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# Pharmacy Post

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## Stories of Care During COVID

Be forewarned, some accounts are triggering for caregivers

Kevin Page, year 4 student at the University of Wyoming, had a rotation at Presbyterian St Lukes in Denver, CO. His rotation was during the second surge of COVID cases, right before Christmas. Despite their unwavering dedication to patient care, the staff at the hospital were pushed to their limits physically and emotionally. Intensivists took time to boost morale with light jokes and kind words. There were two moments that stuck out to Kevin:

"First, I was working up patients in the hall and literally body bags were carried through behind me. I was faced with so much death and still had to focus on the patients I could help.

The second thing that stuck out to me was watching family members who could not be with their loved ones. Watching through a window, they had to make difficult choices about their family without being able to comfort them. I reflected on what I would do if it were my parents who were sick with COVID."

Jennifer Steiner reported few moments during COVID that she provided care to her patients and staff:

"When Walmart said they were going to put up plastic barriers in the next three weeks for all pharmacies, I thought of the rapid outbreak of COVID in Riverton, and that our west side Walmart pharmacy was the closest pharmacy to them. I emailed the vice president of Health and Wellness and explained that we had immunocompromised staff serving patients, we needed those barriers up immediately. Walmart had those barriers up in three days.

Two of our patients were afraid for their lives and asked me where they could find hand sanitizer. Our shelves were bare. I took some sanitizer from our pharmacy and put it into a prescription bottle. I gave it to them and said, "We want you to have this. Be safe."

I ran errands for immunocompromised patients, gathering supplies for them. I made sure they were able to get vaccinated by contacting Anna Kinder, Director of Natrona County Public Health. She was happy to get those patients an appointment for a COVID vaccination

## Stories of Care During COVID continued

Lacey Crumbaugh, from Geneva Woods pharmacy, facilitated a couple of monoclonal antibody treatments on patients that were infected with COVID. Bamlanivimab was an EUA authorized treatment as a one-time hour long infusion for mild to moderate cases of COVID that were diagnosed within 10 days, and had to meet at least one of the following criteria: age over 65, BMI over 35, chronic kidney disease, or immunocompromised. The infusions took approximately an hour. The pharmacy would ensure criteria, mix the drug, and drive it over to the patient for infusion. The patients received this life-saving treatment at no cost due to government funding.

Melinda Carroll, pharmacist at King Soopers Pharmacy in Cheyenne, made time in her busy schedule to speak to 60+ residents at Pointe Frontier Assisted Living about COVID vaccines. She did this prior to her clinic so that residents would feel more comfortable about getting vaccinated. She presented via Zoom to the residents and went over all the different types of vaccines. A couple of questions asked by residents were: How long after we get vaccinated can get back to normal? Are we mandated to get the vaccine? After being assured they would be given a choice, most residents chose to get vaccinated and they are doing well today.

Ashley Clark, Pharmacy Technician from Rock Springs Community Health Center Pharmacy, reports: One day in March, a pregnant patient was having severe nausea and could not make it to the pharmacy to pick up medication. Our pharmacy offered to deliver the medication to her home that afternoon, even with snowy weather, because we understand how hard it can be to make it to the pharmacy during COVID precautions. The patient was overjoyed at such great care.

When COVID started last year, not a lot was known about how to treat patients. A patient who was new to town and had no family to help, reached out to Jen DiNino, pharmacy tech at King Soopers Pharmacy in Cheyenne. She asked if she could get some help with vitamins. The patient had been newly diagnosed with COVID and the only treatments available were zinc and vitamin D. Jen DiNino volunteered to deliver the supplements to this patient in need. The patient thanked Jen for her above and beyond service.

For more stories like these, please check out the Wyoming Pharmacy Association Facebook page. Please post your stories there and we may be able to feature them at our Convention.

### 104th WPhA/WySHP Annual Convention

The Annual Convention will be June 25-27th in Saratoga at Saratoga Hot Springs Resort. Please Join Us!! <https://wypha.org/>

\*\*You can attend in person or virtually\*\*

### Annual Convention Call for Auction Items

Please send your auction items to benefit the University of Wyoming pharmacy students BY JUNE 15th to: : 710 10th St Wheatland, WY 82201

You can also email pics and the value of your donations to: [director@wypha.net](mailto:director@wypha.net)

## Call for Testimonies—Due by June 9th

Exciting progress is being made in the efforts to control pharmacy benefit managers in the State of Wyoming. Camilla Hancock, RPh of Basin Pharmacy has been working to unite independent pharmacies, in this fight. We were informed that on June 11th at 12:30pm in Riverton, Wyoming an Interim Hearing with the Labor, Health and Human Services Committee is taking place. Our sponsor Representative Jamie Flitner has suggested we come prepared with a plan.

