

PENNSYLVANIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION



Pennsylvania
Pharmacists
Association

September 4th, 2018
Room 402

MEMBERSHIP



- Pitt continually dominates membership amongst all pharmacy schools in PA!
- Many benefits!
- Never too late to join!
- Register at papharmacists.com - \$20

Megha Patel

map273@pitt.edu

(So Important!)

- PharmPAC: Pharmacy Political Action Committee.
- 1878 Society: a special society of ONLY students who have contributed to the PharmPAC
- Call to Action on Pharmacy Related Issues!
- Legislative Day!!!

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Kiana Green
krg50@pitt.edu





GRASP PROGRAM

Government Relations
Advocacy for Student
Pharmacists

- Understand how government impacts pharmacy practices
- Prepare for Legislative Day
 - Online modules completed at your pace
 - Final module is attending legislative day
- Great CV Booster
- Contact Abby Kois (akk54@pitt.edu)

- Serves to improve children's awareness and understanding of medicine and its use
 - Candy vs. Medicine
- Give presentations at local schools and after-care
- Teach kids about the role of the pharmacist
- Similar to APhA's OTC Med Safety Program
- Works Closely with Poison Prevention Center

KATY'S KIDS PROGRAM



Divya Patel
dap133@pitt.edu



DEAN'S THEME: OPERATION HEART

Mara Cubellis
mac466@pitt.edu

- Our Focus: Blood Pressure
- Always open to new ideas!
- Come Brainstorm with us at the Fall Leadership Retreat! 9/18 @5:30
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevemJ08toRKgmN0RUi300GWte9d0RBI8IHe0urk5Y5Xpf0vg/viewform>

- Follow our Facebook
- Facebook: University of Pittsburgh PPA Chapter
 - <https://www.facebook.com/pittppa/?fref=ts>
- Follow the Statewide PPA Facebook and Twitter Pages for their events and updates too!
 - ◆ Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association
 - ◆ SPPA-Student Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

COMMUNICATIONS



Emily Dell
eed29@pitt.edu



ACPA's 2018 Annual Picnic

Wednesday, September 12th at 6 PM
Anderson Pavilion, Schenley Park

ACPA Annual Picnic = Food + Networking + Kickball



FREE for ACPA members and
\$5 for non-members.

Register Now!

<https://www.papharmacists.com/event/ACPA2018AnnualPicnic>

HOW TO JOIN PPA

Membership: Megha Patel
map273@pitt.edu

1. Go to papharmacists.com
 2. Select “Join Now” in the top right corner
 3. Choose “Pharmacy Students” as member type
 4. Enter registration information
 5. Select membership package--multiple year bundles save you \$\$\$
 6. Fill out member information
 7. Continue and pay (\$22)!
- YOUR ALLEGHENY COUNTY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PPA MEMBERSHIP (aka invites to free dinners in the burgh with pharmacists)

ANNUAL MEETING

- Diabetes Challenge
- Register ASAP!
- Follow up with E-Board if interested!
- MUST fill out travel reimbursement form on PoRxtal to be eligible reimbursement



GROWING
OUR
FUTURE

140 Years and Counting

October 18-21, 2018 - Lancaster, Pa

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
DOUBLE TREE RESORT BY HILTON

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PPCN INNOVATION & PAYER FORUM

(BY INVITATION ONLY)

OPIOID/SUBSTANCE ABUSE CE'S

HEALTH SYSTEM TRACK

RESIDENCY SHOWCASE

SPECIAL MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS DINNER

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

What should I care about?

MAIN PRIORITIES

Just to name a few!



- **Unfair Pharmacy Reimbursement:**
House Bill 2212. PPA is advocating for fair reimbursement rates for community pharmacies. Almost 90 percent of Pennsylvania Medicaid patients are served by Managed-care companies that contract with the state. In turn, those companies contract with pharmacy benefit managers (PBM's) for their pharmacy programs to decide which drugs will be covered and how much to reimburse the pharmacies that fill the prescriptions. These severe pharmacy reimbursement cuts by specific PBM's are forcing pharmacies to operate in the red.
- **Provider Status:** PPA is working with national pharmacy organizations to promote "provider status" by advocating for the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act (H.R. 592 / S.109). These bills would allow Medicare Part B to utilize pharmacists to their full capability by providing services to underserved beneficiaries. Pennsylvania's over 16,000 pharmacists can play a vital role in enhancing access to patient care in the 59 counties currently designated as "medically underserved."