



Addressing the COVID-19 Crisis: An Open Forum Webinar Series for Pharmacists

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Today's Focus:

Discuss board of pharmacy perspectives on maintaining pharmacist authorities and flexibilities beyond the public health emergency.



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Format for Today's Webinar

1:00 pm: Introductions

1:05 pm: Interview with Al Carter and John Kirtley

1:25 pm: Open Forum Q&A

1:50 pm: Wrap Up: Review of APhA's Ongoing Activities and What's Coming

Open Forum Ground Rules

- Use the **Questions** field on the GoToWebinar toolbar to submit comments and questions related to the topic discussion
- Individuals whose submissions are selected will be asked by the moderator to state the comment or question for the audience. The line for the individual will be unmuted to read their comment or question.
- To maximize the number of questions/comments addressed, a **60-second time limit** will be in effect for everyone to state their question or comment.
- We will try to get to as many comments and questions as possible. We have created a new forum for COVID-19 discussions where further discussion post-webinar. Information on participating in this forum will be provided at the end of the open forum.



Interview with Al Carter and John Kirtley

Discuss board of pharmacy perspectives on maintaining pharmacist authorities and flexibilities beyond the public health emergency.

Polling Question

Have you ever attended a Board of Pharmacy meeting?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. No, but I'm interested in attending

Open Forum Discussion: A Minute for Your Thoughts *Comments, Questions, Feedback*

Review of APhA's Ongoing Activities and What's Coming



American Pharmacists Month

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October is American Pharmacists Month

pharmacistsmonth.com

Get Involved in American Pharmacists Month

Throughout the month we will be recognizing important dates and timelines.

Here are some tips to get involved:

- Follow APhA on Facebook (@apharmacists), Twitter (@pharmacists), and LinkedIn to spread the word about your role as a care provider.
- Like, share, and retweet our posts.
- Tag APhA in your APhM2020 social content.
- Use the official APhM hashtags: #APhM2020 and #pharmacistsmonth

Dates & Details to Remember

September 25: World Pharmacists Day –
#worldpharmacistday

October 1: The Start of APhM!

Make sure you update your social media profiles with APhM Facebook frame and graphics.

October 12: Women Pharmacist Day:
#womenpharmacistday

October 20: National Pharmacy Technician Day
#rxtechday



Advocating for You on Coronavirus



New Drug Pricing Policies

- Drug Importation
 - Importation by wholesalers and pharmacists of certain Canadian drugs
 - Importation by the manufacturer of FDA-approved drugs, biologics, and combination products marketed in other countries
 - Individual Waiver Importation Plans (IWIPs) (personal importation) that make it possible for patients to obtain a waiver from HHS that would allow them to purchase an imported prescription drug from permitted U.S. state-licensed pharmacies
 - Insulin Reimportation Programs, which would allow insulin manufactured in the U.S. and exported to foreign countries to be reimported into the U.S. by a person other than the manufacturer of the insulin
- FQHC 340B Pricing to patients for Insulin and Epinephrine
- Executive Order – America First Healthcare Plan

