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Educational Program Topic Suggestions & Call for Speakers 29th Annual, 2026 NPPA Conference, November 16-19

Help us fill out the continuing education (CE) program of speaker lectures at the 29th Annual 2026 NPPA Conference on November 16 through 19, held at the Horseshoe Las Vegas hotel in Nevada.

The NPPA Conference is **ALL** about the Pharmacy Purchasing profession and the information you need to expand your knowledge of this complex and important field, by considering becoming a presenter, and hopefully refresh the enthusiasm you have for your career. Or, perhaps you've seen or heard of an interesting and applicable pharmacy purchasing related speaker that you can recommend.

Accepted speaker compensation includes a complimentary Attendee Registration (no fee), along with airfare and hotel lodging reimbursement up to 5 room nights at our headquarters, the Horseshoe Las Vegas Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Speaker fee/honorarium in addition is negotiable, based on your experience and presentation length. **Timeslots available** range from full sessions of 1-hour (50-55 minutes of content for a 1-hour session); to shorter time lengths ranging from 15 to 40 minutes.

Topics to potentially speak on: See the following pages for NPPA's list of **suggested** topics for an idea of what we look for to fill our Educational Program (or please suggest your own for consideration, if not listed there, as long as it relates to Pharmacy Purchasing). This year's topics were taken from ideas given in feedback by Pharmacy & GPO Attendees from previous years' NPPA Conferences. However, if there is another pharmacy purchasing related subject not shown in our suggested list that you feel you can speak comfortably & passionately on, please feel free to submit your new topic for consideration.

Or, perhaps you've seen or heard an interesting and applicable speaker elsewhere to recommend; or are a representative of a vendor company interested in speaking. However with vendor speakers, please first be aware that each lecture must be general and non-promotional to the speaker and/or the facility or company they represent. In addition as a general rule, speakers employed by drug or supply vendors that provide or have a hand in the services or products they offer, **are not eligible** for the ACPE-accredited CE that comes with NPPA Conference attendee registration, due to their strict requirements in that respect. This means that unless we have room in our program for a non-CE and optional session, we would not be able to fit such a vendor-specific lecture in our program.

To inquire about speaking, send us an email, to: Speakers@PharmacyPurchasing.com with your requested topic/s, time length (see page 1 details for options), and full contact information including company name and title. If you have a current CV or Resume, please send that as well. Then our NPPA Speaker Committee Team will discuss amongst ourselves and follow up by email to ask you any necessary clarifying questions; before sending our materials for you to review, complete, and return to be considered.

Having Pharmacy Buyers presenting to their peers is something we always strive to find and fill in our program, and is a long-standing request from attendees. So consider presenting on a topic that you have experience in and passion about, and know that sharing your knowledge with your colleagues is always a rewarding experience!

See next pages for list of topics

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2026 NPPA Conference Educational Program Topic Suggestions

Note the below are not meant to be actual titles for each presentation, only suggestions of the general topics.

- Preventing Fraud, Waste & Abuse in Pharmacy
- Importance of Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategy (REMS)
- Pain Management Treatments Over-the-Counter
- USP Chapter 800 in Pharmacy
- Regulations & Laws that Affect Pharmacy Purchasing (existing or new/upcoming)
- Vaccine Medications
- Medication Storage
- Pharmacy Based Managers (PBMs) - Pros & Cons
- Pharmacy Technology & Automation
- Diabetic Medications
- Generic Drugs & Therapeutic Equivalence
- Brand Drugs & Therapeutic Equivalence
- Reducing Medication Errors
- New & Upcoming Drug Approvals
- Emergency & Disaster Preparedness in Pharmacy
- DEA Compliance of Controlled Substances (or Drug Diversion)

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- Drug Supply Chain Quality & Security Act (DSCSA) Information & Updates
- Joint Commission Rules & Helpful Information
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Rules & Updates - How They Affect Pharmacy
- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) Rules & Updates
- State & Federal Programs Hospitals Can Use
- Reverse Distribution
- Barcoding Tips & Tricks
- GPO Conversions
- Improving Communications Between GPO's & Pharmacy Buyers
- Pharmacy & Medical Staff: Cultivating Relations & Improving Care
- How & Why Buyers Should Become a Member of Hospital's P&T Committee
- Organizational Ideas To Improve Workflow & Available Space
- Pharmacy Inventory Management & Control
- Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG)
- Changes Implemented in the Pharmacy
- Purchasing for Outpatient Pharmacies and/or Clinics
- Cost-Savings: Identifying & Tracking or How to Generate Savings

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- How to Manage or Better Prepare for Drug Shortages
- Patient and/or Medication Safety
- Recycling Tips for Greener Hospital Pharmacies
- Drug Recalls
- Quality Assurance or Improvement Projects
- Daily Functions & Helpful Tips for Pharmacy Buyers
- Team-Building, Staff Relations & Leadership Training
- Stress Management & Improving Health/Well-Being

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If there is another topic not listed here that you can speak comfortably and passionately on, please feel free to submit that to NPPA's speaking committee for consideration. Thank you for your interest!