Drug Administration (FDA) more authority to regulate and monitor compounded drugs that are shipped across state lines. Title II, the DSCSA, established requirements for the tracing of prescription drug products throughout the supply chain.

Full implementation of the DSCSA was to begin on November 27, 2023. However, on August 25, 2023, US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) issued what it refers to as a "Stabilization Policy," — a one-year period of non-enforcement for certain DSCSA requirements.

FDA expects drug supply chain trading partners to use this time to continue complying with all current DSCSA requirements, while also making efforts to comply with new requirements that become effective on November 27, 2023.

DSCSA represents a monumental change to the way medications are tracked and traced as they move through the supply chain. The first major shift occurred in 2015 with the requirement that trading partners be authorized. Since then, the guidance from relevant agencies has gradually gone into effect, with additional requirements for all parts of the supply chain being rolled out as part of the law's implementation. For example, FDA established a publicly available database of wholesale distributors, manufacturers, and repackagers; began serializing products using standardized numerical identifiers; and trading partners are now required to conduct investigations into products that they believe may be suspect or illegitimate.

Current DSCSA Requirements

Some trading partners and regulators may be unaware of DSCSA's currently enforceable requirements. Under the DSCSA, the following requirements currently are in effect:

- Trading partners (manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors, and dispensers of prescription drugs) must be authorized and can only transact (ie, buy, sell, or trade) covered prescription drugs with other Authorized Trading Partners (ATPs).
- ATPs must have in place "verification" systems for identifying and managing suspect and illegitimate products.
- All covered drug packages and homogenous cases that ATPs transact should be imprinted with a product identifier, unless the package or case is grandfathered or subject to an FDA-granted waiver, exception, or exemption.
- ATPs must provide, receive, and maintain lot-level transaction data — the transaction information, transaction history (where required), and transaction statement (also referred to as the "3Ts") — with each transaction with trading partners. Whether lot numbers

must be provided with transaction information and transaction history depends on a variety of factors.

- Upon receiving an appropriate request from a regulator, or government official, an ATP must be able to respond with the lot-level transaction data in its possession.
- Dispensers may only return products to the wholesale distributor from which they purchased the product, and the wholesale distributor must associate the return with transaction data it provided to the dispenser to be able to resell the returned (and otherwise safe) product.
- Manufacturers and repackagers must be able to respond to requests from ATPs to verify product identifiers, that is, confirm that the identifier is one the manufacturer or repackager assigned to a product.
- Trading partners must maintain DSCSA-related compliance records for 6 years.

DSCSA Requirements Can Be Enforced Now

Although the Stabilization Policy will be in place for the next year, certain violations of DSCSA requirements constitute prohibited acts under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and can be enforced. This can result in seizures of products, court-ordered injunctions, and civil and criminal fines and penalties, including imprisonment. Recently, FDA issued a warning letter for DSCSA violations, and the US Department of Justice handed down a criminal indictment against an individual involved in alleged DSCSA violations. State regulators also may bring enforcement actions for violations of the DSCSA.

November 2023 DSCSA Requirements

On November 27, 2023, trading partners are expected to meet all DSCSA requirements. Some of the most important include:

- Interoperable exchange: Trading partners will be required to exchange transaction information and statements in an interoperable, secure, and electronic format that utilizes unique product identifiers at the package level.
- Verification: Trading partners will be required to verify the product identifiers and to validate shipments in certain circumstances.
- Tracing: Trading partners must be able to provide information for each transaction going back to the manufacturer or repackager within one business day,

should FDA or another authorized trading partner request it.

Detection and response: Trading partners must make sure their teams understand how to properly handle, investigate, and report suspicious or illegitimate products.

- Notification: Trading partners must notify FDA and other trading partners within 24 hours of determining that a product is illegitimate or after receiving an illegitimate product notification from FDA or another trading partner.

In summary, the entire supply chain is required to become interoperable, using secure and electronic means to track each medication at the package level.