Pharmacy vs PBM Showdown at the Supreme Court – October 6

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Pre-game analysis

October 5 @ 5 p.m. ET

www.facebook.com/commpharmacy

NCPA Facebook page; recording available at same site afterward

Supreme Court arguments

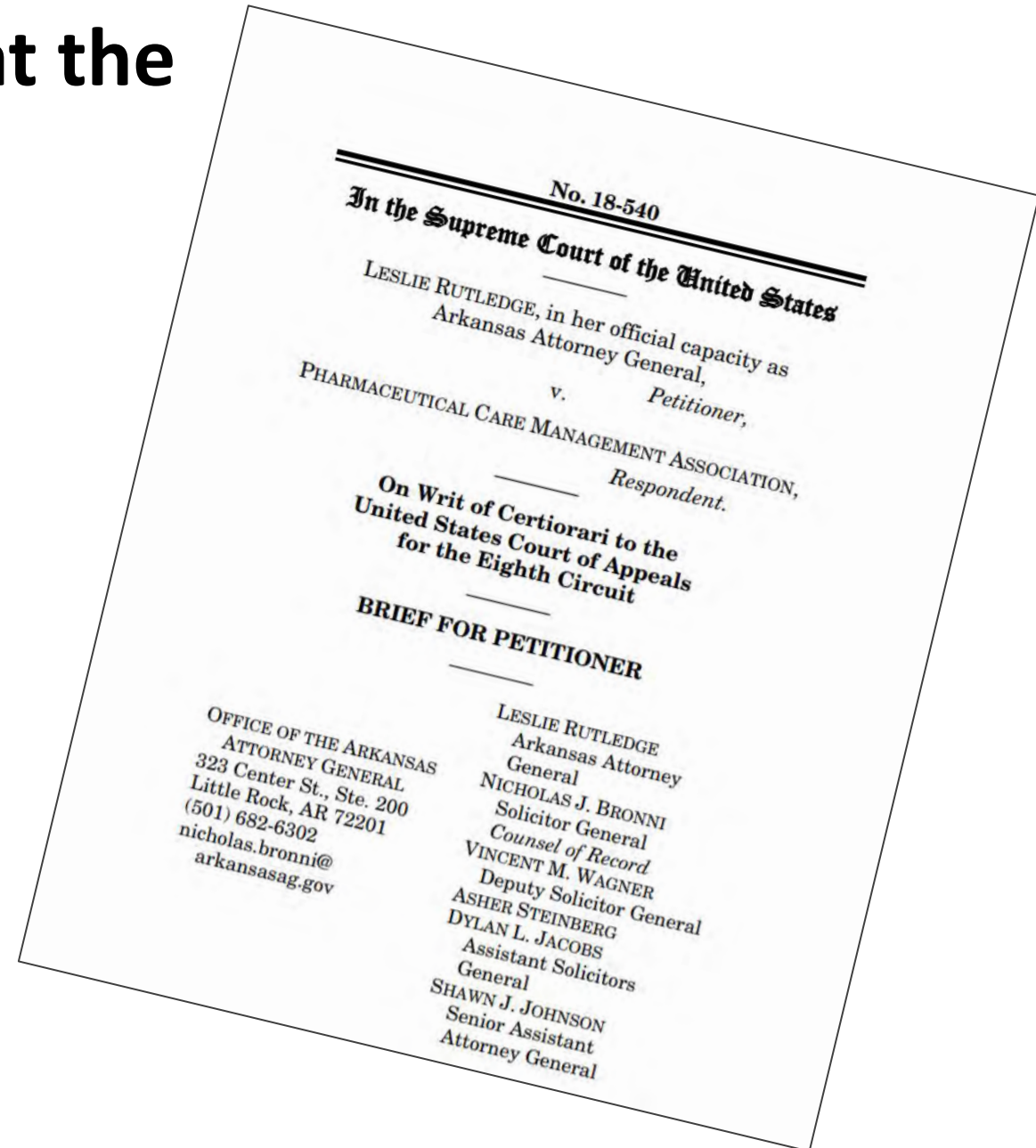
October 6 @ 10 a.m. ET (by phone)

May be available live on C-SPAN TV or website

More info to come

Details and updates can be found at:

www.pharmacist.com/SCOTUS



Take Action Now!

APhA HQ @pharmacists · Jul 14

While Congress considers the next phase of [#COVID19](#) legislation, make your voice heard now on reimbursement for [#pharmacists](#) under Part B for COVID-19 and influenza services during this emergency: [actioncenter.pharmacist.com/campaign/coron...](https://actioncenter.pharmacist.com/campaign/coronavirus/)



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It's Game Time! Tell Congress Pharmacists Can Help Fight COVID-19 and Influenza!

- Your immediate participation will help spur conversation within Congress about the need for pharmacists' provider status during the public health emergency.
- We need ALL of our representatives to advocate to Congressional leadership in both parties to ensure this receives the attention it – and our patients – deserve so it is included in the next legislative package!

Take Action Now!

Congress is currently crafting new emergency legislation to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact your federal legislators immediately and ask them to allow pharmacists to test Medicare patients for COVID-19 and influenza.

☒ Allow American Pharmacists Association to contact me about important future issues

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To take action now, go to: <https://actioncenter.pharmacist.com/campaign/coronavirus/>

To learn about how you can call your representatives, contact Mary-Ryan Douglass at mrDouglass@aphanet.org

APhA COVID-19 Resources: Know the Facts



Practical Information for Pharmacists to Know Now

Check out the library of [practice resources here](#)

APhA COVID-19 RESOURCES: KNOW THE FACTS

Pharmacists' Authority to Immunize During COVID-19

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently expanded COVID-19 and childhood vaccine authority for pharmacists and pharmacy interns nationwide during the public health emergency. To optimize these opportunities provided by the HHS authorizations and increase access for the communities you serve, it's important to know what's expected and prepare for your expanded role as an immunizer. **The most important thing you can do right now is review the requirements and ensure you meet the education requirements.**

| Requirement | COVID-19 Vaccinations | Childhood Vaccinations |
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| Individuals Authorized | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-licensed pharmacists to order and administer State-licensed or registered pharmacy interns acting under the supervision of the qualified pharmacist to administer | |
| Patient Age | 3 years or older | 3-18 years old |
| Vaccine | FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed | FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed |
| ACIP Guidelines/Recommendations | COVID-19 vaccine recommendations | Standard Immunization Schedules |
| Pharmacist Training | An ACPE-approved practical training program of at least 20 hours that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. Resources: APhA's Certificate Training Program for Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery meets this requirement. | |
| Pharmacy Intern Training | An ACPE-approved practical training program (similar to pharmacist training requirement) | An ACPE-approved practical training program that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines. |
| Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation | The pharmacist and pharmacy intern must have a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation. | |
| Continuing Education | The pharmacist must complete a minimum of two hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related continuing pharmacy education during each state licensing period. Resources: Access APhA's Education Library for Immunization CPE. | |

