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Sioux Falls, SD | 2pm
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(AACCP) Annual Meeting | Chicago, IL
- 25 2025 Annual GVR Society Open Golf Classic
Dell Rapids, SD

AUGUST

- 23-25 NACDS Total Store Expo | San Diego, CA

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- 1 Labor Day
- 19-20 South Dakota Pharmacists Association 139th
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Amanda Bacon // SDPhA Executive Director



On July 1, we entered uncharted territory.

For the first time since the Board of Pharmacy and the South Dakota Pharmacists Association were no longer run out of the office or by the same executive, the South Dakota Pharmacists Association now exists entirely outside the framework of state statute. That means no state mandates, no automatic membership, and—

maybe most consequentially—no financially guaranteed future. I won't sugar coat it. Getting to this date has been all the things. It's been exhausting. It's been scary. It's kept me awake many nights.

But also—it's ours to create now. Ours to carry forward.

And if ever there was a moment to lean in and say this matters, it's this one.

Here's the truth: we are ready.

Because we've been doing the work.

2025 will go down as one of the most consequential legislative sessions, and years as a whole in our soon-to-be 139 year history. Advocacy and action that allowed us to restructure, reimagine, and reclaim our future. It's work that hasn't always been visible to everyone – sometimes because it just can't be. Starting over—from crafting bylaws revisions, membership and corporate partnership structures—to communication strategy and rebuilding our communications infrastructure while and prepping for a full-scale membership relaunch—isn't work that really happens in the spotlight. It's work that happens in the trenches. In the crossed "t's" and dotted "i's" and cross references in bylaws and statutes.

What that set up, in part: The Script the Future campaign and the Founding Members Waitlist. If you attended your district meeting this Spring – you heard about it and provided us a lot of valuable feedback. If you didn't, we hope you've seen us on social and the website, and shortly, you'll find us in your inbox, too.

But I feel like some of the most meaningful progress we made wasn't in a spreadsheet or a campaign plan. It happened in the Black Hills.



Your SDPhA Board spent a weekend at Blue Belle Lodge, in Custer State Park. Deep in the trees and full of ideas, doing what boards rarely get time to do: reflect, refine, reset. And what stood out most?

The clarity.
The energy.
Above all: the shared commitment.

Jessica Strobl wasn't physically there—she was across the country at a national meeting—but still found time to step out and call in for our most important conversations.

Chelsea Conway was there, even though she was also celebrating a wedding anniversary.

Andy Tonneson was there, while also celebrating one of his kids' birthdays.

Jeremy Daniel hobbled in wearing a medical boot.

Scout Forbes-Hurd drove twelve hours from Minneapolis to be there.

Sarah Andersen and Eric Grocott both had to find coverage at their pharmacies to make it work. (If you get the chance, please ask Eric about the goats his wife had to wrangle while also solo parenting four kids so Eric could be at the retreat – she's the real MVP!)

The point is: there's a lot that goes into changing, well... everything.

And this team showed up, heart-first. They didn't come to check a box or hold space.

They came to lead.

Last year, then incoming SDPhA president Andy Tonneson gave us one simple charge: "Survive and advance."

We did.

Now, ***we build.***

We're preparing for Convention 2025. We're scripting a future that includes stronger partnerships, smarter policy, and a serious recommitment to community. **And we are calling on every pharmacist in this state to help us write that story.**

Here's what you can do:

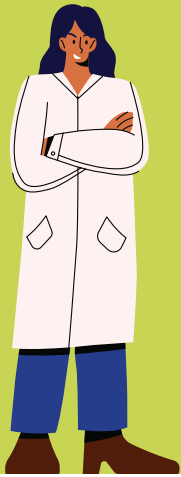
- **Get on the Founding Members List.** If you're waiting for someone else to go first, stop. Be that someone. You'll be recognized at convention, but more importantly—you'll be part of the movement that made this new era possible.
- **Watch for Convention Registration.** Yes, the office is currently in a state of semi-controlled chaos and so, no, registration isn't open yet. But it *will* be, and you need to be there.
- **Bring a friend. Bring your tech. Bring your student.** This year's Convention isn't just about CE. It's about connection. This is how we rebuild.

We're still standing. We're still here. And for the first time in a VERY long time, we aren't just reacting to what's next—we're writing it.

Let's #ScriptTheFuture.
Together.

Onward and upward,

AMANDA BACON



Be a Founding Member

This is *Your* Time to Script the Future!



This is our moment to script the future of pharmacy in South Dakota –not just watch it unfold. That’s why I signed up..

Melissa Gorecki
PharmD | Warner, SD



I signed up because I believe South Dakota pharmacists need a strong voice, and that starts with signing up, and showing up.

Kristen Carter
PharmD | Pierre, SD

On July 1, we stepped fully into our new era.

For the first time in nearly 140 years, SDPhA is *completely independent*—no longer tied to statute or automatic enrollment. That’s a big deal. It’s a little bit scary.

But it’s also a big opportunity.

This is our chance to build an association that reflects what pharmacists actually need today: real advocacy, real connection, and real momentum. And we’re starting with the names of the people who believe in that mission.

We’re building the **Founding Members List**—a roll call of pharmacists who are ready to lead us into this next chapter. You won’t just be part of the Association. You’ll be one of the names we’ll point to and say: *they showed up when it mattered most.*

What is the Founding Members List?

The Founding Members List is a special campaign running now through Convention 2025 for pharmacists who commit to joining SDPhA under our new membership structure—before the official relaunch.

If you’re a pharmacist in South Dakota—this is your moment.

When you sign up for the waitlist, you’re raising your hand and saying:

- *I believe in the future of pharmacy in South Dakota.*
- *I believe in advocacy that doesn’t just happen to us—but is led by us.*
- *And I’m in.*

What happens when I sign up?

