



INDEPENDENT *Link*

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ATTENTION: IMMUNIZING PHARMACISTS

TPA is urging pharmacist immunizers in Tennessee, regardless of practice type, to participate in a survey being conducted by the Tennessee Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation (TPREF). The 2009 immunization season has provided immunizing pharmacists in Tennessee with opportunities for expansion of pharmacy-based immunization delivery practice. In addition to routine immunization delivery practices, pharmacists had the opportunity to participate in innovative programs, including pandemic H1N1 vaccination administration, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee immunization provider network, and the Strategic National Stockpile Tamiflu distribution system.

Through discussions with Association members, pharmacy partners, and multiple stakeholder groups, it is obvious that the profession of pharmacy has positively affected the health care of Tennesseans through the expanded practice of pharmacy-based immunization delivery. In order for TPA to further promote pharmacists as immunizers, more detailed information would be very useful. Toward that end, a brief 13-question survey has been designed to determine and document pharmacists' level of partici-

pation in pharmacy-based immunization delivery activities in Tennessee during the 12 months of 2009. The results will help TPA assess and promote immunization practices in Tennessee. **TPA is requesting the survey be completed as soon as possible.**

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/ImmSurveyPharmacist or visit www.tnpharm.org to find a link to the Tennessee Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Survey for 2009.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS FOR PHARMACISTS IN AUGUST

Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery

Saturday, August 7 • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALSO OFFERED: **CPR CERTIFICATION***

Friday, August 6 • 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Homewood Suites Downtown Nashville

20 Hours Total CE (12 Self-study and 8 Live)

Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Diabetes

ATTEND EITHER:

Saturday, August 14, OR Sunday, August 15

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Homewood Suites Downtown Nashville

23 Hours Total CE (18 Self-study and 5 Live)

Pharmacy-based Immunization Delivery is an innovative and interactive training program that teaches pharmacists the skills necessary to become a primary source for vaccine information and administration. The program teaches the basics of immunology and focuses on practice implementation and legal/regulatory issues.

Program goals are:

- o Provide comprehensive immunization education and training;
- o Provide pharmacists with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to establish and promote a successful immunization service;
- o Train pharmacists to identify at-risk patient populations needing immunizations; and
- o Teach pharmacists to administer immunizations in compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

*** Participants must provide proof of current CPR certification** in order for the Immunization Delivery certificate of achievement to be valid in Tennessee. For pharmacists not currently certified, TPREF is offering a CPR Certification program on Friday, August 6, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Homewood Suites in Nashville. (You may register whether or not you are attending the Immunization Delivery program.)

The newly updated APhA Diabetes Certificate program is designed for pharmacists who are thinking about or already providing diabetes education and management service. The home study materials provide more detail about developing meal plans, determining which therapeutic regimen is best for a particular patient and

situation, and the use of motivational interviewing to help patients with diabetes determine why they have not achieved optimal outcomes. A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to participants who successfully complete all program components.

The *Pharmaceutical Care for Patients with Diabetes* training program

is conducted in three parts: a self-study learning component, web-based case studies and key concepts, and a live training seminar. The major improvement in the new live portion of the program is: less talk, more action—hands-on participation by the participants, including meal planning, blood pressure monitoring, blood glucose monitoring, use of pen and vial and syringe devices, foot screening, and developing a patient care plan.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 14

To reserve your room at TPA's special rate of \$124/ night, call Homewood Suites, 615-742-5550, by July 31.

For complete details and registration, visit <http://tinyurl.com/TPA-meetings> or call TPA, 615-256-3023.

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