

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

News From the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy

The District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy members are:

- Alan Friedman, RPh, Vice Chairperson
- Ashlee Bow, PharmD, RPh, AAHIVP, Member
- Allison Hill, PharmD, RPh, Member
- Benjamin E. Miles, PharmD, RPh, BCPS, Member
- Vacant, Member
- Vacant, Pharmacy Technician Member

- Vacant, Consumer Member
- Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, Executive Director

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To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

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Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie, February, April, June, August, October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed

pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board may meet in subcommittees and/



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or hold executive (closed) session meetings as needed. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board has transitioned to a hybrid schedule, meaning that quarterly Board meetings will be held in person. The public can still attend virtually via the Webex link after registration.

Future open session meeting dates are:

- Thursday, October 3, 2024
– 9:30 AM
- Thursday, December 5, 2024
– 9:30 AM
- Thursday, February 6, 2025
– 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of June 6, 2024	
Pharmacists	2,238
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	843
Pharmacy Interns	315
Pharmacy Technicians	1,216
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	149
Pharmaceutical Detailers	609
Pharmacy Technician Programs	14

NABP Annual Meeting Update

The 120th National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) Annual Meeting was held May 14-17 in Fort Worth, TX. “Driving Pharmacy Practice Evolution Together” provided board of pharmacy members and staff, as well as other stakeholders, with an opportunity to take an active role in protecting public health.

Continuing education (CE) topics included pharmacy personnel burnout, artificial intelligence and health informatics, and an emerging pharmacy topic discussion. Corey Feist of the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes’ Foundation delivered the keynote, which challenged attendees to make health care professional well-being a top priority.

Delegates from the member boards adopted resolutions on drug shortages, expanding access to NABP competency assessment examinations, and developing a national forum for pharmacy professional recovery programs. District of Columbia Board Member Dr Allison Hill served as DC’s

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delegate. The newly elected NABP Executive Committee includes the following:

- NABP President Jeffrey J. Mesaros, PharmD, JD, RPh;
- Chairperson Lenora S. Newsome, PD;
- President-elect Bradley S. Hamilton, BSPHarm, RPh;
- Treasurer Nicole L. Chopski, PharmD, ANP;
- Member Stacey Ranucci, MBA, RPh, BGCP, CDCES, FASCP (District 1);
- Member Janet Getzey Hart, RPh (District 2);
- Member Traci Collier, PharmD, RPh (District 3);
- Member Steven W. Schierholt, Esq (District 4);
- Member Shane R. Wendel, PharmD, RPh (District 5);
- Member Deborah C. Mack, RPh, CHC, CCEP (District 6);
- Member Tony King, MBA, PharmD (District 7); and
- Member Kamlesh “Kam” Gandhi, PharmD, RPh (District 8).

Next year’s Annual Meeting will be held May 13-16 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



DC Health and the Board Relocated to Ward 8

In February, the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy, along with other health care professional licensing boards of the Office of Health Professional Licensing Boards (OHPLB), and the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health), relocated. DC Health moved from its longtime location in

Ward 6 and will proudly serve District residents from its new headquarters at 2201 Shannon Place SE in Ward 8. This move is one more step in Mayor Bowser’s continuing commitment to the economic development of Ward 8 by bringing new jobs, new customers for local businesses, and new opportunities east of the river.

DC Health will also take advantage of this geographic opportunity by building deeper relationships within the community and working even more closely with local organizations and leaders to promote health equity and better health outcomes for everyone in the District.

Free CE for Pharmacists and Technicians

The District of Columbia Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx) is a DC Health project in collaboration with

Innovation Horizons. DC Health is proud to have developed a new module titled, “Opioid Addiction

Identification and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).” This module is tailored to equip health



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care professionals with essential skills to address the opioid crisis. The course is led by an expert in addiction medicine and covers understanding opioid addiction and its impact, the neurobiology of addiction, the identification of risk factors, signs and symptoms, and screening and assessment, while providing interactive case studies and support services. The target

audience for this course includes pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, dentists, medical students, residents, and health care administrators. Enroll today to enhance your clinical skills and impact the opioid crisis. Visit the [DCRx website](#) for more information and to register.

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