After discussing with Andrea Todd-Harlin, a contracted lobbyist for Independent Pharmacies the following plan has been made:

1. Find five pharmacists who can give an impactful testimony using a story.
2. Keep testimonies to 1.5 minutes (she stressed that legislators will tune you out if you go much longer than this).
3. Have the testimonies written out to prevent going over time or adding less useful information.
4. Each testimony needs to show a different part of the PBM problem- we don't want to repeat similar stories and bore the legislators.
5. Find a patient willing to testify concerning their nightmare experience with PBMs (1.5 minutes long as well).

If you feel you have a story you would like to share in testimony or know of a patient who is willing to share their experience please contact Camilla at [hancock.camilla@gmail.com](mailto:hancock.camilla@gmail.com). She is collecting as many testimonies as possible and will work with Andrea and Jamie to select the five testimonies which will make the greatest impact. They will be able to help with writing if needed. Please contact Camilla by June 9th. Email: [hancock.camilla@gmail.com](mailto:hancock.camilla@gmail.com)

Please note: testimonies may be given in person or via zoom.

## WPhA Convention Information

**WSHP***Wyoming Society of Health-System Pharmacy*

*104th Annual WPhA/WSHP Convention  
June 25-27, 2021  
Saratoga Hot Springs Resort -  
Saratoga, Wyoming*



The University of Wyoming, School of Pharmacy, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a Provider of Continuing Pharmacy Education and designates these live knowledge or application based activities for up to a total of 12 contact hours (1.2 CEU's) to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who attend the program and complete an evaluation / program assessment. Course numbers, instructors, dates, times, and learning objectives are listed separately below.

## WPhA Convention Information continued

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND / TARGET AUDIENCE

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians interested in completing ACPE approved educational programs to assist in their practice.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is handled through the Wyoming Pharmacy Association <https://wypha.org>  
Please register [here](#)

### FEES / REFUND

Refunds will be made available on a case by case basis if the pharmacist or pharmacy technician is unable to attend the live (or virtual sessions).

### ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

These educational programs examine a wide variety of topics from regulatory requirements of the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy to clinical opportunities as listed by the topics. Programs provide either knowledge based or application based information which is noted for each activity.

### METHODS AND CE REQUIREMENTS

This live activity consists of active participation and engagement during the presentations. Participants must complete the program evaluation provided at the session. For those who are live and in person - the evaluation must be turned in by the end of the last session on Sunday June 27, 2021. If the evaluation is not turned in credit will not be provided. For those that are registered and attending virtually, the evaluation will be e mailed and must be returned via to Elliott Sogol @ [esogol@uwyo.edu](mailto:esogol@uwyo.edu) by Sunday June 27, 2021 at 10:00pm Mountain time. Evaluations that are not received by this time will not be honored and the participant will not receive credit. Once received, attendees will be sent additional information and all attendees must complete an evaluation / assessment of each program they are receiving credit for.

CE credits awarded will be electronically uploaded to the CPE Monitor system within 4 weeks of the UW SOP continuing education group receiving fully completed assessments and evaluation forms.

### FACULTY DISCLOSURE

As a provider accredited by ACPE, it is the policy of the University of Wyoming, School of Pharmacy continuing education group to ensure balance, independence, integrity, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all educational activities. A potential for bias may exist if a continuing education faculty member is affiliated with or has a financial interest in any ineligible organization(s) that may have a direct interest in the subject matter of the presentation or the selling, marketing, or distribution of products discussed in the presentation. Situations involving potential bias are not inherently problematic or unethical, but the prospective audience must be made aware of the affiliation or financial interest. It is intended that any potential bias be identified openly so that the audience is provided full disclosure of the facts and may form their own judgments about the continuing education activity content.

Faculty for this program have no known conflicts unless noted after the objectives for the associated program.

### PRIVACY POLICY

Once you register for a program, your personal information is collected. However, this information is utilized for record-keeping purposes associated with verifying your participation in CE programs in accordance with our accreditation requirements. In addition, this information is used for marketing of other University of Wyoming CE programs. Under no circumstances is your personal information shared with/sold to any other party. You can opt out of receipt of any of our advanced program information at any time.

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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E-mail information for program [director@wpha.net](mailto:director@wpha.net)

**We invite you to take an active role in working to better pharmacy in Wyoming.**

**JOIN the Wyoming Pharmacy Association TODAY!**

**Wyoming Pharmacy Association Membership Application**

**Go to WyPha.org to join online!**

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 Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Business \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle all that apply:**

Academia Retail Pharmacy  
 Health-Systems Pharmacy Home Health Care Pharmacy  
 Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to be involved in the following group, please check below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Wyoming Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy  
 (no additional membership if required to belong to WySHP)

**Type of Membership**

- ☐ Active Pharmacist ..... \$150  
☐ Retired or Out-of-State Pharmacist ..... \$ 50  
☐ Pharmacy Technician ..... \$ 25  
☐ Pharmacy or technician Student..... \$ 10  
☐ Donation to Student Fund .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**• Make checks payable to: Wyoming Pharmacy Association**

- **Join Online!** <https://wypha.org/>
- **Or Mail this form and payment to:**

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## NCPA Award

On behalf of NCPA, please click here for the nomination form for the 2021 NCPA WILLARD B. SIMMONS INDEPENDENT PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR AWARD  
<https://ncpa.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/simmons-nomination-form-2021.pdf>

