
WELCOME TO SASP

Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy

NASP



STUDENT CHAPTER

Investing in the Future of Specialty Pharmacy Practice

What is specialty pharmacy?

- Specialty pharmacy is a unique industry where pharmacists work with expensive, complicated, and rare medications and disease states and focus on working alongside the patient to provide care.
- Specialty pharmacy is a “high-touch” setting, where counseling and patient experience are central to the pharmacist’s role

What do specialty pharmacists do?

- Adherence management
- Financial assistance/benefits investigation
- Assistance with prior authorization
- Patient education and adverse effect counseling
- Patient monitoring for safety/efficacy

Introductions

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What is SASP?

- The Student Association of Specialty Pharmacy (SASP) aims to enhance student awareness and knowledge of this growing field, rare diseases, and orphan drugs. Through professional development, education, and networking with specialty pharmacists, students can prepare for careers in specialty pharmacy and gain exposure to the issues facing pharmacy today

- We are one only of five active chapters in the United States!
 - The Ohio State University
 - University at Buffalo
 - University of Pittsburgh ***
 - University of Wisconsin – Madison
 - University of South Carolina



RareMed

Events from last year

PANTHERx



Valeda Health



Guest Speakers



Dr. Vanscoy



Dr. Einodshofer

Plans for this year

- **Speakers**
 - Fellows from PANTHERx Specialty
 - Dr. Gordon J. Vanscoy
 - Specialty pharmacists from Chartwell

- **Tour of PANTHERx and RareMed and Valeda**
- **Shadow a pharmacist at PANTHERx**
- **Journal Club/Top drugs**

Membership Benefits

- Free access to the NASP Center for Specialty Pharmacy Education
- Receive the Daily Specialty Pharmacy SmartBrief, Quarterly NASP Membership Newsletter, and Biweekly Washington Regulatory and Legislative Updates
- Participate in NASP governance
- Annual Meeting & Expo (discounted registration)
- Networking

How to Join

HOW TO JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY (NASP)

1. Go to <https://nasp.wildapricot.org/Join-NASP>
2. Scroll to the bottom and select “Individual - Student/Trainee - \$25.00”
3. Click next and enter your pitt email address
4. Click next and enter the demographic info
 - a. For “company:” enter none
 - b. You may use your school address for “company address”
 - c. For “Are you (please select one):” select student/trainee
 - d. For “primary employment or practice setting:” select other
 - e. For “primary professional role:” select student/trainee
 - f. Upload a photo of your Pitt student ID
5. Click next and choose and enter your payment information

P1 Representative

- Elected P1 student to provide information about SASP events & speakers to the class
- A great way to get involved in the organization and be a part of an executive board

- Email pittsasp@gmail.com a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about why you want to be involved in SASP and why you think you would be good for the job by **Monday 9/30 @ 5pm**

- E-board will vote and the representative will be notified

Next Meeting?

Wednesday, October 10/30 in room 402 @12pm

- Dr. Doug Gebhard from RareMed will be coming to speak about specialty pharmacy, his career path, and his current role.

THANKS FOR COMING!

Reach out to Madeline or Megan with any questions!

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