



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

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Today's Focus:

Discuss unique storage considerations as well as other key logistics to help pharmacists begin to prepare for when COVID-19 vaccines become available for distribution and administration.



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Guest Speaker



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Guest Speaker



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Format for Today's Webinar

1:00 pm: Introductions

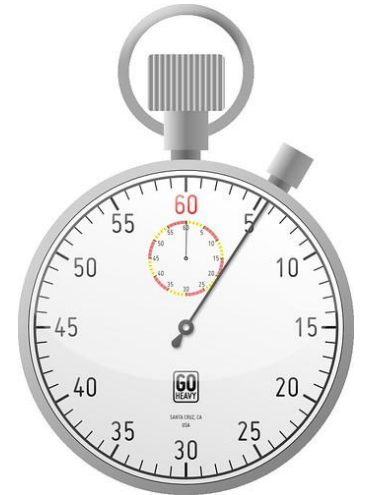
1:05 pm: Interview with Anita Patel and Claire Hannan

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 Anita Patel and Claire Hannan

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Polling Question

Which of the following **best describes** your personal willingness to order/prescribe and administer the COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. Willing to order/prescribe and administer
- B. Willing to only administer if my employer requires me to
- C. Not willing to order/prescribe or administer
- D. Undecided about my willingness

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

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

Advocating for You on Coronavirus

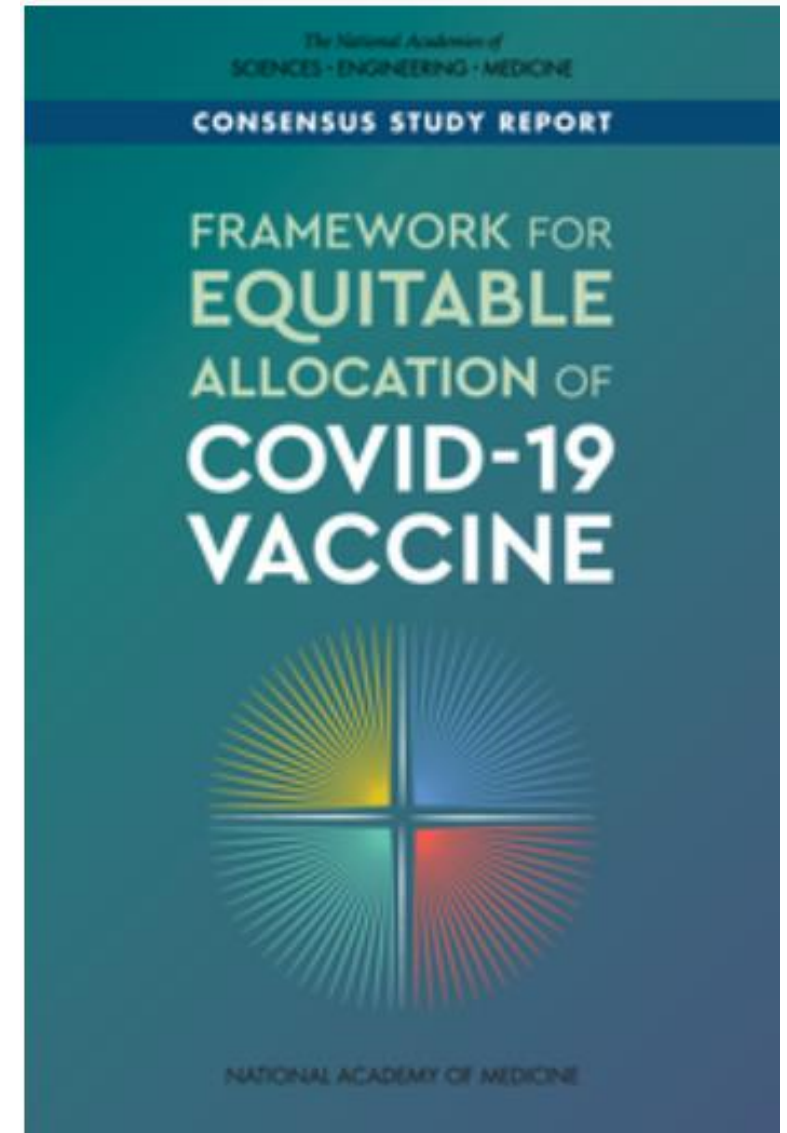


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Phase 1a “Jumpstart Phase”