- You’ll be listed on the official **Founding Members Roster**—[on our website](#) and at Convention.
- You’ll be the *first* to receive registration info, the member rate for registration, and a little something extra when you show up at Deadwood in September.
- You’ll help us build visibility and momentum before our new dues model officially launches.

Why now? Why not wait until Convention?

Because now is when it counts.
Now is when it’s easiest to scroll past.
To wait and see.
To let someone else do it first.

But we don’t build strong advocacy and connection by waiting. We do it by **starting**.

By showing up.
By raising our hands.
By saying: count me in.

So What’s Next?

- Visit sdpha.org/scriptthefuture
- Sign up for the **Founding Members Waitlist**
- Tell a colleague. Or three.
- Watch for Convention registration soon—you’ll want to be there when this all comes to life.

We’re not just preserving the profession.
We’re **scripting** the future.
And this chapter starts with you.



President's PERSPECTIVE

Andy Tonneson // SDPhA Board President



Whenever summer approaches, I always have this feeling that as soon as the kids are out of school, things will slow down a bit. I am certain I have this false belief every single year. You would think by now I would realize that just because it is summer vacation for the kids, things never slow down. Our family seems to try to jam as much as possible into the few

months of nice weather we get each year, and I am sure your family is no different. Between baseball, softball, family vacations, fishing trips, basketball camps and wrestling camps, it seems we have something going on every single evening. But on the flip side we then ask ourselves, would we want it any other way? We wouldn’t change anything!

One thing that I always look forward to at the beginning of summer is our annual SDPhA Board Retreat at Blue Bell Lodge in Custer State Park. This is a unique gathering that allows our families the opportunity to get to know each other and let our kids run amuck while hopefully staying out of trouble. This is also one of only a few times a year that the board is able to get together in person for a meeting. Don’t get me wrong, Teams meetings are great and all, but I feel like real progress happens when you are pent up in a room together for 8 hours. This year was extra meaningful, as we were attempting to “Script the Future of Pharmacy” in our great state. Your SDPhA executive director and board went to work with a packed agenda and the goal of paving the way for the future of our organization.

You may have heard some rumblings over the past several months as we have kicked off our campaign, Script the Future of Pharmacy in South Dakota. If you haven’t, you can find more information at www.sdpha.org/scriptthefuture. There, you can find a list of all the pharmacists and students in South Dakota who are pledging their commitment to joining SDPhA as a Founding Member as soon as the changes in bylaws are voted on during Annual Convention in Deadwood this September 18-20. Registration will open soon, so if you want to be in the room and have your voice heard, make sure you get signed up!

SDPhA is always accepting feedback from South Dakota pharmacists regarding what they would like to see out of the organization. At the end of the day, that is what we are here for! Whether that be continuing education related to niche areas of pharmacy or following what is happening at the state and national level, we want to hear from you. You can reach out to any member of the board at any time, and we will work with you to help make your goals and ideas a reality. We want to make sure that SDPhA supports all pharmacists in our state, not just a select few. If we can do that effectively, getting involved with SDPhA will be easier knowing that you will get the return on the investment that you deserve.

In closing, I hope to see everyone in Deadwood this September. And as my time as Board President is entering its last few months, I will leave you with the three simple words that began my term - Survive and Advance. SDPhA isn’t going anywhere.

Respectfully,

ANDY TONNESON

South Dakota's PBM LAWS IN ACTION

With HB 1135 (2023) now the law in South Dakota, our focus has been **assessing how it works in practical application** for regulating Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). We find there are somehow still people who are unaware of the regulations, and the processes for filing a complaint. **SDPhA is planning exciting upcoming educational opportunities** on these topics, and we encourage you to keep an eye out for emails, posts, etc. with more details.

In the months that followed HB 1135 becoming law, SDPhA went to work with the South Dakota Division of Insurance (SD DOI) on the process and procedure for filing complaints and violations of the new law. We thank the DOI for bringing us to the table early and often in this process. We collaborated with them to create an intake form that is simple and direct, yet comprehensive.

As a reminder, here are the highlights of the bill:

- **Prohibit direct or indirect retroactive claim adjustments** unless it's the result of a technical billing error, audit, fraudulent or duplicate claim. (Section 13)
- **Prohibit the numerous onerous fees** PBMs charge pharmacies. (Section 14)
- **MAC list regulation** to help ensure pharmacies are paid fairly and transparently. (Sections 15-16)
- **Prohibit a PBM from reimbursing its own pharmacies more** than it does other resident South Dakota pharmacies (Section 17)
- **Strengthens gag clause prohibition** (Section 10)

In addition, the bill strengthens audit (Section 4, 7) and reporting (Section 18) requirements for PBMs (including identifying all instances of spread spicing) and establishes the conditions under which the Division of Insurance may suspend, revoke, or deny a PBM's license (Section 19).

One especially important note – it is incumbent upon us to report issues and they occur and provide the proper documentation. You need to file complaints **IN WRITING** via the form. A phone call to the DOI is not going to initiate the process. The Division has also hired an investigator and a pharmacist, but the process is still a bit novel for everyone. We are committed to taking the time to work through any issues that arise with the process as we go. You can find a link to the complaint form, and a host of other resources on our new webpage devoted exclusively to [PBM and Payer Resources](#).



PBM AND PAYER RESOURCES

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PBM RESOURCES

[PBM Enforcement](#)

[PBM Complaint Form](#)

ADDITIONAL PAYER RESOURCES

[South Dakota Medicaid](#)

[Medicaid Provider Enrollment](#)

PBM REFORM IN SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Pharmacists Association advocates for meaningful pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform that benefits patients and pharmacies together. SDPhA supports efforts in PBM oversight on the federal and state level. We work closely with our South Dakota Congressional Delegation, the South Dakota Legislature, the South Dakota Division of Insurance and other stakeholders to ensure adequate payment and meaningful reform.