Facilitating Regulator-Trading Partner Information Exchange

The security of the prescription drug supply chain is a top priority of concern for many boards of pharmacy and other stakeholders, both to meet DSCSA requirements and to ensure patient safety. Recognizing the importance of a seamless transition to meeting the final requirements, NABP collaborated with its member boards of pharmacy and other stakeholders, to develop Pulse by NABP™, a new digital platform that is intended to bring visibility to the drug supply chain and help protect patients from counterfeit or substandard prescription medications.

NABP and IBM Consulting are incorporating solutions into the platform that will address gaps in interoperability identified during workshops and pilots conducted with stakeholders from across the supply chain. For example, trading partners are currently required to participate in "systems of systems" that are often fragmented and focused on single-solution providers. When launched, Pulse is intended to serve as a single, voluntary directory for trading partners. Through this independent platform, authorized trading partners will also have access to product tracing tools, be able to determine the legitimacy of trace requests, and communicate in a mode suited to their needs.

To support organizations navigating the complex process of DSCSA compliance, Pulse will provide access to user-friendly tools and a comprehensive network of verified relationships, enabling consistent communication with trusted trading partners of all sizes across the pharmaceutical supply chain. Pulse will also offer

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educational programs to help platform users prepare for DSCSA compliance.

Digital Platform Designed to Support an Ecosystem

NABP began working on the network for the Pulse platform in fall 2021 after stakeholders from across the industry requested assistance identifying and addressing gaps in interoperability among all sectors and state regulators. The platform has been informed by collaborative input from all sectors of the supply chain, including 12 state boards of pharmacy, 22 solution providers, and over 40 trading partners (consisting of large and small dispensers, wholesalers, and manufacturers). Pilot participants included AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, CVS Health, Genentech, Johnson and Johnson, McKesson, Pfizer, Rite Aid, Sanofi, Walgreens, and other leading organizations.

Powered by automation and other technologies, such as MediLedger Product Verification System, Pulse is designed to integrate application programming interfaces (APIs) from solution providers that allow for searching trading partners, verifying authorized trading partner status, transmitting digital credentials, and electronic tracing. Manufacturers, distributors,

dispensers, regulators, and solution providers will have the opportunity to benefit from the secure, efficient, and trusted communications provided by the Pulse platform. Providing options for small- to large-scale organizations across the supply chain, the intuitive user experience is designed to help reduce manual work.

NABP Support for Trading Partners and Regulators

By leveraging collective expertise and resources, NABP is helping to ensure that the supply chain is well equipped to comply with the legislation. Through ongoing collaboration, NABP further endeavors to support its member boards in fulfilling their regulatory responsibilities, and with this collective effort, the integrity of the supply chain will be strengthened along with the safety and well-being of the public.

Related Resources

For more information about NABP and its initiatives related to the DSCSA, visit nabp.pharmacy.

For educational resources, visit, <https://dscsa.pharmacy/>.

To learn more about how Pulse simplifies DSCSA compliance while furthering NABP's mission of protecting public health, visit <https://pulse.pharmacy>.

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A list of past recipients can be found on our website at North Dakota Pharmacists Association - Awards (nodakpharmacy.net) Scoring details for nominations can also be found on our website listed above. Nominations should be submitted along with biographical information.

PHARMACISTS MUTUAL DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACIST AWARD

The goal of this award is to encourage the newer pharmacists to participate in association and community activities. The award is presented annually to recognize one such person for involvement and dedication to the practice of pharmacy. The recipient must: have received his/her entry degree in pharmacy less than nine years ago; be a pharmacist licensed to practice in North Dakota; a member of NDPhA; have practiced community, institutional, managed care or consulting pharmacy and who has actively participated in national pharmacy associations, professional programs, state association activities and/or community service.

Nominee: _____ Submitted by: _____

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The recipient should be a practicing pharmacist within North Dakota and a member of NDPhA who has demonstrated Innovative Pharmacy Practice resulting in improved patient care.

Nominee: _____ Submitted by: _____

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The recipient must be a pharmacist licensed to practice in North Dakota. The recipient must be a member of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, be living (not presented posthumously); not have been a previous recipient of the award; has compiled an outstanding record for community and pharmacy service.