Continues

APhA COVID-19 RESOURCES: KNOW THE FACTS

Pharmacists' Authority to Test for COVID-19

Many entities are involved in determining a pharmacist's ability to order and administer tests in the COVID-19 pandemic. Pharmacists' authority to order and administer tests is determined by state scope of practice and may be supported or limited by regulations and policies that are in place with each of these entities. This resource answers questions about authority from the federal level to the state level. Pharmacists are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their specific state and local entities that would support or limit pharmacists' authority to order and administer COVID-19 tests.

HHS OASH Guidance for Pharmacists

FDA Authorization of Tests

CMS CLIA Certificate of Waiver Process

State CLIA Requirements

State Pharmacist Scope of Practice

Employer Policies

Can pharmacists order and administer tests?

April 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) released [Guidance for Licensed Pharmacists, COVID-19 Testing, and Immunity under the PREP Act](#), which authorized "licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests, including serology tests, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized." The guidance also noted that pharmacists ordering and administering tests pharmacists "will qualify as 'covered persons' under the PREP Act," which provides liability immunity for any loss related to intermeasures to COVID-19. The guidance did not address state scope of practice considerations, the need for pharmacies to have CLIA Certificates of Waiver, consent for services, and many other factors that could facilitate or limit pharmacists' ability to order and administer tests for COVID-19.

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APhA COVID-19 RESOURCES: KNOW THE FACTS

Telehealth in Your Pharmacy Practice

Using Innovative Technology to Care for Patients During COVID-19

As essential health care providers, pharmacists need to be able to continue to effectively provide clinical care. This is specifically important for patients requiring monitoring and management. Telehealth can be an effective tool for patients. Being informed and knowing how to use technology is key to successful clinical care.

Pharmacists and the government as a whole have established practices using telehealth remotely supervising technicians and management (MTM), chronic disease state management, and potential medication interactions. Pharmacists are asked questions for applying telehealth to

HHS defines telehealth as the "use of information technologies to support and promote long-distance education, public health, and health

Technologies are considered telehealth?

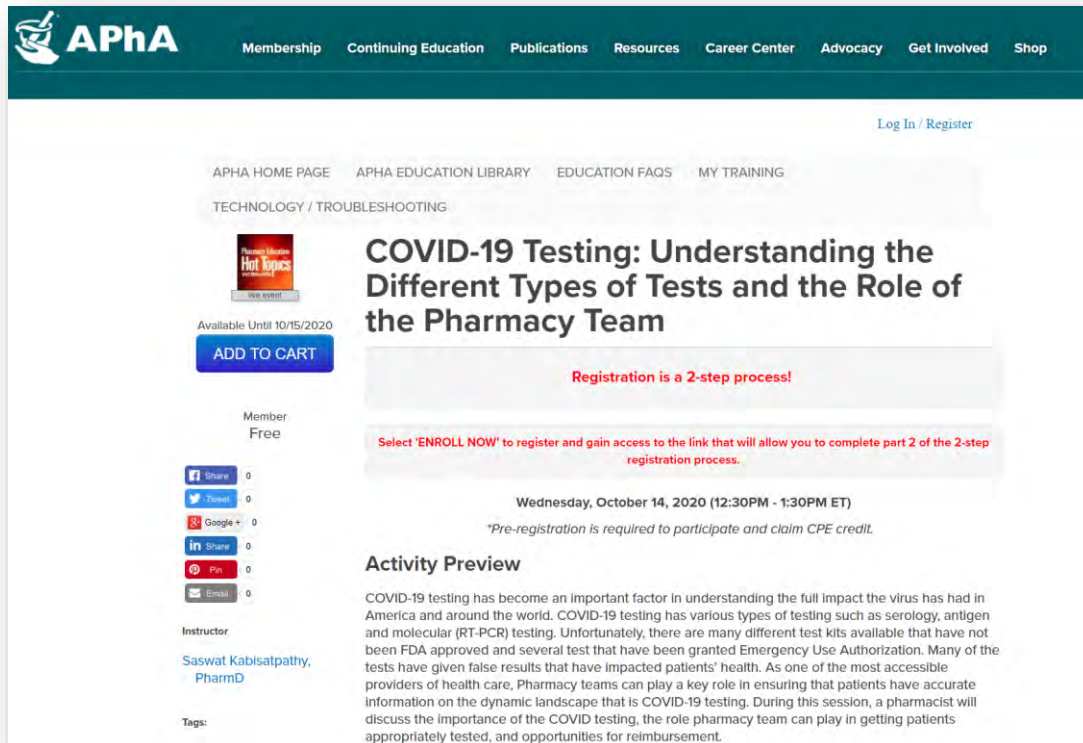
Telehealth technologies. These "include asynchronous, synchronous, and landline and mobile, for example, through audio [e.g., telephone], video, or text technology, including videoconferencing and other technologies can be service- and payer-specific.

