

Tennessee'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!

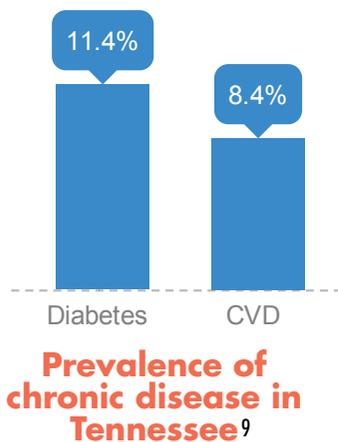
Tennessee has 139 designated HPSAs and only 70% of the primary care needs in those areas are currently being met.² There are 7,440 highly trained pharmacists in TN who are ready to provide valuable healthcare services.³

Meeting Patients' Needs in Tennessee

6.7
million
people⁴

245
more primary
care providers
are needed⁵

7,440
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

40%
of Tennessee residents
were vaccinated for
the flu¹⁰

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

22%
of people in
Tennessee smoke
cigarettes¹²

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.

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



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