Nominee: _____ Submitted by: _____

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The recipient must: be a pharmacist licensed to practice in North Dakota; a member of NDPhA; be living (not presented posthumously); not have been a previous recipient of the award; is not currently serving, nor has he/she served within the immediate past two years as an officer of the association in other than an ex-officio capacity or a committee; have compiled outstanding record of community service, which apart from his/her specific identification as a pharmacist, reflects well on the profession.

Nominee: _____ Submitted by: _____

NAPT Award Nominations

It's time again to submit nominations for the NAPT Annual Awards. The purpose of such awards is to acknowledge outstanding performance within the profession. Please take a moment to read through the criteria and consider someone in your professional environment deserving one of these awards.

Past Annual Award Recipients

Distinguished Young Technician

2008 Beena George	2016 Alexandra Spilman
2009 Kerri Ring	2017 Arlene Monson
2010 Kristen Bonness	2018 Amanda Chase
2011 Christina Bohl	2019 Cheri Roth
2012 Jennifer Joyce	2020 Susan O'Brien
2013 Anne Revier	2021 Stephen Philmon
2014 Brittany Sanders	2022 Lauren Jackson
2015 Autumn Guilbert	2023 Ashley Bommersbach

Pharmacy Technician of the Year

1996 Kathy Kochevar	2010 Kristen Striha
1997 Robin Nelson	2011 No recipient
1998 Barbara Lacher	2012 Kristina Foster
1999 Kim Durben	2013 Darcy Speidel
2000 Becky Prodzinski	2014 Lindsay Prochnow
2001 Diane Halvorson	2015 Donna Kisse
2002 Jeanette Bleecker	2016 Sharon Kupper
2003 Sarah Meyer	2017 No recipient
2004 Denise Arends	2018 Heather Mikkelsen
2005 Brittany Coughlin	2019 Tammy Burquist
2006 Marisa Dolbeare	2020 Ashley Mauch
2007 Shayla Maier	2021 Allison Hauge
2008 Danika Braaten	2022 Kera Hagen
2009 Lana Bernhardt	2023 Chad Cantone

Friend of NAPT

2008 Dr. William Grosz	2016 Craig Lawler
2009 Al Schwindt	2017 Diane Halvorson
2010 Dakota Drug	2018 Kim Essler
2011 Howard Anderson, Jr.	2019 Mark Hardy
2012 Irsfeld Pharmacy	2020 TCT Pilot Sites
2013 Mike Schwab	2021 Heidi Eukel
2014 Gerald Finken	2022 Kathy Zahn
2015 Chris Jerry	2023 Lillie Lambert & Amanda Chase

Diamond Award

2008 Barbara Lacher	2016 Robin Nelson
2009 Kathy Kochevar	2017 Kerri Ring
2010 Diane Halvorson	2018 Kristina Larson
2011 Kerstin Sand	2019 Brianne Nelson
2012 Mary Krogh	2020 Alexandra Spilman
2013 Patricia Olson	2021 Vicki Schultz
2014 Eileen Darkow	2022 GerriAnn Ellingson
2015 Michelle Goodman	2023 Lori Crandall

Distinguished Young Technician

Minimum Selection Criteria:

- The nominee shall be a practicing Pharmacy Technician of less than 10 years
- The nominee shall be registered as a Pharmacy Technician in North Dakota
- The nominee displays passion to the Pharmacy Technician profession and strives for excellence in the Profession of Pharmacy
- The nominee exemplifies work ethic in the Profession of Pharmacy

Nominations accepted from:

- North Dakota Registered Pharmacy Technician
- North Dakota Licensed Pharmacist
- Practicing professional in the medical field

The Executive Board of NAPT will choose the recipient from the nominations received.

NAPT Pharmacy Technician of the Year

Minimum Selection Criteria:

- The nominee shall be registered as a Pharmacy Technician in North Dakota
- The nominee exemplifies the work ethic in the Profession of Pharmacy
- The nominee has not been a past recipient of the award
- The nominee demonstrates the key elements of the Pharmacy Technician Profession and demonstrates an outstanding record of pharmacy service

Nominations accepted from:

- North Dakota Registered Pharmacy Technician
- North Dakota Licensed Pharmacist
- Practicing professional in the medical field

The selection committee shall consist of the 10 most recent recipients of the award who currently are a Registered Pharmacy Technician in North Dakota.

