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The Colorado Pharmacists Society is the only pharmacy organization in Colorado that represents pharmacists in all practice settings – independent, chain, hospital, long term care and managed care.

History

The Colorado Pharmacists Society is the result of merger between the Colorado Pharmacists Association (CPHA) and the Colorado Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP). The Colorado Pharmacists Association began in 1890 and celebrated its 110th Annual Convention in the year 2000. Colorado Pharmacists Association was the affiliated state association of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Colorado Society of Hospital Pharmacists began serving hospital pharmacists over 54 years ago as an affiliate of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP). CPhA and CSHP began a formal merge process in June of 2000 and completed the official formation of the Colorado Pharmacists Society in June 2001.

Purpose

Colorado Pharmacists Society provides the pharmacists of Colorado with education, communication and representation.

Education – 50 hours of accredited continuing education is provided every year through annual meetings and full day seminars.

Communication – a monthly electronic newsletter provides the latest news of interest and import to pharmacists, including legislative updates and regulatory changes. The CPS Website provides information on Drug Therapy Management, Medicare Part D and state and national pharmacy news.

Representation – bills affecting pharmacy are monitored and lobbied by the executive director and contract lobbyist, Elsie Lacy.

Structure

The CPS Board of Directors includes a representative from every practice setting. Some practice settings have additional representation as Academies, specifically Hospital or Health-System Pharmacists and Consultants or Long Term Care Pharmacists. This academy structure was adopted to strengthen the ties with the national organizations, the American Society of Health System Pharmacists and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Mission

"Colorado Pharmacists Society improves patient care and public health by advancing and supporting the professional practice of pharmacy while serving as the voice of pharmacy in Colorado."