- Includes high-risk health workers and first responders
- Inclusion based on maintenance of health system and broader functioning, high risk of exposure to COVID-19, and transmission to at-risk individuals



Advocating for You on Coronavirus




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Renewal of Determination That A Public Health Emergency Exists

As a result of the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby renew, effective October 23, 2020, my January 31, 2020, determination, that I previously renewed on April 21, 2020 and July 23, 2020, that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020, nationwide.

<https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Page/s/covid19-20Oct2020.aspx>

<https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus/advocacy-opportunities>



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Understanding Policy Priorities and Advocacy Opportunities During COVID-19



The fight against COVID-19 has demanded the federal government take action to allow pharmacists and other health care professionals to do more of what they are trained to do. By being more flexible about certain requirements and expanding scope of practice through new authorities, the federal government intends to make it easier for pharmacists to provide care to patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The problem is many of these flexibilities and authorities are not considered permanent and further action is needed to expand access to pharmacist provided services.

Pharmacy vs PBMs at the Supreme Court

No. 18-540

In the Supreme Court of the United States

LESLIE RUTLEDGE, in her official capacity as
Arkansas Attorney General,
Petitioner,

v.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION,
Respondent.

**On Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Eighth Circuit**

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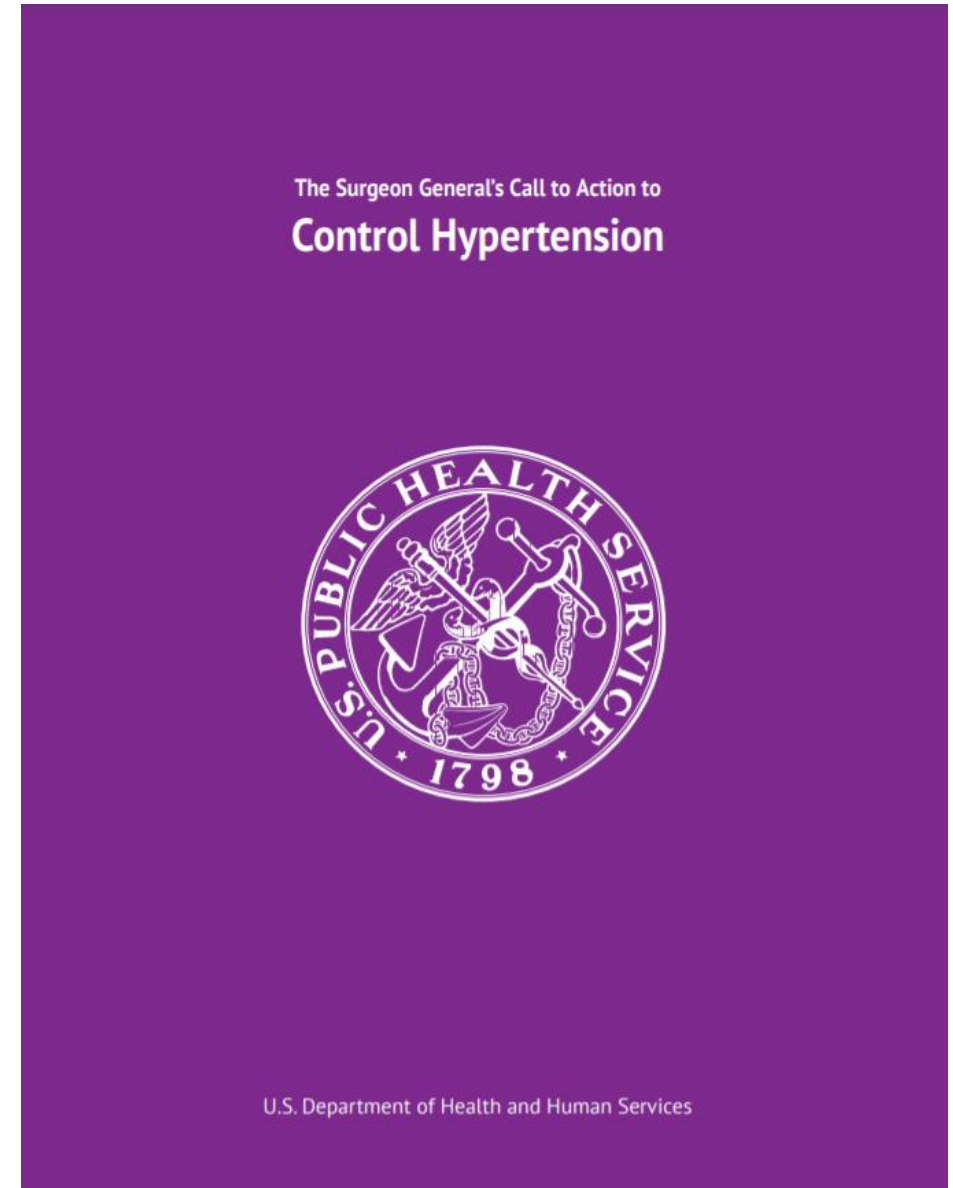
Rutledge v PCMA

