

Pharmaceutical Ad Hoc Council Links

[American Pharmacists Association](#) (APhA) is the national professional society of pharmacists. Founded in 1852 as the American Pharmaceutical Association, it is the first-established and largest professional association of pharmacists in the United States. The more than 50,000 members of APhA include practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession. The Association is a leader in providing professional information and education for pharmacists and an advocate for improved health of the American public through the provision of comprehensive pharmaceutical care. APhA deals with issues such as medication safety, pharmacy errors and public health.

[Drug Information Association](#) (DIA) is the universally respected forum for quality information exchange leading to better medicines that enhance health and well-being. The DIA serves and develops members by providing a neutral, global forum that promotes the exchange of information critical to their performance as professionals in the pharmaceutical and related industries.

[Food and Drug Law Institute](#) (FDLI) provides a forum regarding laws, regulations and policies related to food, drugs, medical devices, and other health care technologies. FDLI's mission relates to the regulatory programs of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, (especially the Food Safety and Inspection Service), Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, and other federal and state government agencies as they pertain to human and veterinary drugs, biologics and biotechnology products, medical devices, food, and cosmetics.

[Institute for Safe Medication Practices](#) (ISMP) is a nonprofit healthcare agency comprised of pharmacists, nurses, and physicians. Founded in 1994, the organization is dedicated to learning about medication errors, understanding their system-based causes, and disseminating practical recommendations that can help healthcare providers, consumers, and the pharmaceutical industry prevent errors. Their mission is to reduce patient harm from preventable adverse drug events.

[International Society for Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology](#) (ISRTP) is an association whose purpose is to provide an open public forum for policy makers and scientists promoting sound toxicologic and pharmacologic science as a basis for regulation affecting human safety and health, and the environment.

[National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention](#) (NCC MERP) intends to mount a nationwide campaign for medication error reporting and prevention that will promote recommendations broadly to colleges, schools, and state associations of medicine, pharmacy, and nursing; national professional associations; managed care organizations; and third-party payers. NCC MERP defines medication error as "any preventable event that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm while the medication is in the control of the health care professional, patient, or consumer. Such events may be related to professional practice, health care products, procedures, and systems, including prescribing; order communication; product labeling, packaging, and nomenclature; compounding; dispensing; distribution; administration; education; monitoring; and use."

[National Council on Patient Information and Education](#) (NCPIE) is a non-profit coalition of over 125 organizations. NCPIE's mission is to stimulate and improve communication of information on the appropriate use of medicines to consumers and health care professionals. NCPIE develops

programs, provides educational resources, and offers services to advance the common mission of its members. NCIPIE is the nation's leading authority for informing the general public and health care professionals on safe medicine use through better communication. Better medicine communication can lead to better health outcomes and improved quality of life.

[Partnership for Safe Medicines](#) is a coalition of patient, physician, pharmacist, university, industry and other professional organizations committed to the safety of prescription drugs and protecting consumers against unapproved, counterfeit, substandard, mishandled or otherwise unsafe medicines.

[Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America](#) (PhRMA) represents the country's leading pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies, which are devoted to inventing medicines that allow patients to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives. PhRMA's mission is to conduct effective advocacy for public policies that encourage discovery of important new medicines for patients by pharmaceutical/biotechnology research companies.

[United States Pharmacopeia](#) (USP) is the official public standards-setting authority for all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, dietary supplements, and other healthcare products manufactured and sold in the United States. USP sets standards for the quality of these products and works with healthcare providers to help them reach the standards. USP's standards are also recognized and used in many other countries outside the United States. These standards have been helping to ensure good pharmaceutical care for people throughout the world for more than 185 years.

[U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation. The FDA is also responsible for advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable; and helping the public get the accurate, science-based information they need to use medicines and foods to improve their health. The FDA is launching a new program to make drug safety information available to consumers in an easily accessible format. Because patients are taking a more active role in their healthcare, they want to make safety information available about the medicines they are using. They believe that patients, their healthcare professionals, and other consumers will find the information we are providing useful in their prescribing and treatment decisions.