Friend of NAPT

Minimum Selection Criteria:

- The nominee has not been a past recipient of the award
- The nominee has been an advocate of NAPT and the Profession of Pharmacy Technicians
- The nominee can be a person(s) working in the Profession of Pharmacy; a person, group, organization, or practicing in the medical field or
- North Dakota Licensed Pharmacist

Nominations will be accepted from any ND Registered Pharmacy Technician.

The Executive Board of NAPT will choose the recipient from the nominations received.

Diamond Award

Minimum Selection Criteria:

- The nominee shall be registered as a Pharmacy Technician in North Dakota
- The nominee has not been a past recipient of the award
- The nominee is not currently serving as an officer of NAPT
- The nominee has compiled an outstanding record of community and pharmacy service

Nominations accepted from:

- North Dakota Registered Pharmacy Technician
- North Dakota Licensed Pharmacist
- Practicing professional in the medical field

The Executive Board of NAPT will choose the recipient from the nominations received.

Nominations are to be sent to: NDPhA, Attn: NAPT Awards Nominating Committee, 1641 Capitol Way, Bismarck ND 58501

Or Fax: 701-258-9312 or e-mail: jjohnson@nodakpharmacy.net

Deadline for nominations is: February 26th, 2024

NAPT Award Nominations

Nomination Application for NAPT Awards



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the application form
2. Using additional paper answer the questions specific to the award criteria as well as share the highlights of your nominee

Nominee Name(s): _____

Award (select one): _____ NAPT Pharmacy Technician of the Year _____ Distinguished Young Pharmacy Technician
_____ Friend of NAPT Award _____ Diamond Award

Nomination(s) submitted by: Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Title (select one): _____ North Dakota Register Pharmacy Technician _____ North Dakota Licensed Pharmacist
_____ Practicing professional in the medical field _____ Practicing professional in the medical field

Distinguished Young Pharmacy Technician: Nominee Name: _____

1. Describe how the nominee displays passion to the Pharmacy Technician profession and strives for excellence in the Profession of Pharmacy:
2. Describe how the nominee exemplifies work ethic in the Profession of Pharmacy:

Friend of NAPT: Nominee Name(s): _____

1. Describe how the nominee has been an advocate of NAPT:
2. Describe how the nominee has been an advocate for the Profession of Pharmacy Technicians:

NAPT Pharmacy Technician of the Year: Nominee Name: _____

1. Describe how the nominee exemplifies work ethic in the Profession of Pharmacy:
2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates the key elements of the Pharmacy Technician Profession and demonstrates an outstanding record of pharmacy service.

Diamond Award: Nominee Name: _____

1. Describe how the nominee has compiled an outstanding record of community service.
2. Describe how the nominee has compiled an outstanding record of pharmacy service:

Submit your nomination(s) to NDPhA, ATTN: NAPT Awards Nominating Committee

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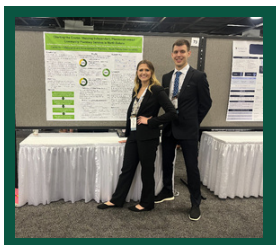


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NDSU ONE Program Receives Award

ONE Program, participating pharmacists and pharmacies share in statewide Trailblazer Award

By Carol Renner, Office of the Dean, Marketing/Communication Lead, NDSU School of Pharmacy



Governor Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum present the North Dakota Trailblazer Award to the ONE Program. Accepting the award are Dr. Mark Strand and Dr. Heidi Eukel, ONE Program team members.

The Opioid and Naloxone Education Program in the NDSU School of Pharmacy received the 2023 Trailblazer Award from North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum at the Recovery Reinvented 7th annual conference held in Minot, North Dakota this fall.

"This award recognizes the hard work and community focus of pharmacists and technicians across the state who have received ONE Program training and implemented the program in their pharmacies," said Dr. Heidi Eukel, ONE Program team member who accepted the award along with ONE Program team member Dr. Mark Strand.

"Across North Dakota, individuals, communities, and organizations are working hard to reinvent recovery, eliminating the shame and stigma of addiction, and treating it like the disease it is," said Gov. Burgum during the award presentation.

