



Your Pharmacist Serves You and Your Community

Pharmacists are consistently cited as one of America's most trusted healthcare professionals. Pharmacists play an invaluable role in healthcare as medication-use experts; guiding the proper use of life-saving prescription medicines and helping patients get the best results from their medicine.

Facts on the Value of the Pharmacist.

- Pharmacists provide critical emergency services such as those offered during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita – establishing temporary and mobile pharmacies in the wake of disaster, filling prescriptions without regard to a patient's ability to pay, and utilizing existing shipping and communication networks to provide over-the-counter medications and other emergency supplies.
- Dozens of studies conclude that pharmacists patient care services can significantly reduce overall health care costs.
 - Health problems resulting from improperly taken prescription medications cost more than \$177 billion each year – more than the cost of the drugs themselves. {Ernst FR, Grizzle, AJ. Drug-Related Morbidity and Mortality: Updating the Cost-of-Illness Model: Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association. 2001. Mar-Apr; 41 (2): 192-199.}
 - Pharmacists providing care to two employers in Asheville, NC, decreased healthcare costs, improved care, and decreased employee absenteeism. {The Asheville Project. Pharmacy Times. Romaine Pierson Publishers, Inc. Westbury: NY. October 1998. Bunting B. (excerpt) Asheville Project Continues to Produce Positive Results. America's Pharmacists. May 200: 43-44.}

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