Updated info can be found at:
www.pharmacist.com/SCOTUS



New Surgeon General's Report

- Controlling hypertension is a national health priority
- “Doctors, nurses and pharmacists have a critical role to play” in controlling hypertension



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.

Next

☒ 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

Immunizations During COVID-19



Featured Updates

Immunizing Pediatric Patients

This new program meets the minimum 2 hours of ACPE-accredited, immunization-related CPE required in HHS's authorization under the Prep Act.

APhA Immunization Education Library

A collection of CE to help pharmacists meet requirements under the new authorities to provide immunizations.

Flu Season/COVID Webinar

Recommendations for the upcoming influenza season, the implications of the pandemic, and new approaches to immunization activities in your practice.

Visit our **immunization page** in the Pharmacists' Guide to Coronavirus to access practice resources, continuing education and public resource links – all in one place!

<https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus/immunizations>

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

Available Now:

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
- <https://www.pharmacist.com/pharmacy-based-immunizations-pediatric-patients>



Coming Soon: [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*

Post on **ENGAGE**

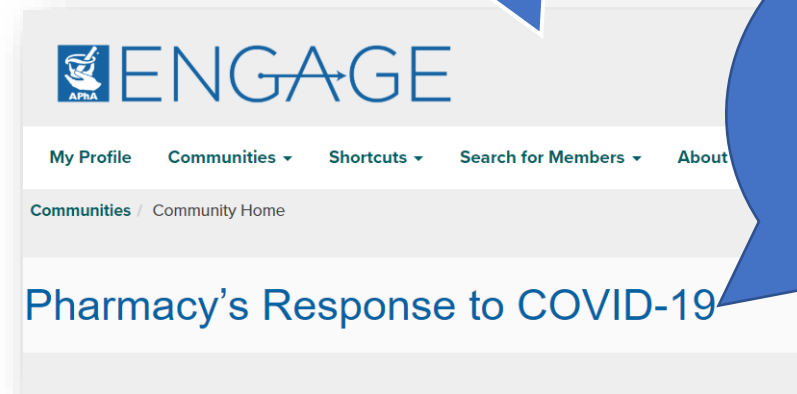
Pharmacy's Response to COVID-19

POST your questions

SHARE your lessons learned

SUPPORT your colleagues

ACCESS the latest information



What are you doing
to prepare your
practice for the
COVID-19 vaccines?

What barriers
do you
anticipate or
face currently?

Join Us

CE Available on Next Week's Webinar!

Thursday, October 15th, from 1-2pm ET
COVID-19: Myth Vs. Fact

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

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