"The Trailblazer Award recognizes an individual or group who creatively opens new pathways for people to be supported in their recovery," explained First Lady Kathryn Burgum at the conference. "That person also thinks

outside the box and charts a course that inspires others to follow. The program established by these trailblazers is proactively helping patients in communities," said First Lady Kathryn Burgum.

The ONE Program helps address potential prescription opioid misuse and overdose as soon as a patient picks up their prescription from their local pharmacy. Since the ONE Program began in 2018, trained pharmacists have provided screenings to help more than 25,000 patients.

Pharmacists and pharmacies enrolled in the collaborative statewide program receive training on how to screen patients for risk of misuse; educate patients on opioid harm reduction; provide naloxone; and learn how to counsel and refer patients to resources available in the community.

"We want to acknowledge the hundreds of professionals who have done the hard work in our communities to make this program a success," said Dr. Heidi Eukel upon accepting the statewide honor. "This includes the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, our other ONE Program team members, the 300 pharmacists that have been trained and have been executing this

NDSU ONE Program Receives Award Cont.

program, and our local public health units all across the state who have joined us in this collaboration,” said Eukel.

“We also need to recognize the leadership of Governor Burgum and First Lady Kathryn Burgum, along with many people in the state, who have transformed understanding of substance use disorder,” said Dr. Mark Strand. “It’s now recognized as a disease from which people can recover.”

The ONE Program team at NDSU includes: Dr. Heidi Eukel, Dr. Oliver Frenzel, Dr. Lisa Nagel, Dr. Elizabeth Skoy, Dr. Jayme Steig, Dr. Mark Strand, Dr. Amy Werremeyer, along with NDSU students Alyssa Hodges, Isaiah Ratz, Shraddha Adhikari, Anna Benson, Elizabell Delgado and many other students and graduate assistants over the past six years.

Recently, the ONE Program announced a collaboration with Public Health Units across North Dakota called Be the ONE. This initiative helps local public health offices place self-contained boxes with all the tools needed to safely provide life-saving naloxone to someone experiencing an overdose. Local public health professionals offer training to community members and provide boxes in public areas in the community.

Evidence-based research results about the ONE Program have been published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, INNOVATIONS in Pharmacy, Substance Abuse, Journal of the American Pharmacists Association, Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy, American Journal of Public Health, Preventing Chronic Disease, Journal of Pharmacy Technology, and other publications.



Dr. Mark Strand and Dr. Heidi Eukel accepted the North Dakota Trailblazer Award on behalf of the ONE Program and the many team members and organizations participating in the program.



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CAP Center Symposium focuses on implementation science

By Dr. Lisa Nagel, Director of Operations, Center for Collaboration and Advancement in Pharmacy at NDSU



The CAP Center team pictured here includes Dr. Mark Strand, Dr. Lisa Nagel, Dr. Emily Perry, along with keynote speaker Dr. Katy Trinkley, Dr. Elizabeth Skoy, Dr. Amy Werremeyer, and Dr. Jayme Steig.

The Center for Advancement and Collaboration in Pharmacy, known as the CAP Center at NDSU, connects with others across the state to develop ways to positively impact patients.

The CAP Center hosted its Third Annual Symposium on November 3. This year's symposium focused on implementation science, which is a process used to understand and improve the uptake and implementation of evidence-based practices and programs in healthcare. The symposium focused on how to engage partners to advance, implement and evaluate projects that enhance patient outcomes and improve population health. The methods move projects from ideas into action.

During the day-long event, CAP Center current and potential collaborators came together to discuss their experiences and strategies for implementing successful programs. Dr. Katy Trinkley, a pharmacist and nationally recognized expert in implementation science, served as keynote speaker at the event.