References to current SD law for PBMs are linked on right. Should you know of any PBM in violation of this code, we encourage you to file a complaint (link left and below) with the South Dakota Division of Insurance to help enforce law for which we advocated.

TIPS FOR FILING COMPLAINTS:

- A phone call doesn't do it. You must fill out the complaint form.
- Include a clear and concise description of the non-compliance (i.e., state law prohibits clawbacks and PBMs continue to clawback funds after the point of sale).
- Cite the specific state statute (list on the right).
- Include records/claim/other evidence of the PBMs' violations.
- Include all other information required by the state's complaint form.
- Quantity is important, but quality is too - please make sure you have all the necessary documentation for each complaint.

[PBM Complaint Form](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA PBM REGULATIONS

PBM licensure/registration requirement

[S.D. Laws 58-29E-2](#)

Prohibition against retroactive claim adjustments

[S.D. Laws 58-29E-13](#)

Prohibition against adjudication fees

[S.D. Laws 58-29E-16](#)

Fair pharmacy audit procedures

[S.D. Laws 58-29F](#)

Prohibition against anti-mandatory mail-order

[S.D. Laws 58-18-37](#)

Any Willing Pharmacy

[S.D. Laws 58-18-37](#)

Not less reimbursement than PBM-owned pharmacies

[S.D. Laws 58-29E-19](#)

SD BOARD of PHARMACY

Tyler Laetch, PharmD // Executive Director

SD Board Welcomes New Licensed Pharmacists, In-State Pharmacies, and Wholesalers

Congratulations to the following twelve candidates who recently met licensure requirements and were licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Aakash Shah, Sharon Engel, Alyssa Real, Sunita Devgon, Candace Jones, Nicole Gardner, Kristine Belanger, Brandon Groenhagen, Najibullah Wardak, Matthew Moseley, Karen Gams, and Teri Swenson.

One SD full-time pharmacy license was issued to Coburn's Incorporated in Aberdeen, 100-2100, and one SD Wholesaler, Owens & Minor Distribution, Inc., in Sioux Falls, 600-3739.

Pharmacist License Renewals

Reminder that the renewal period for pharmacist licensure opens August 1st. Pharmacist licenses must be renewed annually by September 30th. You can find renewal information at: <https://doh.sd.gov/licensing-and-records/boards/pharmacy/licensing-requirements/pharmacists/>.

Updates to SDCL 36-11 and SDCL 36- 11A

As of July 1st, 2025, updates to South Dakota Codified Law related to pharmacy practice take effect. One change pertains to the late fee for pharmacists, pharmacies, and wholesalers. If the license for a pharmacist, pharmacy, or wholesaler is not renewed by the deadline for each license type, a fifty-dollar late fee will be applied. In addition to the late fee, the Board is working on a rule update package that includes increasing the wholesale license fee to five hundred dollars. This fee increase is in response to the law update that was passed by the legislature this spring. You can go to <https://doh.sd.gov/news-statutes/statutes-rules/licensing-boards-statutes-rules/> to see the laws and rules for pharmacy.

Updates to ARSD 20:51 and ARSD 20:67

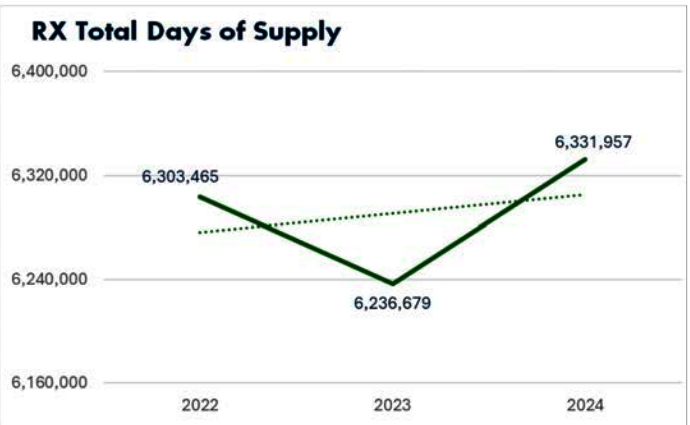
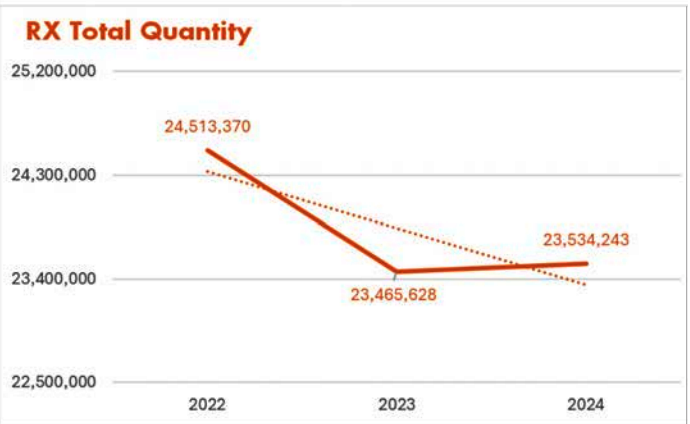
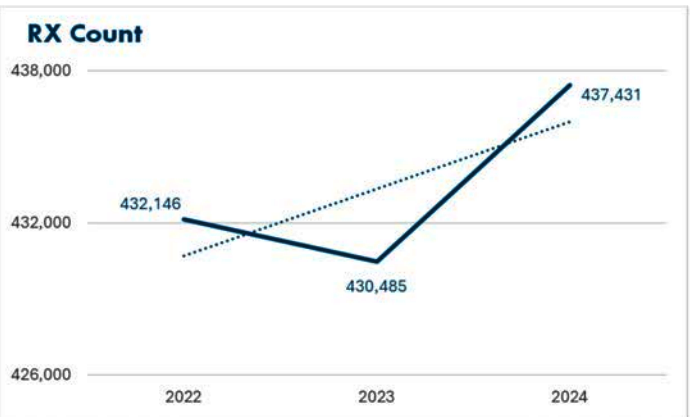
The Board of Pharmacy is currently working on a rule update package that will include increasing wholesaler fees, technician certification requirements, updates to emergency kits in nursing facilities, and other updates discussed previously at previous board meetings. These rule updates will be available on [our website](#), or you can

