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Pharmacy Forward: Advancing Practice for a Healthier Tomorrow



148th Annual Conference & Trade Show
Hilton Columbus at Easton 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219

April 9-11, 2026

Join us for a Conference filled with friends, fun, and pharmacy excellence! The 148th OPA Annual Conference is returning to Columbus with new opportunities to expand your pharmacy knowledge and network. This Conference includes student-focused programming on Friday, numerous educational sessions to complement your classroom education, and invaluable networking opportunities for everyone. Come enhance your professional platform while discovering what OPA can do for you now and for your future.

Register now to take the first step toward becoming part of the tradition. You'll be glad you did!

Conference Schedule

THURSDAY- April 9

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration
8:20 am Breakfast Theatre

9:00 - 10:00 am

- 2026 Spring Law Update
- Autoimmune Medication Journey
- Hypertension Guideline Updates
- Workforce Study Results

10:10 - 11:10 am

- Productivity Metrics
- Ending HIV Epidemic
- Supporting Neurodiversity
- 2026 Legislative Update

11:20 am - 12:20 pm

- Patient Assistance Programs
- GLP-1s Changing Compounding
- How Self-Deception Affects Us
- Medication-Assisted Treatment

12:25 pm Awards & PAC Luncheon

2:10 - 3:10 pm

- Osteoporosis Patient Care
- Building Community Pharmacy
- Chemical Dependency
- Insulin Safety Matters

3:20 - 4:20 pm

- OPA House of Delegates
- Federal & State Successes
- PTSD Pharmacotherapy
- Controlled Substance Oversight

4:30 pm

OPA Committee Networking Social

Conference Hotel

Hilton Columbus at Easton

3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, OH 43219
Room rate: \$201 per room, per night
Call: (614) 414-5000 | Group Code: 920
Online Registration: bit.ly/OPA26HiltonEaston

Use the code above to access special OPA conference rates. If reserving by phone, mention that you are attending the OPA Conference. Reservation requests made after **March 9** are subject to availability and may not be offered at the special conference rates. Book your room early!

FRIDAY- April 10

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration
8:00 - 9:00 am **Trade Show**
8:20 am Lilly Breakfast Theatre

9:00 - 10:00 am

- **Business Plan Competition**
- **Pharmacy Practice Residencies**
- Updates in Heart Failure
- The 168-hour Paycheck
- Technician Leadership

10:10 - 11:40 am

- **Self-Care Championship**
- **Innovative Practice Roundtables**
- Compounding Excellence
- 340B Landscape

11:40 am - 1:30 pm

Trade Show, Lunch, Headshots, Residency & Fellowship Expo



1:30 - 2:30 pm

- **NPX: Building Relationships**
- Integrity in the Age of AI
- Immunization Update
- Pharmacists' role in CGM Use
- Specialty Care Integration

2:30 - 3:40 pm

- **Review of Pharmacy Laws**
- **Research Roundtables**
- Pregnancy to Postpartum Safety

3:40 - 5:30 pm

Trade Show, Headshots, Prizes, and Poster Session

5:30 pm

Student Olympics

6:30 pm

President's Banquet and Under 40 Awards (extra ticket required)

SATURDAY- April 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration
8:00 am Merck Breakfast Theatre

9:00 - 10:00 am

- New Drug Update: CV, Respiratory, GI, ID, Renal
- Nutrient Testing

10:10 - 11:10 am

- New Drug Update: CNS, Behavioral Health, Musculoskeletal, Immunology, Oncology, Ocular
- Social Determinants of Health

11:20 am - 12:20 pm

- Expanding Experiential Learning
- Women's Health

12:30 pm Annual Conference Adjournment

For more information on the Conference, visit www.ohiopharmacists.org or call 614.389.3236

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Programs and Events of Special Interest to Students

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 am

State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy Spring 2026 Law Update

Our speaker will provide a review of the most recent changes to Ohio laws and rules pertaining to pharmacy practice and will highlight common misconceptions in current law and rules. This session is a must for all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who want to stay up-to-date on legislative and regulatory changes impacting the practice of pharmacy.

2025 Ohio Pharmacist Workforce Study Results

This session will provide results from the latest Ohio Pharmacy Workforce Study. Characteristics of pharmacists and pharmacy practice in the state as well as trends since the inaugural study conducted in 2022 will be presented. Salary and workplace conditions will also be shared.

2:10 pm

Building the Next Generation of Community Pharmacy Programs

This session will connect attendees to the practical side of these policy shifts. Participants will explore how each initiative can be implemented within current pharmacy operations and how OPA resources can support adoption. The session will feature examples of programs already under development, workflow templates, and tools that pharmacists can use to prepare for the new scope of services.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am

Student Pharmacist Business Plan Competition

In this annual competition, students have been invited to submit business plans detailing the loan request, mission statement, detailed description of the business, marketing plan and financial reports for buying a pharmacy or developing innovative pharmacy services. Three finalist teams will present their plans to a panel of judges. Hear what the students envision for the future of pharmacy.

10:10 am

Student Pharmacist Self-Care Championship

Learn up-to-date information about nonprescription products, along with the rationale for product choices, at OPA's 18th "Self-Care Championship - Battle of the Colleges!" Join us for a highly interactive, fun-filled session that will enhance your OTC expertise and update your knowledge of common self-care conditions.

