



Rx News – New Mexico Pharmacists Association

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Enrollment for the Summer session is now open.

The course will be held on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, June 2 through July 21.

The price is \$275.

For information, call or e-mail Maria Nilsson-Whitaker:
pocoloco@q.com, www.pocolocospanish.com;
Phone: 505-797-8980.

The course provides 16 hours (1.6CEUs) of **live** continuing pharmacy education.

Go to the NMPPhA website to get the [Spanish for Pharmacists Flyer](#).

Taos Regional Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative

E V E N T I N V I T A T I O N

The New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) invites you to **register** for the following event:

Event Name TAOS REGIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING SESSION 1

Location EL MONTE SAGRADO
317 KIT CARSON ROAD · TAOS · NM · 87571
(575) 758-3502

Event Date & Time Wednesday, May 25, 2011 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Event Description

The Taos Regional Prescription Drug Abuse Collaborative is studying an addiction treatment approach in Taos County, employing an integrated multi-professional team within the local accountable care organization to decrease the misuse of prescription drugs. The collaborative will evaluate whether aggressive clinical and service delivery measures can reverse prescription drug abuse and overdose trends and improve measureable outcomes of care.

Featured Speakers: Keynote Fred Wells Brason II, Chaplain, is the President/CEO of Project Lazarus, a community opioid overdose prevention model and Project Director, Chronic Pain Initiative of the Northwest Community Care Network, North Carolina's Medicaid Management System.

Jemery Kaufman, MD, is a physician at Taos Medical Group and local expert on Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

Dinner will be served. [Download invitation flyer](#)

Important: This event invitation is restricted to the original recipient of this e-mail. You may register for this event by clicking the link below:

[Click Here to Register to Attend this Event](#)

Register before Friday, May 20, 2011 by 5:00 PM

A confirmation to attend this event along with any additional event details and resources to download will be sent via e-mail once we have confirmed your event registration.

If you have any questions concerning registration for this event or would like to have others register for this event also, please call Susan Yelton at (505) 998-9898 to reserve additional space for this event.

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New Mexico Medical Review Association – Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force

When: May 26 , 2:30 pm

Where : NMMRA office at 5801 Osuna Rd Suite 200

Pease join us at NMMRA to hear Fred Wells Brason II talk about his very successful Project Lazarus.

Fred Wells Brason II is our keynote speaker for our first learning session for the Taos Regional drug abuse Collaborative.

Fred Wells Brason II is Chaplain and the President/CEO of Project Lazarus, a community opioid overdose prevention model and Project Director, Chronic Pain Initiative of the Northwest Community Care Network, North Carolina's Medicaid Management System. Fred serves on the SAMHSA/CSAT Emerging Opioid Overdose Surveillance Group. Fred is a member of NC Division of Medical Assistance Task Force for misuse, abuse and diversion of prescription narcotic drugs, the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), serves on the Advisory Board for the NC Controlled Substance Reporting System, Co-Chairs the SAMSHA/ASTHO/NASADAD expert panel for Opioid Treatment Program prescriber toolkit publication and a member of the NC Governor's Focus Group on Military, Veterans and their Families.

Project Lazarus is a community-based drug overdose prevention program, serving Wilkes County and western North Carolina. It is a non-profit, community-based program to reduce overdose deaths involving prescription opioids that focuses on patient education; providing

rescue drugs for patients abusing opioids in case an overdose occurs; and conducting surveillance and evaluation.

Pharmacists Prescribing Vaccines - The New Mexico Program

"Pharmacists Prescribing Vaccines - The New Mexico Program" will be presented on August 6, 2011.

"Childhood Immunizations & Pharmacist Prescribing Law" - *(for pharmacists who have completed the APhA Certification training)* will be presented on August 6, 2011.

[Registration](http://www.nm-pharmacy.com/Education__Events/Registration8611.doc) (http://www.nm-pharmacy.com/Education__Events/Registration8611.doc)

NMPhA Annual Convention

The New Mexico Pharmacists Association

82nd Annual Convention

June 25-26, 2011

Embassy Suites Hotel – Albuquerque

[Registration](http://www.nm-pharmacy.com/Education__Events/Meetings/meetings.htm) (http://www.nm-pharmacy.com/Education__Events/Meetings/meetings.htm)

NM Pharmaceutical Care Foundation supported Annual Golf Tournament

2011 New Mexico Pharmacy Wholesalers' Invitational Golf Tournament

Friday, June 24, 2011

Isleta Eagle Golf Course

Albuquerque NM

Benefitting the New Mexico Pharmaceutical Care Foundation & New Mexico's student pharmacists. The Tournament funding provided three scholarships, two grants for cholesterol screening programs, a student research grant, travel funding for students attending national pharmacy meetings, as well as patient literature packages for numerous health fairs around the state.

sponsored by: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson Pharmaceutical, New Mexico Pharmacists Association, the New Mexico Society of Health-System Pharmacists and UNM College of Pharmacy.

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Pharmacist Scope of Practice - Canada

Pharmacists in Canada face scope of practice concerns similar to those in New Mexico!

Quebec Minister of Health Yves Bolduc announced that he will soon table legislation to expand pharmacy's scope of practice following a proposal in April by the Quebec Order of Pharmacists.

The Minister announced to the National Assembly that there is agreement among the different health providers for pharmacists to be granted the ability to renew and adjust prescriptions, as well as order certain lab tests for medication management.

In the original proposal, the Order had requested pharmacists be granted the authority to resolve simple health issues, however, the Quebec College of Physicians has openly disagreed with this. The College stated that while prescription adaptation and patient drug education by pharmacists is acceptable, it draws the line at pharmacists being able to order and interpret lab tests. The physicians also disagree with pharmacists being able to manage minor medical conditions.

Before pharmacists are able to order lab tests, the College says it will have to determine which tests are involved, and include measures for quality assurance. The results would also have to be shared by the patient's other health providers.

The Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores supports the proposal by the Quebec Order of Pharmacists, but the Minister says more stakeholder input is still needed.

This was published on the Canadian Healthcare Network website, May 19, 2011.



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Patient Adherence

75% of patients do not take their medications as prescribed. Pharmacists should lead the way in assuring optimal medication use.

National Council on Patient Information and Education. Enhancing Prescription Medicine Adherence: A National Action Plan 2007.
http://www.talkaboutrx.org/documents/enhancing_prescription_medicine_adherence.pdf Accessed May 1, 2010.

PTCB Exam Information

PTCB Exam Dates: PTCB's testing format now includes continuous on demand testing with immediate pass/fail results. Those planning to take the PTCB Exam are required to register on-line.

Go to www.ptcb.org and follow the registration links.

Mark your calendar

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

NM Pharmaceutical Care Foundation

New Mexico Wholesalers

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NMPhA Prescribing Training for Pharmacists

Albuquerque – August 6, 2011 - Pharmacist Immunization/Prescribing Authority Training!

Find all education and training program registration forms on the web at:

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The graphic features the text 'MTM Toolkit' in a large, black, sans-serif font. To the right, there is an illustration of two hands: one holding a white card with a red cross symbol, and the other holding a yellow pill bottle. A blue starburst on the left contains the text 'ORDER TODAY!' in white. A green arrow points from the starburst to the URL 'www.pswi.org/membership/Toolkits.htm'. Below the URL, it says 'Developed by community pharmacists for community pharmacists.' A red oval on the right contains the text 'Only \$100'. At the bottom, a list of tools is provided: 'Contains tools for: MTM interventions, Comprehensive Medication Reviews, Patient medication lists, Medication reconciliation by community pharmacists, And much more!'

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