sign up for the Board of Pharmacy listserv on our board home page, which will keep you informed of any updates.

PDMP Update

By Melissa DeNoon, PDMP Director

Trending Opioid Prescriptions to SD Patients



These graphs trend opioid prescriptions dispensed to SD patients over the last three years – 2022, 2023, and 2024.

- Prescription count has increased slightly.
- Total quantity dispensed has decreased overall and is almost level over the last two years.
- Total days of supply has increased.
- These trends suggest: 1) opioid prescriptions in SD may have reached the level required to ensure appropriate pharmaceutical therapy is being provided to SD citizens, and 2) past inappropriate prescribing and overprescribing have been identified and addressed with the use of the PDMP as is shown by quantity and days of supply trends.
- As a point of reference, these three metrics in 2015 were: 1) prescription count almost equaled 710,000 so there has been a 38% decrease to 2024, 2) total quantity dispensed almost equaled 51 million doses so there has been a 54% decrease to 2024, and 3) total days of supply almost equaled 12 million days so there has been a 47% decrease to 2024.
- Efforts must be maintained, including ongoing promotion of PDMP utilization, to continue the perceived successes shown by these decreased metrics over the past ten years.

Board Meeting Dates

Please check the [Board of Pharmacy page on the Boards and Commissions Website](#) on the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy website for the time, location, and agenda for future Board meetings.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

TYLER LAETSCH

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PDMP SIGN UP + DATA ACCESS

<https://southdakota.pmpaware.net/login>

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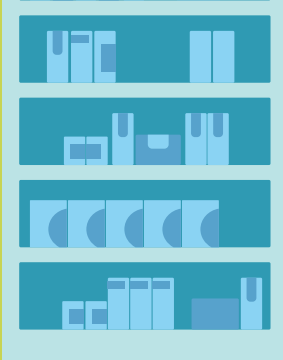
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Be a Founding Member

Script the Future of Pharmacy
in South Dakota!



Join the Movement Before the Vote!

Big changes are coming to SDPhA, and **YOU** can be part of history! With the repeal of SDPhA membership from state statute, we're committed to building an **even stronger, pharmacist-driven association** – and we need leaders like you to step up, show your colleagues **you're ALL IN** and help us blaze the trail **before** the annual convention in September. That's when and where we'll vote on the bylaws change to create a new kind of pharmacist membership for the association – one with a dues-based structure.

- ✓ Commit now to joining SDPhA as soon as the bylaws changes are approved!
- ✓ Be recognized as a Founding Member!
- ✓ Help build momentum before the vote.
- ✓ Convention registration at Member rate.

How it Works:

1. Add your name to the waitlist by signing up below. **No payment required yet.**
2. Your name will be featured on our **Founding Members List** – showing your commitment to pharmacy's future in South Dakota.
3. When the bylaws change passes, we'll **immediately process your membership** so you're officially in!

**Be Part of History.
Be a Founding Member.
Sign Up Today!**

#ScriptTheFuture #SDPhA2025

Join the Waitlist Now



SOUTH DAKOTA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

139th Annual Convention

SAVE THE DATE

**It's coming.
It's going to be GOOD.
And you're going to want to be there.**

The **2025 SDPhA Annual Convention** is happening **September 19–20 in Deadwood, South Dakota.**

We're still finalizing a few details, but here's what we can share right now:

- There will be **excellent CE** tailored to your real-world needs. (Wait until you see this lineup!)
- There will be **networking** that doesn't feel like small talk. (We have more opportunities to connect outside the CE session!)
- There will be **sponsors and exhibitors** who actually want to support you—not just sell to you. (They are packing the house – let's do the same for them!)
- There will be **founding member recognition** for those of you bold enough to raise your hands early. (Because leadership means stepping up before the path is fully paved.)
- There will be **Annual Awards Luncheon** that honors the excellence, innovation, and heart of our profession. (Some things will never change – you don't want to miss this chance to honor South Dakota's 2025 award recipients!)
- And there will most certainly be **laughter, connection, and caffeine. Lots of caffeine.** (Because we know – coffee is key. Hot and plenty of it!)

This isn't just a meeting. It's a moment.

It's the first full convention of our post-statutory future. The first time we gather under a new structure, with a new purpose and new momentum. It's where we'll celebrate the trailblazers, vote on key association changes, roll out brand new member benefits, and spend time together in real conversation—about what's working, what needs to change, and how we move forward.

You'll leave informed.
You'll leave connected.
And if we do this right... you might leave inspired, too.

Registration Coming Soon

The registration site isn't quite live yet. You'll see registration open very soon—and Founding Members will be the first to know when it does.

For Now: Save the Date

Block your calendar. Ask for time off. Book your coverage. Tell your colleagues. Start planning.

We're putting together something worthy of this moment. We want you in the room when it happens.

Convention 2025: September 19–20
Let's Script the Future—together.





