

## Suggested Proposal Topics

Below are suggested topics for submission; however, proposals on topics not listed below may still be submitted for consideration.

ASHP is also soliciting proposals supporting ASHP's Strategic Plan, including the Practice Advancement Initiative 2030\*, which includes 59 recommendations to promote optimal, safe, effective medication use; expand pharmacist and technician roles; and implement the latest technologies. Five focused initiatives accelerate movement toward specific goals to speed the adoption of best practices and measure progress. Consider submitting a Midyear proposal that incorporates and highlights success in one of these focused areas.

1. Optimizing medication use and access through pharmacist prescribing.
2. Leveraging and utilize technology to optimize pharmacist provision of care to patients.
3. Ensuring all patients receive seamless and coordinated pharmacy services at all transitions of care.
4. Improving patient access to pharmacist services in ambulatory care clinics.
5. Expanding the role of pharmacy technicians.

\* [www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Practice/PAI/About-PAI-2030](http://www.ashp.org/Pharmacy-Practice/PAI/About-PAI-2030)

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## Ambulatory Care

- Clinical and Therapeutic Innovations
  - Cardiometabolic Conditions
  - Diabetes Management
  - Neurology & Pain
  - Pulmonary Care
  - Obesity & Weight Management
  - Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
  - Women's Health
  - Dementia & Mental Health
- Pharmacy Practice & Workforce Development
  - Ambulatory Care Expansion: Services for small hospitals, rural/underserved models, and operational efficiency.
- Artificial Intelligence & Digital Health
- Education, Precepting & Competency
- Policy, Access & Reimbursement
- Innovation & Emerging Therapies
  - GLP-1s & Incretins
  - Novel Agents: Abelaclimab for atrial fibrillation, amylin analogs, and gene therapies.
  - Lipid Monitoring: Non-LDL assessments like Lp(a), ApoB, CAC, and polygenic risk scores.
  - Precision Medicine: Expanding pharmacogenomics (PGx) into primary care.
- Wellness & Work-Life Balance
- Public Health & Preventive Care

## Clinical Topics

### Therapeutic Specific Topics

- Pharmacogenomics
- Cell and Gene Therapies
- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
- Cardiometabolic Therapy Management
- Clinical Applications of Artificial Intelligence
- Updates in Antimicrobial Agents
- MASH/MASLD
- Transplant
- Psychiatric Disease
- Anticoagulation/Anticoagulation Stewardship
- Hypertension Guidelines

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- COPD/Asthma
  - Heart Failure
  - Pediatric/Neonatal Medicine
  - End-Stage Renal Disease and Chronic Kidney Disease

### Non-Therapeutic Topics

- Implementation Science
- Managing Medical Disinformation/Misinformation
- Billing for Clinical Services
- Recruitment and Retention
- Expanding Scope of Practice
- Revenue Cycle Management
- Expanding Pharmacy Services
- Stewardship Programs
- Benchmarking and Service Metrics
- Leadership Development for Non-Leadership Roles
- Credentialing and Privileging
- Telepharmacy and Remote Pharmacy Services
- Clinical Outcome Tracking & Trending
- Interprofessional Communication
- Advanced Pharmacy Technician Roles

### Specialty Pharmacy

- Expansion and optimization of infusion services within health systems
- Transitions between Sites of Care
  - Payor considerations, site of care restrictions, specialty care coordination between different sites, and infused therapies
- Maintaining billing compliance
  - Medicare compliance on Part D, continuity of care while managing billing compliance, impacts to clinical care during transitions of care, and managing patients admitted to the hospital who are initiating a specialty medication
- AI and Technology
  - AI prior authorization support and compliance considerations

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- 340B Program Changes (including rebate model) and other legislative changes
    - Navigating complex payor systems, IRA impacts in 2026 and thinking into 2027, and Maximum Fair Price Plan
  - Emerging Advanced Therapeutics
    - What frontline pharmacists need to know about managing these therapies, including post-gene therapy side effects, management of these therapies after initial treatment, and educating patients
  - Clinic-based workforce development and staffing
    - Allocation of pharmacist resources in clinics with both specialty and primary care specialists, staffing, and workflows
  - Specialty line and categorizing specialty medications
    - Management and patient selection for GLP-1s, and new and emerging pathways through which patients are obtaining these drugs
  - MSOT: how to leverage and optimize it
    - KPI, improving leakage/capture rate, productivity models and justifying FTEs, communicating with the patient
  - Maximizing technician workforce in specialty pharmacy to monitor therapeutic outcomes
    - Including PA management, medication management, and promotion of technician advancement
  - Assessment methods for social determinants of health, navigating patient conversations on these topics, and types of resources that can be used to address SDOH

## Community Practice

- Managing changes to the 340b program, including the rebate model
- Changing reimbursement models & combating low reimbursement in the community pharmacy setting
- Government policy and regulatory changes, including the impact of Medicare Fair Price & Inflation Reduction Act
- Mitigating the impact of pharmacy deserts caused by community pharmacy closures, and the role of community pharmacies and health systems in ensuring access to care
- Workforce challenges, with a focus on recruiting and retaining pharmacy technicians within the community pharmacy setting
- Payment for pharmacist services in the community setting
- Expanded pharmacist/technician roles
- AI tools and technology
- Community-based pharmacy residency training opportunities
- The value of community pharmacy

