



Call for Submissions

ASHP is developing a new publication that will broaden our storytelling to feature the stories and experiences of pharmacy professionals who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups. The collection of personal essays will present significant events in the lives of those in the pharmacy community whose experiences have been shaped by their race, ethnicity, gender or gender presentation, sexual orientation, ability, language, mental health, or other factors. We will respectfully and with sensitivity center these perspectives to highlight the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the healthcare sector. We envision that access to these stories will deepen the collective understanding among pharmacy colleagues, patients, and society. We invite submissions of stories that include any of the following identities and their intersections that may have influenced your choice of profession or impacted your experiences in training for and as a member of the pharmacy, pharmacy education and pharmaceutical research communities.

Potential Identities: Race, Ethnicity, Religion, Gender, Gender Presentation, Sexual orientation, Mental Health, Ability, Language, Culture, Socio-economic status, education, Citizenship/Nationality, indigeneity, location. This enumeration is not a statement of exclusivity to other identities or experiences not on this list nor of combinations of any identities or experiences listed. *This list is not exhaustive. Submitted essays may feature other identities not listed here.*

Authors should submit one Word file that addresses the three following areas below on separate pages. All pages should be 12-point Times New Roman font. Pages should be double-spaced with 1" margins.

- 1) Cover letter that includes author affiliations and complete contact information, including email address
- 2) Narrative that falls within one of the two categories below:
 - a. 1000-1500 words that narrate the details of a situation related to identity in health care, lessons learned, personal context, and how others reacted. These narratives might be examples of how an individual overcame various challenges they faced such as discrimination, poor ally ship, isolation, forced conformity, maintenance of the status quo and many other experiences. The narrative should provide insight into navigating the situation so that readers may learn from this experience if they face a similar situation in the future.
 - b. Fewer than 150 words that summarize the experience of being an individual in healthcare who identifies as a member of a historically underrepresented group or the importance of acknowledging these stories.
- 3) A short answer to one of the following questions below. The answer to this question should be separate from your narrative submission above.
 - a. What do you wish would have happened in this experience? What would you have wanted for yourself?
 - b. What is something that you wish you would have said or done in the moment, but didn't?

Submissions should be from only one author and be an original narrative that has not been submitted for publication or published elsewhere. Authors should only submit one narrative for consideration. Only complete submissions that include the three sections above will be reviewed by the editors. The editors will choose narratives to include in the book based upon the narrative itself and the scope of all submissions, to ensure a variety of identities and categories are represented throughout the book. Authors of narratives selected for inclusion in the book will be notified by ASHP by August and asked to work with the editors on any revisions prior to publication.

Narratives submitted by June 14, 2023 will have the best chance of being selected for inclusion in the book.

Submissions should be uploaded via the survey link below.

https://ashp.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BwmYjS4G17oSGO

Questions about submissions should be directed to special publishing staff at publications@ashp.org