SDSU COLLEGE of PHARMACY *and* ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Dan Hansen, PharmD // Dean and Professor



Hello from the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions! We're starting into the summer months here at SDSU. Campus is a bit more quiet and our faculty and staff are hard at work conducting research, performing summer activities, and kicking off summer instruction.

The past few months have featured several events highlighting research, celebrating our students and faculty, and preparing for our future students.

We held our annual Francis Miller Lecture. This year's lecture featured Dr. Warren Rose, who spoke on the "antimicrobial resistance crisis."

We also held our annual Public Health Week event. This year's event focused on substance use disorder, the work being conducted by our START-SD team, and a keynote address from Judge Linda Davis, the executive director of Face Addiction Now. Additionally, the joint SDSU-USD Master of Public Health program celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

We hosted a number of events celebrating our students and faculty and wrapping up the Spring semester. Our annual Spring events included our Spring Convocation and Awards Ceremony, which included our faculty and staff awards (highlighted below); our end-of-year May extravaganza; our PharmD white coat ceremony; and our PharmD hooding ceremony, celebrating our graduates.

Looking forward, we held our Early Assurance Interviews for our PharmD program; more than 50 highschoolers were on campus for this. And summer classes began as we hosted new student orientation for our summer students.

Finally, our Respiratory Care program once again received significant recognition of excellence from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Like last

year, our respiratory care team received both the "Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success Award" and the "President's Award for Excellence in Credentialing Success Award."

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Chris Robbins was awarded poster of distinction at the American Academy of Health Behavior Conference.
- We had a number of faculty, staff, and students presenting at the American Pharmacists Association annual meeting.
 - "Role of Mobile Pharmacy Services in Facilitating Patient Care in Underserved Populations," presented by Sarah Schweitzer, Jim Amell, Chris Robbins, Stephanie Hanson, Alex Middendorf, Deidra Van Gilder, April Nelsen, Irene Arango Gomez, and Sangah Park.
 - "Multi-Dose Medication Adherence Packaging – Identifying Workflow Best Practices," presented by Tara Gilk, Jodi Heins, Jessica Strobl, and Chris Robbins.
 - "Assessing the Benefits and Impact of a Pharmacy-Centered Peer Mentor Program," presented by Abigail Riesgraf and Brittney Meyer.
 - "A Community Assessment Approach to Examine Health Professional and Community Member Perceptions to Inform the Development of a Pharmacy-Driven Mobile Health Clinic Model," presented by Jim Amell, Sangah Park, Erin Miller, Sarah Schweitzer, Patricia Ahmed, Irene Arango Gomez, Alex Middendorf, Deidra Van Gilder, Chris Robbins, April Nelsen, and Stephanie Hanson.
- Josh Reineke's lab matched with two DAAD-Rise interns. This is an extremely competitive application process that resulted in two interns from Germany joining Reineke's lab in Summer 2025.
- Irene Arango Gomez, Erin Miller, Sarah Schweitzer, and Chris Robbins presented at the South Dakota Public Health Research Symposium.

- Tadd Hellwig, Bill Hayes, Jodi Heins, Scout Forbes-Hurd, Joe Berendse, Wendy Jensen-Bender, and Jordan Baye presented at the South Dakota Society of Health-System Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting.
- Stacy Peters was nominated for a 2025 Sanford Nursing Award in the category of Friend of Nursing.
- We handed out faculty and staff awards at our Convocation and Awards Ceremony:
 - The Bernard and Elaine Heitbrink Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity Award – John Kappes
 - The Bernard and Elaine Heitbrink Excellence in Teaching Award – Joe Strain
 - The Outstanding College Staff Award – Brooke Merry
 - The Community Service and Outreach Award – Irene Arango Gomez
 - Students' Association Teacher of the Year (voted on by students) – Jayarama Gunaje
- Stephanie Hanson and Jim Amell were featured on an episode of "On Call with the Prairie Doc." The focus of the episode was Health Differences vs. Health Disparities
- Kristy Ullom was elected as the chair-elect of the Administrative and Financial Officers SIG within AACP.
- Marissa Trosen earned her Doctor of Medical Science Healthcare Leadership.
- Shanna O'Connor had both a poster and podium presentation at the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Annual Meeting.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Our SCAPP Chapter received honors at the APhA annual meeting. They took home 2 regional awards and received 1st Runner-Up in the Division AAA Chapter Achievement Award.
- Students from SCAPP provided free blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes screenings at the Annual Benefits Fair yesterday.
- Students from SCAPP have also been getting involved with the state Department of Health's Cardiovascular Collaborative, which is likely to lead to a formal partnership between the Collaborative and our SCAPP chapter.

- One of SDSU's Doctor of Pharmacy graduates and a recipient of the Avera Wokini Scholarship, Jessica Pfiefer, was recognized.
- An SDSU team made up of pharmacy students Jacob Miller, Caleb Nelson, and Ryan Johnson advanced to Round 3 of ACCP's Clinical Research Challenge. They are one of 20 teams nationally, now competing to advance to one of four teams selected to attend ACCP.
- Several students from the College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions presented their research at SDSU's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Day (URSCAD), along with their faculty mentors:
 - "Peculiar Cases of False-Positive Lateral Flow Immunoassay Human Immunodeficiency Virus" by Emma Matrisciano, Kelsey Lettau, and April Nelsen (faculty mentor).
 - "Strengthening Medication Safety Competence in Pharmacy Practice Curricula" by Sydney Olson and Brittney Meyer (faculty mentor).
 - "Advances in Alzheimer's Disease: What's on the Horizon?" by Avarie Hilton and Brittney Meyer (faculty mentor).
 - "Ambulatory Care Pharmacist's Perceptions of How Well Patients Receive Their Recommendations" by Jocelyn Heiser and Scout Forbes-Hurd (faculty mentor).
 - "Investigating Twig Dieback and Rhizosphere Microbiome Composition in Native Morus rubra" by Ryan Johnson, Madhav Nepal, and others.
- Karabi Saha successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation. Karabi has contributed greatly to the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and our research portfolio during her time as a Ph.D. student.