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## Pharmacy Educators

- Advances in interprofessional education
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and training
- Balancing academic and practice priorities
- Demonstrating value of learners as extenders of care
- Faculty and preceptor professional development
- Precepting with humility
- Preparing learners for advanced pharmacy practice roles and changes in the healthcare landscape
- Residency program preceptors and director support and development
- Teaching and assessing critical thinking skills and autonomy in pharmacy residents and student pharmacists
- Well-being and resilience for educators, pharmacy residents, and student pharmacists

## Informatics

- Using data to assess use-case of new technology/AI
- Metrics and analytics – development, integration with EHRs and other software, and use in operations
- Strategies and best practices for ongoing assessment of AI tools and novel technologies post-implementation
- Pharmacy data governance
- Interoperability during a downtime - strategies to prevent workflow interruptions
- Training and foundation needed for pharmacy data analytics
- Use-cases of novel and innovative technologies in pharmacy practice and the medication-use process
- Developing clinical studies focused on pharmacy informatics
- Managing expectations of a pharmacy informatics team
- Cybersecurity preparation
- Wearable technologies – integration of data into EHR systems, utility in pharmacy practice, and patient education
- Outcomes associated with implementation of AI tools and novel technologies
- Diversion prevention software – implementation, integration, and metrics

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## Digital Health Technologies

- Artificial intelligence applications/use-cases in clinical pharmacy & operations
- Implementation of artificial intelligence into pharmacy education
- Digital health and telehealth implementation and expansion
- Cost, and scaling; cybersecurity, interoperability, and pharmacy resilience
- Data analytics, visualization, and big data for clinical decision-making
- Precision medicine and digital therapeutics
- Patient engagement, education, and adherence support through digital solutions
- Successful models for remote patient monitoring
- Telehealth policy, reimbursement, and pharmacy roles
- Virtual and augmented reality in pharmacy training and patient education
- Emerging technologies for clinical decision support
- Establishing justification for technology investments
- Competencies to manage remote teams effectively
- Impact of digital health on social drivers of health

## Inpatient Care

- Sterile Compounding and Hazardous Drug Safety Best Practices
- Medication Safety and Quality Initiatives
- Advanced Therapeutics (e.g., pharmacogenomics, cell and gene therapies, viral vectors)
- Evolving Vaccine Policies and Practices
- Artificial Intelligence Applications in Pharmacy (e.g., clinical decision-making)
- Compliance with Evolving 340B Program Requirements
- Leadership (e.g., organizational culture, leveraging talent, maximizing resources)
- Medication Stewardship (e.g., opioids, antimicrobial, anticoagulation, diabetes)
- Staff Recruitment/Retention/Burnout (e.g., career transitions into acute care, technician shortages, decreasing pharmacy student pipeline)
- Clinical Therapeutic Guideline Updates
- Controlled Substance Prescribing
- Optimizing Patient Care in Rural Pharmacy Settings
- Transitions of Care

## Leadership/Management

- Workforce pipeline and future roles in 5 years
- Recruitment, retention, and technician development
- Leadership well-being and burnout prevention
- Leading through uncertainty and overstretched teams
- Multigenerational and diverse team leadership

- System integration and standardization across health systems
- Metrics to demonstrate clinical pharmacy value
- Transitioning pharmacy to a revenue and growth center
- Revenue leakage and reimbursement management
- 340B program management
- AI and machine learning in clinical decision-making
- Predictive analytics and operational efficiency
- Practical AI tools for leadership and workload reduction
- Cell, gene, and mRNA therapy integration
- Decentralized care models (e.g., hospital-at-home)
- Population health and pharmacy's role in cost outcomes
- EHR dashboards and aligning metrics with benchmarks
- Scheduling innovations: remote, float, and flex models

## New Practitioners

- Expanding your network as a new practitioner
- Identifying career advancement opportunities within your organization
- Managing impostor syndrome and building confidence as a new graduate
- Personal financial management
- Navigating community resources for patients
- Balancing personal and professional challenges
- Techniques for staying up to date with practice changes
- Preventing burnout and promoting well-being
- Mastering the transition from learner to practitioner

## Students

- Career Preparation and Professional Development
  - Residency and/or Fellowship Preparation:
    - Crafting a compelling letter of intent
    - Interview skills and techniques
    - Residency case or disease state presentations
    - Navigating the Match and post-Match process (for both matched and unmatched applicants)
    - Choosing the right residency or fellowship program
  - Interview Preparation for Non-Residency Positions:
    - Insights into the pharmacist job market and strategies for securing roles after graduation
- Residency Showcase and PPS Preparation
  - Effective navigation of the Midyear residency showcase

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- Best practices for PPS (Personnel Placement Service) preparation (both residency and non-residency positions)
  - Financial Management for Students and New Graduates
    - Personal finance fundamentals: budgeting, student loan repayment, and savings strategies
    - Financial planning for post-graduate training (residency/fellowship)
    - Understanding financial benefits and compensation packages across different career paths

## Technicians

- Leadership and Followership Development
- Engagement Opportunities with TPTS / ASHP
- Clinical Pharmacy Technician Practice
- Well-Being and Work Life Balance
- Survey Readiness for Pharmacy Technicians
- Education and Training Program Accreditation
- Advanced Roles in Community Pharmacy Practice
- Studying/Test Taking Methodologies
- Medication History for Medication Safety
- Outpatient/Retail Pharmacy Medication Safety
- Pharmacy Technician State Level Advocacy Efforts
- Pharmacy Technology and Automation