

2009 NCPA Committees Committee Initiatives

NCPA Committee on Communications:

Initiative

The Communications committee will develop an NCPA Ambassadors Bureau. The Bureau will serve as a database of NCPA member pharmacists, regionally and by specialty. They will represent community pharmacy and further the perception of the industry via media interviews and testimonials and other public outreach. The committee will periodically engage the Ambassadors via various communications vehicles and provide training, issue updates, mentoring, and unique online content. As the healthcare debate heats up, the Communications committee will be able to call on the Ambassadors to speak into the dialogue.

NCPA Special Committee on Compounding:

Initiative

3 Position papers with resources on PCAB accreditation: Top 10 Reasons:

- Why should you accredit
- How-to Guide
- To stay committed if you are stuck in the middle – how to get through the process

- **Intermediary Pre/Post-edit Clearinghouse (C’Edit) for compounded claims**
 - One-page description of the entity
 - Objective/Purpose
 - Structure and Process
 - Ideal capabilities (use of platform)
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Technological changes required
 - Benefits to parties involved
 - Walk-through demonstration of MirixaPro

- **Educational Resources for NCPA members (on website)**
 - Basic information, start-up checklists
 - Best practices, recommendations, “Compounders Creed”
 - Description of a “good compounding pharmacist”
 - Document for Ownership Academy (Buyers and Owners)
 - ROI on compounding
 - Budgeting for PCAB accreditation

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NCPA Committee on Home Health Care

Initiative

Legislative Initiative: May 11-13 NCPA Legislative Conference

- NCPA Legislative Support for HR 574 and S254 Medicare Home Infusion Coverage Act
- Incorporate NHIA's grass roots efforts into NCPA

Long Term Initiative:

- Developing and monitoring Relationship with AADE
- DSMT: Diabetes Self Management Training
- Work Cooperatively with Patient Focused Care Committee

NCPA Special Committee on Innovation and Technology

Initiatives

Members of the committee will serve as the beta test group for the launch of the *updated* Web 2.0 enabled, Pharmacist e-Link website. Committee members will be updated via email on the expected beta test period, their access credentials to the protected beta site and the bug reporting interface to be used during the beta test period. A follow-up conference call will be scheduled to coincide with the beta launch and completion of the test period.

Members of the committee will perform an assessment of available pharmacy software solutions.

Members of the committee will develop a plan to expand the Education/Technology Seminar to a track vs. an all day event.

Members of the committee will provide support and their expertise to assist other committees with their initiatives, and participate in any panels at the 2009 Convention that require input from a technology perspective.

Members of the committee will develop a plan to collect and aggregate data on a common platform to create advantages in the marketplace for independent pharmacy.

NCPA Committee on Long Term Care

Initiative

Redefine Long Term Care

- Explore options to change committee's name to more effectively define comprehensive patient care for an extended period of time.
- Do a series of articles and profiles on this niche market, such as: "It's Time to Revisit Long Term Care." Examples would pharmacies engaged in providing services for not only nursing homes, but assisted living, correctional institutions, hospice, group homes, residential treatment, and Medicaid waiver patients.
- Explore membership opportunities in conjunction with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP).

NCPA Committee on Management

Initiative

Profitable Business Opportunities within Patient Care

The committee will identify 12 profitable business opportunities within patient care and solicit 1-page articles for *America's Pharmacist*. The journal can approach vendors of products discussed for advertising in conjunction with the appearance of the article. The article shall follow this format:

1. Problem or need that inspired the service
2. Brief description of service
3. Process of implementation, including challenges
4. Results, comments on profitability

NCPA Committee on Multiple Locations

Initiative

a) Facilitate formation of interactive professional forum available to NCPA members via NCPA website to promote healthy exchange of ideas to implement, to promote and increase best practice in their own pharmacy. This is also an opportunity to create networking with other pharmacists as well as students.

The forum would be a free flow of ideas that could be broken down into different threads. For example, some of the possible threads could include legislation, continuing education, innovative practice, financial management, and ownership opportunities.

b) Creation of 'Career Day/Fair' booth that would increase visibility and representation of independent pharmacy at pharmacy schools during Career Fairs. Work with local buying groups, wholesalers and NCPA members.

NCPA Committee on National Legislation

Initiative

Initiative: Advocate for Life

- create endowments at pharmacy schools specifically for NCPA student travel.
- use the example of Wiechert Fund at Ohio Northern University.
- establish mentor relationships between pharmacists/student focusing on advocacy at legislative conference.

NCPA Committee on Patient Focused Care

Initiative

First initiative of defining Statement of Purpose has been completed: : To promote patient centered and financially viable pharmacy programs to optimize therapy outcomes.

Second initiative: Equip pharmacists with skills necessary to deliver MTM service by identifying and resolving barriers to implementation. Time (creating efficient practice), Knowledge (Continuing Education), Skill, Clear ROI (Continuing Education)

NCPA Committee on Third Party Payment Programs

Initiative

1 - Review PBM laws and proposed legislation in the states and give states a list of no more than 10 provisions that are substantive and actionable. Encourage states to identify 2 or 3 of those provisions to strive for in their legislative process as they address the abusive practices of PBMs. As soon as Arkansas PBM law passes, communicate that information to the states and other stakeholders.

2 - The Committee will provide an opportunity for state associations to participate in a conference call to discuss strategic options for getting their proposals through the legislative process.