Best regards,

DAN HANSEN

SDSU's Student Collaboration for the ADVANCEMENT and PROMOTION of PHARMACY

Ryan Johnson // SCAPP/APhA-ASP SDSU Chapter President



This busy spring semester has been full of exciting events and new opportunities for SCAPP! In February, our chapter attended Legislative Days in Pierre where we shared a meal with the SDPhA board, conducted health screenings at the state capital, and advocated for our profession with legislators. We also held several patient care events to

strengthen students' screening skills and promote community health. Under the guidance of our Patient Care Coordinator, committee co-chairs from Operations Diabetes, Reproductive Health, Mental Health, and Public Health hosted Warrior Wellness Week at the Miller Wellness Center on campus where we had the opportunity to screen and educate students, faculty, and community members on various health topics. Our chapter also took on several new patient care and outreach initiatives in Sioux Falls to support the houseless population living in the area through events such as a medication review and screenings at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and volunteering at Sallie's Table with the Salvation Army. This school year, SCAPP is proud to have held 12 different patient care events, screening a total of 860 patients, comprised by 281 blood pressure screenings, 252 blood glucose screenings, 149 cholesterol screenings, and 178 immunizations administered. Our chapter is very proud of this accomplishment, and we hope to maintain or increase our patient care efforts in the future.



Outside of patient care, several SCAPP members had the opportunity to represent our chapter at regional and national conferences this spring semester. In March, seven members attended the APhA Annual Conference and



Exposition in Nashville, TN and received three awards for our chapter's contributions to pharmacy. In April, four of our chapter members attended the SDSHP Annual Conference in Deadwood, gaining valuable insights. Additionally, SCAPP member Jake Miller represented our chapter at the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders in Salt Lake City, UT in June to learn about the importance of SUDs education and support in the pharmacy profession. We are also very excited to announce a new partnership with the South Dakota Cardiovascular Collaborative after four of our chapter members attended the Collaborative's annual meeting in May. We look forward to new opportunities working together with the Collaborative and finding innovative ways to educate patients on their cardiovascular health next school year.

Before classes wrapped up, we celebrated our last chapter meeting of the school year and recognized outstanding chapter members at the SDSU Spring Convocation. Honorees included Cora Johnson (Pre-Pharmacy Award), Aubrey Kooima (Networking Award), Ryan Johnson (Outreach Award), Meghan Haan (Patient Care Award), and Emily



Tisler (National Organizations Award). Additionally, Kate Hawton was recognized as the Spring InFLUential Member for her enthusiasm and leadership within our chapter, Lily Hinrichs and Emily McCain were awarded the Most-Active Mentor/Mentee Pair for their participation in SCAPP's peer mentoring program, and Abby Riesgraf received the P4 Senior Recognition Award for her continuous involvement in SCAPP throughout her time as a student pharmacist at SDSU.

As always, we are thankful for all the support SDPhA and SDSU's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions provides for our chapter and its members, and we look forward to exciting new opportunities over the coming years!

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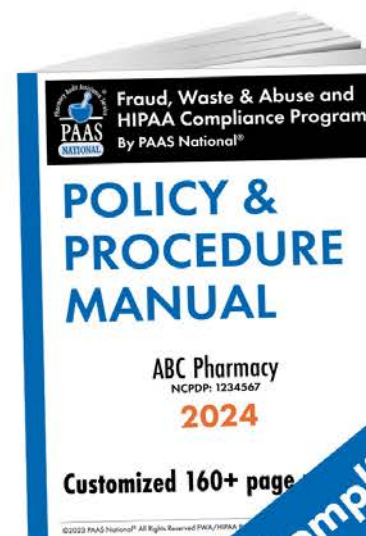
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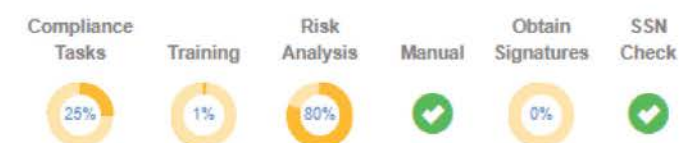
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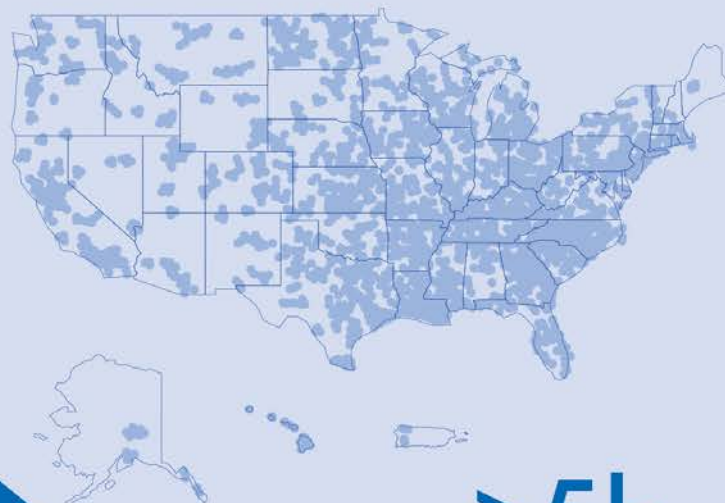
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This patch was originally cleared by the FDA for a 3-day wear time and could replace up to 9 meal-time insulin doses. According to the manufacturer's [website](#)¹, the FDA cleared an extension in mid-2024, allowing the wear time to increase from 3 days to 4.