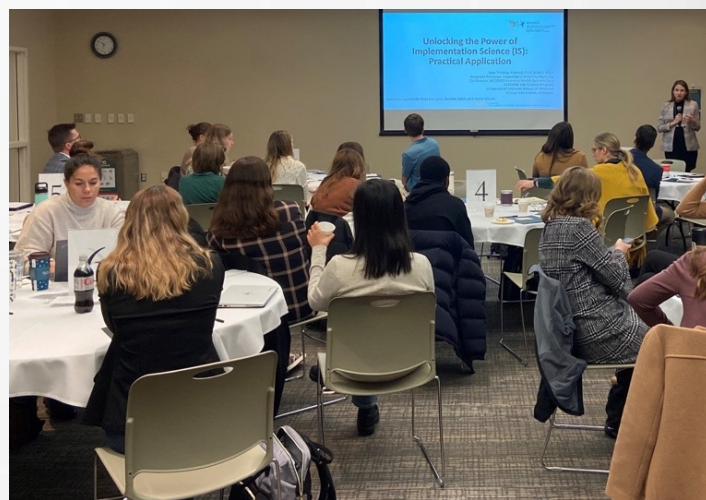
The symposium provided an opportunity for participants to learn from one another and to collaborate on ways to improve patient outcomes. NDSU faculty members

Dr. Brody Maack, Dr. Heidi Eukel, Dr. Mark Strand and Dr. Elizabeth Skoy shared their experiences utilizing implementation science in the Pharmacy Service Enhancement Project, the ONE Program, and various CAP Center projects, respectively.

Attendees discussed current or future project ideas that would benefit from the use of implementation science and created a framework to incorporate what they learned. Pharmacy professionals played a particularly important role in the discussion, given their expertise in medication management and their ability to work closely with patients.

By working together, these healthcare professionals were able to identify strategies to overcome barriers to implementation and develop plans for future collaboration. The group included professionals in public health, nursing, faculty from NDSU Department of Health and Human Sciences, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, representatives from Quality Health Associates and the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services.

The CAP Center symposium provided an important forum for healthcare collaborators to share knowledge and expertise, with the goal of improving patient care and outcomes. If you have questions on implementation science and how it could help in your setting, please contact NDSUCAPCenter@ndsu.edu for more information.



Pharmaceutical sciences research supports future discoveries

By Carol Renner, Office of the Dean, Marketing/Communication Lead, NDSU School of Pharmacy

Multiple faculty and student teams in NDSU Pharmaceutical Sciences are involved in research to treat and prevent disease. Recent areas of research include:

A \$3.2 million federal grant from the National Institutes of Health to Dr. Jagdish Singh, chair and professor in Pharmaceutical Sciences, will be used to investigate whether increasing a specific protein called VGF in the brain could help treat Alzheimer's Disease when delivered through an I.V. or via a nasal spray.

A \$1.4 million five-year grant to Dr. Sathish Venkatachalem, associate professor in Pharmaceutical Sciences, covers research on "Communicating Lung Dysfunction to the Brain in Alzheimer's Disease."

Yagna Jarajapu, associate professor, received a \$2.2 million NIH grant over five years to determine if MrgD activators will delay or reverse cognitive decline with aging. Another Transformative Project Award of \$300,000 from the American Heart Association will be used to test if blockade of the the β -Splice Variant of TERT restores reparative functions of diabetic stem cells to create cell-based therapies for diabetic vascular diseases.

In a separate grant award, Stefan Vetter, research assistant professor, received a one-year \$100,000 grant from a National Institutes of Health initiative titled "Illuminating the Druggable Genome" to study CAMKV, suspected to play a role in mental disorders, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

Pharmaceutical sciences research conducted at NDSU also gives graduate and undergraduate students opportunities to engage in activities, providing experience to enhance their future careers.

A recent list compiled by Stanford University placed several pharmaceutical sciences researchers at NDSU among the top 100,000 scientists in the world. The list ranks more than six million researchers from 22 fields based on various basic citation indicators, including number of citations received by the scientist's research articles and research output over the past year and over their career.

Dr. Buddhadev Layek, Dr. Kristine Steffen, and Dr. Jagdish Singh were recognized as top-cited for their research from 2022. In addition, Singh was recognized as conducting top-cited research during the entirety of his career. Stanford compiles the list called "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators" using data from the abstract and citation database Scopus.



Pharmaceutical sciences research at NDSU contributes to understanding of disease prevention and treatment, providing graduate and undergraduate students opportunities to enhance their future careers.

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