Sponsored by Kroger Health; Supported by NASPA and the Nonprescription Medicines Academy

Ohio Innovative Practice Roundtables

This session will consist of 8–10-minute round-table presentations focused on patient care innovation. Audience participants will gain ideas and engage in discussion with the presenters and other roundtable attendees to enhance their own practices.

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11:40 am

Trade Show, Headshots, and Lunch

Enjoy lunch as you meet exhibitors to learn about products and services. NPX offers free, professional **head and shoulders photos**, on a first come, first served basis during exhibit hall hours. You can also learn about OPA's Executive Fellowship in Leadership and Association Management.

Residency & Fellowship Expo

The Expo is your chance to meet residents, fellows, and program directors from across the state. Come with questions and discover what programs could be a good fit for your career.

1:30 pm

NPX Session: Where would we be without building relationships through networking?

On behalf of the New Practitioner Experience (NPX) Committee, this session will discuss the power of building relationships throughout your pharmacy career, especially in your first years of practice, and the importance of keeping these relationships strong and connected. Current OPA President, Dana Wilkerson and her Residency Classmates/Co-Residents will share their experiences and what has happened to make their relationships and networking so successful still to this day, 8 years post-residency and will represent the live panel for this session.

2:40 pm

Staying Current: A Review and Update of Ohio Pharmacy Practice laws

This session will discuss the requirements of remote dispensing pharmacies (pharmacies operated without an onsite pharmacist) and other relevant, new Ohio pharmacy laws and rules. The session will conclude with commonly misunderstood Ohio pharmacy laws and rules with case examples to aid pharmacists in understanding these concepts.

Ohio Research Roundtables

Research conducted by Ohio pharmacists, college faculty, pharmacy residents and students will be showcased in the annual Ohio Research Forum. Research areas may include those from pharmacy practice, scientific research, economic/social/administrative sciences, and pharmacy education. This session will consist of roundtable presentations focused on pharmacy research in Ohio.

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3:45 pm

Trade Show with Headshot Opportunity, and Student Prize Drawings

Meet exhibitors to learn about products and services. To be eligible for the Student Prize Drawings, you must visit the exhibits and Residency & Fellowship displays for a signature on your prize card and turn in the card at the OPF booth. NPX offers free, professional **head and shoulders photos**, on a first come, first served basis during exhibit hall hours.

Poster Session

Our annual Poster Session will feature the research and innovative practices of faculty and students from Ohio's colleges of pharmacy.

5:30 pm

Student Olympics & Social

We're putting your skills to the ultimate test with Minute-to-Win-It style challenges that will have you laughing, cheering, and maybe even questioning your life choices. Compete against the other six Colleges of Pharmacy in this fast-paced, high-energy event. Enjoy a fun evening filled with food, friendly competition, and team spirit. End the night with the bragging rights of being crowned the most game-show-ready College of Pharmacy.

Pre-registration is required.

A special prize goes to the school that can secure the 2026 OPA triple crown by winning the 2026 Self Care Championship (formerly OTC Challenge), the 2026 Business Plan Competition and the 2026 Student Olympics.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 and 10:10 am

New Drug Update 2026

This program will review new prescription medications released to the market in the past year, comparing them to similar agents on the market. Our speaker will include indications, clinical applications, drug interactions, adverse effects, toxicities, significant drug-drug and drug-food interactions, and important counseling information to convey to patients and caregivers.

11:20 am

Expanding Experiential Learning Beyond the Traditional Model

This session will highlight three unique student learning experiences developed within an academic medical center to enhance experiential education and meet institutional needs. Presenters will describe the design, implementation, and outcomes of an administrative IPPE rotation, an ambulatory care intern program, and a Meds-to-Beds IPPE experience. Attendees will gain practical strategies to integrate students into meaningful, value-added roles that advance both learning and patient care.

Volunteer Opportunity

OPA offers limited opportunities for student pharmacists to volunteer at the Annual Conference, which includes complimentary registration for the day of volunteering. Available shifts are morning or afternoon for all three days. Interested in volunteering? Use the QR code to volunteer and do NOT use the online registration form or the one below. Sign up early before all the shifts are filled.



STUDENT PHARMACIST REGISTRATION

Ohio Pharmacists Association 148th Annual Conference & Trade Show

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Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

College _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Register online at www.ohiopharmacists.org	OPA Student Member Rates By 3/20/26	OPA Student Member Rates After 3/20/26	Non- Member Rates By 3/20/26	Non- Member Rates After 3/20/26
Full Student Registration (All CPE sessions, Friday box lunch) <i>Check box below to pre-register for Student Olympics by 3/20</i>	\$45	\$55	\$65	\$75
Thursday Only (Thursday CPE sessions, no meals)	\$20	\$25	\$40	\$45
Thursday Lunch (Annual Awards & PAC Luncheon)	\$45		\$45	
Friday Only (Friday CPE sessions, Trade Show box lunch) <i>Check box below to pre-register for Student Olympics by 3/20</i>	\$30	\$40	\$45	\$55
Friday Dinner (President's Banquet)	\$55		\$55	
Saturday Only (Saturday CPE sessions)	\$15	\$20	\$35	\$40

Students are encouraged to attend educational sessions. Student pricing is not applicable if requesting CPE credit.

New

Check this box by 3/20 to pre-register to participate in OPA's Student Olympics on Friday, April 10 at 5:30 pm at the Hilton Columbus at Easton

New

Indicate size for OPA logo shirt: *(register by 3/5 to guarantee size)* X Small Small Medium Large X Large XX Large

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