Product Specifications	Old Specifications	New Specifications
Quantity per box	10 each	8 each
NDC	73108-0000-01	73108-0000-08
Maximum wear time	3 days	4 days
Unchanged Product Specifications		
CeQur Simplicity™ Inserter (reusable)	1 each per box; NDC 73108-0001-00	
Number of priming units needed per patch	20 units	
Minimum fill volume	100 units	
Maximum fill volume	200 units	
Equation to calculate the amount of insulin needed per patch	(daily bolus insulin use in units) x (# of days) + 20 priming units	

PAAS Tips:

- Bill one 8-count box of CeQur Simplicity™ patches as “8 EA”; the proper days’ supply will be determined by the patient’s insulin utilization and should never be more than a 32-day supply per 8 patches
 - Example: CeQur Simplicity™, #8 + 11 refills; use with Novolog U-100 insulin up to 12 units TID; change patch every 4 days; bill #8 as a 32 days’ supply
- Since 20 units are required to prime each patch, that leaves a maximum of 180 units of usable insulin if the patch is filled to capacity. If more than 180 units of insulin are required over the 4-day wearable period, the patch can be replaced earlier than four days
 - Example: CeQur Simplicity™, #8 + 11 refills; use with NovoLog® U-100 insulin up to 20 units TID
 - > Over 4 days, the patient could use up to 20 units x 3x/day x 4 days = 240 units
 - > Since each patch has 180 units of usable insulin, the patient may run out of insulin before the 4-day wear time limit is reached and would need to change it more frequently (180 units ÷ 60 units/day = 3 days per patch)
 - > Bill #8 as a 24 days’ supply
- CeQur Simplicity™ patches are disposable and NOT durable, therefore, the patches and the insulin to be used within the patch are not covered under a patient’s Medicare Part B/DMEPOS benefit
- When billing the insulin used inside CeQur Simplicity™, be sure to include the 20 units of insulin required to prime each patch in the days’ supply calculation; below is an example:
 - Prescription: NovoLog® U-100, 20 mL + 11 refills; administer up to 12 units three times daily using CeQur Simplicity™ patch
 - Amount of insulin needed per patch: (12 units TID) x (4 days/patch) + 20 priming units = 164 units
 - Amount of insulin needed for the corresponding # CeQur patches: 8 patches x 164 units/patch = 1,312 units total (13.12 mL) per 32 days
 - Suggested billing: 10 mL = 24 days’ supply -OR- 20 mL = 48 days’ supply
- Be sure the patient receives one CeQur Simplicity™ Inserter when they begin using the CeQur Simplicity™ patch; the patient should call the manufacturer if a replacement inserter is needed

References: 1. <https://myceqursimplicity.com/2024/06/>

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Changing Pharmacy Management Software? Don't Neglect Record Retention!

When updating or changing pharmacy management software systems, pharmacies may be presented with different options to archive the files from the software they will no longer be using. While it may not seem worth the extra cost now, ensuring that you are able to retrieve appropriate data for old claims is crucial to avoiding costly audit results in the future.

Does the option you are selecting ensure you'll be able to easily retrieve and provide copies of any required information? Prescriptions, claim data billed to the insurance, signature logs, proof of copay collection and invoice records are all items that a pharmacy would need to be able to access whenever needed. Not only for auditing purposes, but to stay within contractual record keeping requirements as well. Medicare Part D rules require all records to be retrievable for 10 years, plus the current contract year; while Commercial plans, Medicaid, state, and federal requirements can all range from 2 to 7 years.

If you can produce documentation from your old system - great! Will the details pass an audit? Ensuring that prescriptions and other documentation from an old system have all necessary elements and are not missing things like unit of measure, clinical notes, or the pickup date on a signature log is important and can save a pharmacy from having to appeal. This is also a consideration when acquiring another pharmacy's records. Be aware of potential audit hazards with newly acquired records. Origin codes, state transfer requirements and clear links to original prescriptions should be considered during the acquisition process.

PAAS Tips:

- Ensure you can readily retrieve and print all electronically archived documents in a useable format
- Have access to technical support when using any software vendor to avoid technical difficulties
- When acquiring records or switching to a new system, this typically requires an update to the prescription's origin code [5], as well as having a clear reference to the original prescription (i.e., crosswalk for data migrations)

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) What You Need to Know

There are currently three FDA-approved Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines available for individuals at risk of severe illness from a respiratory virus. Please review the chart for helpful billing tips and the additional information below as to which RSV vaccine is appropriate to give to an eligible individual.

- 1. **Abrysvo®**
 - a. 60 years of age and older
 - b. Pregnant women at 32 to 36 weeks gestational age
 - c. 18 – 59 years of age who are at an increased risk

Trade name	Manufacturer	NDC	NCPDP Billing Unit	Suggested Days' Supply	Time to administer
Abrysvo®*	Pfizer	00069-0344-01	1 EACH	1 day supply	Use within 4 hours after reconstitution
Arexvy®	GSK	58160-0848-11			
mRESVIA®**	Moderna	80777-0345-90	0.5 ML		Use within 24 hours after thawed at room temperature

*Also available in 5 and 10 kit packages **Also available in a pack of 10 pre-filled syringes