Telehealth for providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic

communication channels when delivering care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the HHS guidance through HHS that has loosened of "non-public-facing technologies." These technologies include messenger video chat, Skype, Zoom, Google Hangouts, and other telehealth technologies. Individual is communicating to see what is

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COVID-19 Education Opportunities – CE Available



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COVID-19 Testing: Understanding the Different Types of Tests and the Role of the Pharmacy Team

Available Until 10/15/2020

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Instructor: Saswat Kabisatpathy, PharmD

Tags:

Registration is a 2-step process!

Select 'ENROLL NOW' to register and gain access to the link that will allow you to complete part 2 of the 2-step registration process.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (12:30PM - 1:30PM ET)

*Pre-registration is required to participate and claim CPE credit.

Activity Preview

COVID-19 testing has become an important factor in understanding the full impact the virus has had in America and around the world. COVID-19 testing has various types of testing such as serology, antigen and molecular (RT-PCR) testing. Unfortunately, there are many different test kits available that have not been FDA approved and several test that have been granted Emergency Use Authorization. Many of the tests have given false results that have impacted patients' health. As one of the most accessible providers of health care, Pharmacy teams can play a key role in ensuring that patients have accurate information on the dynamic landscape that is COVID-19 testing. During this session, a pharmacist will discuss the importance of the COVID testing, the role pharmacy team can play in getting patients appropriately tested, and opportunities for reimbursement.

COVID-19 Testing: Understanding the Different Types of Tests and the Role of the Pharmacy Team

Live Hot Topic Webinar - October 14th from 12:30-1:30pm ET

In Case You Missed It:

- [Psychological Impact of COVID-19 on Patients and Their Providers](#)
- [Catch Up and Keep Up with Immunizations in the Era of COVID-19](#)
- [APhA Quick Quiz: COVID-19 and Psychology](#)

COVID-19 Education Opportunities – **CE Available**

Coming Soon:

Pediatric Immunization Refresher for Pharmacists

- 2 hours of CPE focused on pediatric immunizations
 - A review of pediatric immunization administration techniques
 - A review of pediatric vaccines
- Meets HHS requirements for pharmacists to provide pediatric immunizations!
- Only \$39 for APhA members/\$59 for non-members



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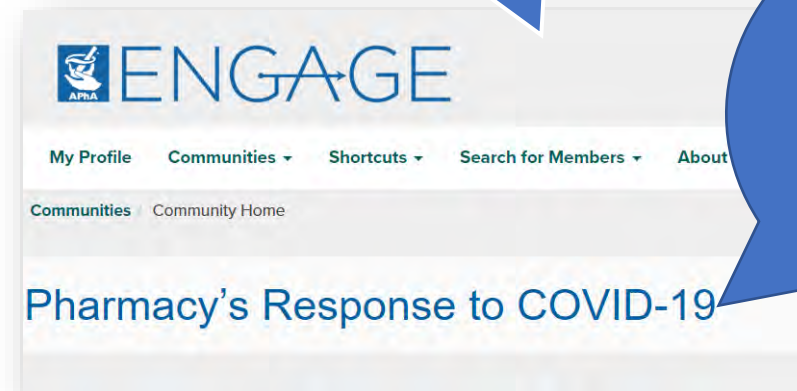
Pharmacy's Response to COVID-19

POST your questions

SHARE your lessons learned

SUPPORT your colleagues

ACCESS the latest information



What changes during the pandemic do you want to see made permanent?

Have you utilized the NABP Passport to practice across state lines?

Join Us Next Week

Next Weekly webinar will be on **Thursday, October 8th,
from 1-2pm ET - Vaccine Storage**

**Heads Up! CE will be available on October 15th
webinar: COVID-19: Myth vs. Fact**

Today's webinar recording and slides will be available
within 24hrs

<https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus/weekly-webinars>