If you have an individual who you feel is deserving of this award, please complete the nomination form and provide supporting documentation for the nomination and forward via fax to 571-549-4013 or email to [donna.johnson@ncpa.org](mailto:donna.johnson@ncpa.org). The deadline for nominations is Friday, July 23; nominations will also be solicited via NCPA's e-newsletter qAM. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Donna Johnson  
Associate Director Executive Office  
National Community Pharmacists Association

Founded in 1898, the National Community Pharmacists Association is the voice for the community pharmacist, representing more than 21,000 pharmacies that employ 250,000 individuals nationwide. Community pharmacies are rooted in the communities where they are located and are among America's most accessible health care providers. To learn more, visit [www.ncpa.org](http://www.ncpa.org).

### 2021 NCPA WILLARD B. SIMMONS INDEPENDENT PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

The NCPA Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award recognizes an independent pharmacist for exceptional leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy and the community.

The winner of this award will receive an engraved commemorative plaque, a \$1,000 cash award, travel expenses to NCPA's 123rd Annual Convention, October 9-12, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. Accommodations for up to three nights, coach airfare for recipient, \$1,000 to the school/college of pharmacy of choice designated by the award recipient, and a complimentary convention registration for recipient and guest.

Candidates for the NCPA Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year Award must be an NCPA member and an owner or manager of an independent pharmacy. Self-nominations are acceptable.

The award bears the name of Willard B. Simmons of Chicago, Illinois, a long-time NCPA Foundation board member and retired NCPA executive secretary who exemplified outstanding leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy during his long career.

## **91,500% increase in DIR Fees to Pharmacies Reported from NCPA**

Would you pay \$2,738 for a gallon of gas? \$1,374 for a Snickers? \$22,904 for a haircut? If you did, you'd be broke very quickly, right? Those figures represent a 91,500 percent increase from current prices, and according to the [fiscal year 2022 budget justification](#) (p.242) estimate sent to Congress by CMS, pharmacy DIR fees increased by that same percentage between 2010 and 2019. That says it all about the state of community pharmacy today. "It's completely out of control," NCPA CEO Douglas Hoey said. "The PBMs are pillaging pharmacies and increasing prescription costs on seniors needing their medications, and it's way overdue for policymakers to act." Read more about this [financial fiasco here](#).

## **Reminder about WPhA Convention Resort**

While Saratoga Hot Springs Resort is a full service resort, anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an person 18 years or older in all pool areas.

## **WPhA Officers and Directors Needed**

At the Annual WPhA Meeting there will be an election held to determine at least 1 new officer (Vice-President) and two Directors. The person selected as Vice-President will begin a four-year commitment to WPhA in which they will serve as President in their third year. The director positions are a three-year term.

This is a great way to become further engaged in the association and in pharmacy in general. If interested, contact [director@wpha.net](mailto:director@wpha.net) to learn more or to begin the process of becoming elected. A letter of intent is not required, but it is recommended while seeking an elected position.

## Pharmacy Law Quiz Bowl! Again!

DON'T MISS the EVENT OF THE YEAR-2021.

**Pharmacy Law Quiz Bowl Friday June 25th  
8:20pm (virtual competition starts at 8:35pm  
sharp) \*\*\*a fundraiser for WPhA\*\*\***

**STEP 1:** Pick up to 4 other teammates (Max 5 people per team)

**STEP 2:** Raise some dough - Suggested Donation is \$5 per person - BONUS points will be awarded to teams that fundraise above and beyond!

**STEP 3:** Email your team names to [director@wpha.net](mailto:director@wpha.net) by **Thursday June 24th**. We will send you the sign-up and donation instructions.

**STEP 4:** Install Zoom on your phone or computer (You can also install PollEverywhere on your phone or just use the website)

**STEP 5:** Gather your favorite libations and friends - It's TRIVIA TIME!

Questions? Reply to this email by Thursday June 24th.

### DA RULES:

- 1) No cheating (we need to know how smart YOU are, not Google)
  - 2) Round lasts about a minute and 30 seconds
  - 3) Your teams break out into your separate rooms on Zoom and then I call you back about 30 seconds later, giving you another 60 seconds to come back
  - 4) Designate one person on your team to answer
    - a) Submit your answer in the PollEverywhere answer box. Be sure to list your team name first, then the answer to receive credit.

Ex: "Team 1": (Answer here)

-OR- if you have technical difficulties.....
    - b) Submit your answer via Zoom chat after you have come back from your breakout room - to the Host only -w/the start of your message being your team name:

Ex: "Team 1": (Answer here)
  - 5) We keep track of points as we go. 1 point for each right answer
    - a) You can donate extra money to regain points that your team misses. (CHEATING? - or PHILANTHROPY with BENEFITS??)
  - 6) We will have about 10 rounds with some quick breaks- Have fun!
- \*Who will win the "Chalice of Victory" plus a sweet opioid promotional tic tac toe game from the 80's?\***





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