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## **Seven Pharmacy Organizations Collaborate on Response to American Medical Association (AMA) Scope of Pharmacy Practice Document**

*Response addresses document deficiencies and calls for dialogue between pharmacy and medicine*



**Washington, DC** - Seven national pharmacy organizations collaborated on the analysis and response to a document published by the American Medical Association (*AMA Scope of Practice Data Series: Pharmacists*) for its members. The document describes the scope of practice of the pharmacy profession as viewed by the AMA authors. The pharmacy organizations identified significant opportunities for enhanced understanding by the AMA of contemporary pharmacy practice. Collaborating on Pharmacy's review and response were the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), and National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).



The letter and accompanying material sent by the pharmacy groups to AMA provides input and clarification on the report. The pharmacy organizations urged the AMA to correct the identified issues noted in the document. The organizations were assured today by AMA that meaningful dialogue will be pursued to examine ways pharmacists and physicians can collaboratively address the healthcare needs of patients.



A copy of the letter and accompanying material can be viewed at:

[\*\*Response Letter: AMA Scope of Practice Data Series: Pharmacists\*\*](#)

[\*\*Recommendations: AMA Scope of Practice Data Series: Pharmacists\*\*](#)

[\*\*Scope of Contemporary Pharmacy Practice\*\*](#)

The American Pharmacists Association, founded in 1852 as the American Pharmaceutical Association, represents more than 62,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession. APhA, dedicated to helping all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care, is the first-established and largest association of pharmacists in the United States. APhA members provide care in all practice settings, including community pharmacies, health systems, long-term care facilities, managed care organizations, hospice settings, and the uniformed services.

Founded in 1900, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) is a national organization representing the interests of pharmacy education and educators. Comprising 111 accredited colleges and schools of pharmacy including more than 5,500 faculty, 50,000 students enrolled in professional programs and 3,900 individuals pursuing graduate study, AACP is committed to excellence in pharmacy education.

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) is a professional and scientific society that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources enabling clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice and research. ACCP's membership is composed of practitioners, scientists, educators, administrators, students, residents, fellows, and others committed to excellence in clinical pharmacy and patient pharmacotherapy.

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. ACPE was established in 1932 for the accreditation of pre-service education, and in 1975 its scope of activity was broadened to include accreditation of providers of continuing pharmacy education.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists is the international professional association that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of senior care pharmacy. ASCP's 8,000+ members manage and improve drug therapy and improve the quality of life of geriatric patients wherever they reside including nursing facilities, sub acute care and assisted living communities, psychiatric hospitals, hospice programs, and in their own homes.

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders nationwide, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPAEE).

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) is the independent, international, and impartial Association that assists its member boards and jurisdictions in developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of protecting the public health.