

Ohio's Pharmacists: Improving People's Health

By 2025, the U.S. could see a shortage of as many as 31,100 primary care physicians. Even if nurse practitioners and physician assistants are fully utilized, patient needs will not fully be met!¹

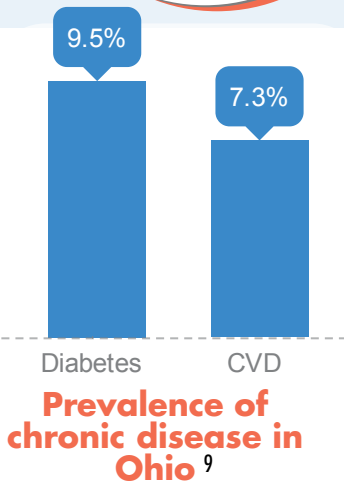
Ohio has 150 designated HPSAs and only 55% of the primary care needs in those areas are currently being met.² There are 12,720 highly trained pharmacists in OH who are ready to provide valuable healthcare services.³

Meeting Patients' Needs in Ohio

11.7
million
people⁴

208
more primary
care providers
are needed⁵

12,720
Pharmacists
ready to help⁶



Diabetes

Diabetes is a complex condition that is often managed by multiple medications. Pharmacists can optimize care and help patients understand their medications and their condition in order to improve outcomes and avoid complications.⁷

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

For patients with uncontrolled high blood pressure, waiting even two months to optimize medications increases the risk of complications, including hospitalizations. Pharmacists are highly accessible members of the care team who significantly improve blood pressure control and can provide timely follow-up and monitoring to improve outcomes.⁸

45%
of Ohio residents
were vaccinated for
the flu¹⁰

Immunization rates across the U.S. have continued to increase since pharmacists began vaccinating.¹¹

23%

of people in
Ohio smoke
cigarettes¹²

**50% of people with
chronic diseases do
not take their
medicines correctly.¹⁴**



Smoking causes nearly 1 of every 5 deaths in the U.S. each year.¹³ Pharmacists are qualified and capable of providing smoking cessation counseling.

Medications are critical for the treatment of chronic conditions. Pharmacists can help patients use them safely and effectively to avoid medication related problems.

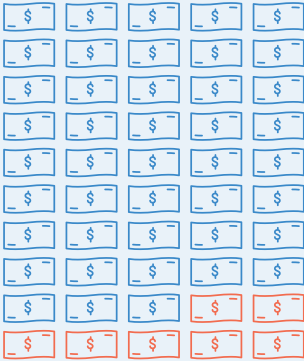


Ohio spends **\$11,866,000,000** annually on prescription medications.¹⁵

Investing in pharmacists' services optimizes the use of those prescription medications.

Decades of research have proven the value of including pharmacists on healthcare teams. Improved health outcomes, lower costs, and increased access to care could be a reality for Ohio residents if pharmacists were fully empowered to serve as patient care providers.

Healthcare \$\$ Spent on Chronic Conditions



■ Chronic Conditions
■ Other

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On average
\$1,000
per patient per year is saved

with pharmacist interventions for patients with chronic conditions.¹⁷

Pharmacists' counseling and adherence programs can save the healthcare system

\$164
per patient

in the 6 months following the start of a new prescription medication.¹⁸

86% of Ohio hospitals were penalized for high readmission rates.¹⁹



Patients are **2X** more likely to stay out of the hospital

when pharmacists provide clinical services after discharge.²⁰



Ohio spent **\$6.63 billion** on Medicaid in 2016.²²

Pharmacists in Ohio delivered a **4.4:1 ROI** when providing medication therapy management services to Medicaid patients.²¹

\$4.40 saved per \$1 spent on pharmacists' services

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