

National Pharmacy Purchasing Association (NPPA)



2026 NPPA Conference & Membership Brochure

Join your Pharmacy Buyer colleagues from across the nation for the **29th Annual NPPA Conference** over the dates of **August 17-20, 2026**, at Horseshoe Las Vegas hotel in Nevada.

All NPPA Conference educational sessions highlight the issues of pharmacy purchasing and come with **8-12 hours of ACPE-accredited CE units** for pharmacy recertification (usually including for “Law”).

Become a new Member of NPPA (the National Pharmacy Purchasing Association), to save on your conference registration fee and support your Association. Get access to Drug Product News login pages with important to-date news on generic approvals, discontinuations, new drugs or presentations, and biosimilars. Members are also eligible for nomination to our Outstanding Buyer of Year Award Program that comes with cash award prizes for the top three placements.

Registration opens by end of February 2026

In meantime, see our [Attendee Conference Info](#) web page



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Last Year's 2025 NPPA Conference Educational CE Program 2026 Program Expected To Be Available In Late Spring

Ending Drug Shortages Through Advocacy, Awareness & Resilient Supply Chain

Laura Bray, MBA, Chief Change Maker & Founder of Angels for Change, Tampa, Florida

Joint Commission Rules & Regulations

Kevin Dang, PharmD, MBA, Pharmacy Director, Arizona General Hospital, Laveen, Arizona

** Qualified for "Patient Safety" CE requirement*

New & Upcoming Drug Approvals: Pipeline Insights & Purchasing Implications

Sarah Davis, CPhT, BS, MS Ed, 340B ACE, Consulting Director for Spend Insights & Services, a division of Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas

Pharmacy Buyer Onboarding: Best Practices at 340B Covered Entities

Elizabeth Faust, MHA, 340B ACE, 340B Purchasing Insights Director, Apexus, Irving, Texas

Bryan Neary, MHP, Assistant Director of Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York

Improving Communications Between GPOs & Pharmacy Buyers

Jennifer Fritz, MBA, 340B ACE, Senior Consultant for Spend Insights & Services-Pharmacy Analytics, a division of Vizient, Inc., Irving, Texas

Stronger Together: Team Building, Strengthening Staff Relations & Leading with Impact in Pharmacy Purchasing

Becca Jacobson, CPhT, Manager of Pharmacy Supplies, Mayo Clinic Hospital-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Kimberly Simons, CPhT, Outpatient Pharmacy Purchasing Manager, Mayo Clinic Hospital-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Fraud, Waste & Abuse: Regulatory Landscape in Pharmacy, Enforcement Actions & Risk Mitigation Strategies

John W. Jones, JD, MSW, Co-Leader of Healthcare Private Equity law practice, Chair of Global Healthcare Mergers & Acquisitions law practice, Chair of Healthcare Regulatory & Compliance law practice, Goodwin Procter LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

** Qualified for Pharmacy "Law" CE requirement*

Technicians Supporting Pharmacy Buyers by Implementing Inventory Management in the Oncology Space

Morgan Hull, CPhT, Certified Pharmacy Technician II, Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, Maryland

Kelly Kline, CPhT-Adv, BS, Inpatient Pharmacy Purchasing Agent, Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, Maryland

From Procurement To Patient: The Pharmacy Technician's Role in Medication & Patient Safety

Josie Quick, RPhT, CPhT-Adv, CSPT, Senior Pharmacy Technician/Inventory Specialist, Sanford South University Hospital Pharmacy, Fargo, North Dakota

** Qualified for "Patient Safety" CE requirement*

Significance of the Pharmacy Purchaser & Why it is a Leadership Role

John Saliba, RPh, President, Saliba's Extended Care Pharmacy, Phoenix, Arizona

Dose of Efficiency: Optimizing Outpatient Clinic & Pharmacy Procurement

Sara Schaefer, CPhT, Pharmacy Supply Coordinator, Mayo Clinic Hospital-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Shannon Sisoura, CPhT, Pharmacy Supply Coordinator, Mayo Clinic Hospital-Midwest, Rochester, Minnesota

Preventing Work-Related Burnout & Stress in Pharmacy: Strategies for a Healthier Workplace

Erika Verleye, CPhT, Pharmacy Operations Manager, Washington Center for Bleeding Disorders, Seattle, Washington

Organizational Ideas to Improve Pharmacy Workflow for Drug Shortages & More

Angela Westdorp, CPhT, RPT, Pharmacy Technician Distribution Specialist, Sarasota Memorial Hospital-Venice, North Venice, Florida

Join NPPA for Discount on Conference Registration, Access Important Drug Product News online, Be Eligible for Reward Programs!

HOW DO I SAVE?

By becoming a member of NPPA, not only are you supporting the advancement of the Pharmacy Purchasing profession and joining your buyer colleagues, but you will also become eligible to receive a **discount on attendee registration** to our NPPA Conferences.

Adding a new annual NPPA membership (\$90) to your attendee conference registration, is actually a **LOWER total amount** than only registering to attend as a non-member. NPPA membership includes a subscription to our member-publication and other benefits (see below). That's right—you receive more for less!