- 2. **Arexvy®**
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 - b. 50 through 59 years of age who are at an increased risk
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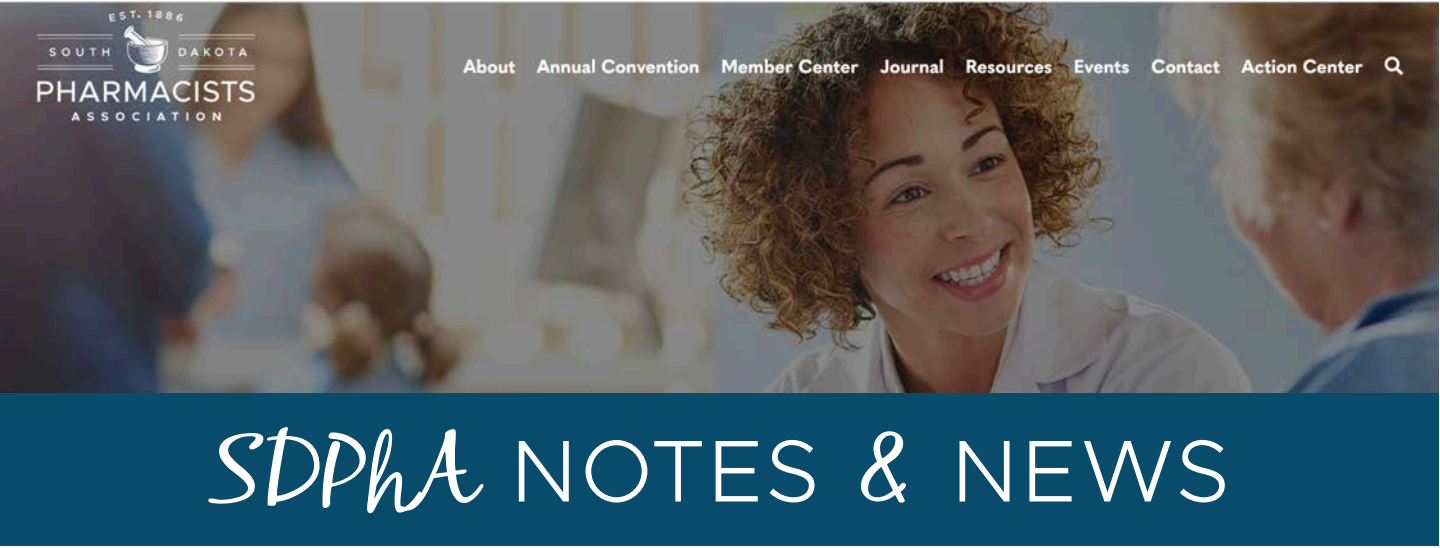
The [CDC](#)¹ recommends a single dose of any FDA licensed RSV vaccine be given to all adults ages 75 and older and adults who are between the ages of 60 and 74 who have an increased risk of severe RSV. The conditions that increase the risk of severe RSV can be found on the [CDC](#)¹ website. The CDC also recommends pregnant women receive a dose of the maternal RSV vaccine (Abrysvo®) during weeks 32 through 36 of their pregnancy sometime between September through January. To prevent severe RSV in infants, it is recommended that the mother receive the maternal RSV vaccination or the infant receive the vaccination with RSV monoclonal antibody.

PAAS Tips:

- Be cautious when billing mRESVIA® as each pre-filled syringe is billed as 0.5 mL versus the Abrysvo® and Arexvy® vials which are billed as 1 EACH
- Medicare covers RSV vaccine under Part D
- Pharmacists play a key role in educating high-risk patients on RSV prevention
- Eligible patients can receive the RSV vaccine at any time, but the best time to vaccinate is late summer or early fall before RSV starts to spread
- Like all vaccines, pharmacies should maintain documentation in case of an audit:
 - Authorization to administer, which may include a patient-specific prescription or a collaborative practice agreement (CPA)/protocol
 - Signed prescription or placeholder prescription (when using a protocol or CPA)
 - Vaccine Administration Record (VAR)
 - Screening checklist
 - Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)

References: 1. <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/older-adults.html>

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South Dakota's 340B Contract Pharmacy Law Under Legal Attack

South Dakota's new law (Effective July 2025) bars drug companies from limiting the number of pharmacies that hospitals and clinics can contract with to distribute drugs through the federal 340B program. However, **AbbVie has sued**, claiming federal preemption—so it’s being challenged in court . Chicago-based AbbVie, maker of Humira and Botox, filed a lawsuit on April 10 in U.S. District Court for South Dakota (Case No. 3:25cv30006), arguing that SB 154:

- Violates the Supremacy Clause by interfering with the federal 340B program.
- Constitutes an unconstitutional taking under the Fifth Amendment.Impacts interstate commerce by regulating manufacturers beyond state borders

Major stakeholder groups—**American Hospital Association, 340B Health, SD Association of Healthcare Organizations, and ASHP**—filed amicus briefs in mid-May supporting the state's defense.

A federal judge in Minnesota dismissed a similar case challenging the legality of a similar law in that state. The Eighth Circuit of Appeals [ruled in favor](#) of Arkansas for its version of the law.

SDAPT is Gearing Up for a Comeback!

Exciting news for South Dakota’s pharmacy technician community: efforts are underway to **revive the South Dakota Association of Pharmacy Technicians (SDAPT)**—an affiliate organization of SDPhA dedicated to supporting, connecting, and advancing technicians across the state.

We’ve heard from motivated technicians who are ready to help get SDAPT up and running again. With so many exceptional techs working across South Dakota, we’re thrilled to support this next chapter and can’t wait to see what’s ahead.

Were you previously an SDAPT member?

Keep an eye on your inbox—we’ll be reaching out soon with next steps and opportunities to get involved.

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SDSU Transitions to New Platform for Continuing Education

South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions is transitioning to a new platform for continuing education. Please watch for communications from SDSU in the coming weeks on the new site. **Materials related to SDPhA’s upcoming conference will be available no later than September 1**, and a direct link will be provided to all registered conference participants.

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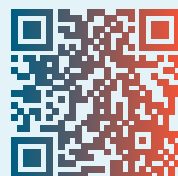
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