



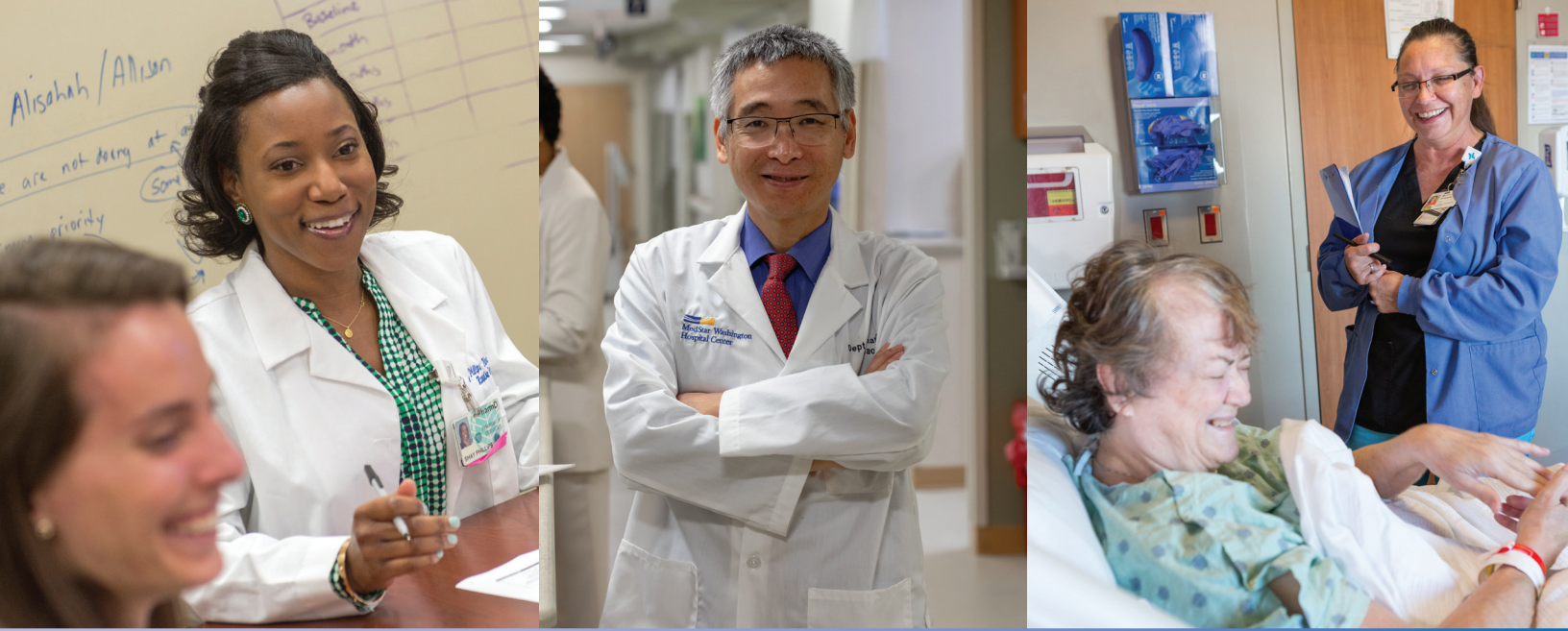
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The pharmacists who work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and physician practices in your district and state serve a critical role in the care of your constituents.

All 50 states license pharmacists to manage aspects of patient care in collaborative practice arrangements with physicians, and 30 states permit licensed pharmacists to independently prescribe at least one medication.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Managing all aspects of medication regimens, including ordering tests and initiating therapy
- Monitoring patient responses to their medications and making necessary adjustments
- Partnering with physicians to select the right medications and treatments for patients
- Confirming patients' medication histories
- Educating patients about their medications
- Advising nurses on proper administration of medications
- Providing options to make patients' access to their medication easier

Pharmacists use their clinical knowledge to manage chemotherapy regimens, medications to treat opioid use disorder, and other therapies to ensure they are used appropriately.

CONGRESS SHOULD ADOPT POLICIES THAT SUPPORT OUR ROLE AS PATIENT CARE PROVIDERS.

→ **Ensure Patient Access to Pharmacists' Services**

- **Pass the Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act** (H.R. 1770, S. 2477) to allow Medicare patients to access testing and treatment services that pharmacists are licensed to provide

→ **Protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program**

- **Pass the PROTECT 340B Act** (H.R. 2534), bipartisan legislation prohibiting discriminatory policies against 340B providers by pharmacy benefit managers, group health plans, and other entities
- **Pass the 340B PATIENTS Act** (H.R. 7635), legislation prohibiting drug manufacturers from imposing restrictions or denying sales to 340B contract pharmacies and child sites
- **Reject the 340B ACCESS Act and other efforts to restrict participation** in the 340B program for hospitals and their patients

→ **Reject Site-Neutral Payments for Lower Standards of Infusion Care**

- **Reject proposals that reduce payments for drug administration in hospital outpatient departments**

→ **Address the Underlying Causes of Drug Shortages**

- **Pass legislation** addressing the economic and quality issues that drive shortages of generic medications, including:
 - Improving transparency of manufacturer quality
 - Encouraging supply chain stability through long-term guaranteed-volume contracts
 - Financing private sector buffer supplies

→ **Safeguard Funding for Pharmacy Residency Programs**

- **Pass legislation** directing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to update its allied health education program to:
 - Allow use of shared resources and faculty across health system facilities and schools of pharmacy
 - Support pharmacist training in advanced clinical specialties and ambulatory care

ABOUT ASHP

ASHP is the largest association of pharmacy professionals in the United States, representing 60,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians in all patient care settings, including hospitals, ambulatory clinics, and health-system community pharmacies. For over 80 years, ASHP has championed innovation in pharmacy practice, advanced education and professional development, and served as a steadfast advocate for members and patients. In addition, ASHP is the accrediting body for pharmacy residency and technician training programs and provides comprehensive resources to support pharmacy professionals through every stage of their careers. For more information, visit ashp.org and ASHP's consumer website, SafeMedication.com.

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