Full NPPA Pharmacy & GPO Member Benefits

- Membership in NPPA, first association for Pharmacy Buyers
- Access to Member Resources log-in section of NPPA website, which includes important up-to-date **Drug Product News**, such as for Generic Approvals, New Drugs or Presentations, Biosimilar Approvals, and Discontinuations.
- Receive RxBuyer eNews, a periodic e-newsletter
- Eligible for nomination to [Outstanding Buyer of Year Award Program](#), which comes with cash prizes for Top 3 placements
- Lower member registration fee for Annual NPPA Conference (status must be current during month of conference)
- Rewarded monetarily for participating in various [Member Reward Programs](#) such as successfully referring new attendees and drug companies to our conference, or new NPPA members.



Testimonials on Membership & Conference

“Wow! As a long-time member and conference attendee, NPPA has been very helpful to me and my job position, even from the start. They have been a great resource for product information as well as networking with other pharmacy buyers. After my first NPPA Conference, I felt much better knowing I was not alone in my quest to manage product shortages and backorders. I have even been able to keep in contact with some of the other buyer-attendees I meet at the event. We talk about how we handle issues that come up on the job, and try to help solve each other’s problem. In addition, the NPPA member-publication *Pharmacy Purchasing Outlook*, is informative and discusses topics that pertain to buyers.”

Jeffrey Brown, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer
Carolinas Hospital System-Marion, Mullins, SC

“The NPPA Conference provides so very much for us buyers. Each year I come home with my head swimming from all the changes I can see making for our Pharmacy.”

Bobbi Holthaus, CPhT, Pharmacy Buyer
Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, OH

No national pharmacy organization we know of fully recognizes the crucial importance of pharmacy purchasing. However, NPPA asserts that pharmacy purchasing is the most important specialty in Pharmacy. We invite you to join your fellow buyer colleagues in NPPA, and help us participate in the progress of this important field.



“Pharmacy purchasing is a profession that has for too long been ignored. We are out to change that.”

Dale J. Kroll, Founder of NPPA

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Come join hundreds of your Pharmacy Purchasing Professional colleagues to network & learn the latest trends in Pharmacy Purchasing. Meet with between 65-85 exhibiting vendor companies who serve hospitals and health systems; as well as your facility's Group Purchasing Organization reps in our official GPO Breakout Sessions. We sincerely hope you are able to join NPPA and your buyer-colleagues!

Add a new or renewing NPPA Membership to get a discount on registration. As a member, you'll stay informed of the latest new product approvals to save money for your facility, and help in NPPA's mission to get Buyers the recognition they deserve within the world of Pharmacy. See more on Page 2, or our website.

Here are some NPPA Conference highlights:

- **Pharmacy Buyer Training & Improvement**—education tailored specifically to the needs of the Pharmacy Procurement Specialist.
- **65-85 Pharmaceutical Company Exhibitors**—to meet & view their products & services.
- **2 Meals Per Day Included in Registration fee (plus Opening Reception)**—unlike most conventions.
- **Comes with 8-10+ units of ACPE-accredited Pharmacy CE's**—for recertification (for Technicians and some also for Pharmacists), normally including the required 1-hour of Pharmacy Law.
- **Scholarship Program for Attendees**—available to apply for request of Registration Fee and/or 4 Hotel Room Nights, under our NPPA Group Room Block at Horseshoe Las Vegas hotel.
- **Conference Start & End Times**—Opening Reception for attendees is held Monday, August 17 from 4:30-6:00pm; then the CE educational program begins on Tuesday, August 18 approx. 8:30am and ends midday on Thursday, August 20 approx. 1:30pm.
- **Optional "340B University" sponsored by Apexus LLC**—Apexus will be returning with us again in 2026 for this optional add-on event held Monday, August 17 (approx. 8:00am to 4:00pm) the day before NPPA's Opening Reception begins. There is no cost to attend, however you must register with Apexus in advance (details & link provided on NPPA website when becomes available).

Comments from past Pharmacy Attendees

"We need to get most or all, of our Pharmacy Buyers to attend NPPA's worthwhile Annual Conference."

-David Billing, MS, R.Ph., Pharmacy Director, DePaul Medical Center/SSM Health, Bridgeton, MO

"Each year I have attended the NPPA Conference, I get new information with regard to changes in law affecting Pharmacy, safe professional practices, and different issues that can affect supply chain. The opportunity to meet and network with other buyers and to share our different processes is very valuable to help possible improvement in my day to day."

-Lucia Tafoya, Pharmacy Buyer, St. Mary Medical Center/Dignity Health, Long Beach, CA

"Not only is your NPPA Conference the smoothest event I have ever attended, but the knowledge and networking I was able to do was worth its weight in gold. Sometimes working in a small hospital, you feel alone in your day to day tasks, so it was very nice and incredibly helpful to meet other professionals to exchange struggles and solutions. I will be advocating with our hospital for us to attend your event again next year. I have also now submitted a request for an NPPA membership, since after this event we saw the benefits of joining."

-Megan Marquissee, MS, CPhT, Pharmacy Business Manager
North Country Hospital Pharmacy, Newport, VT