



Optimizing Pharmacy Management Part II: Pharmacists as Providers

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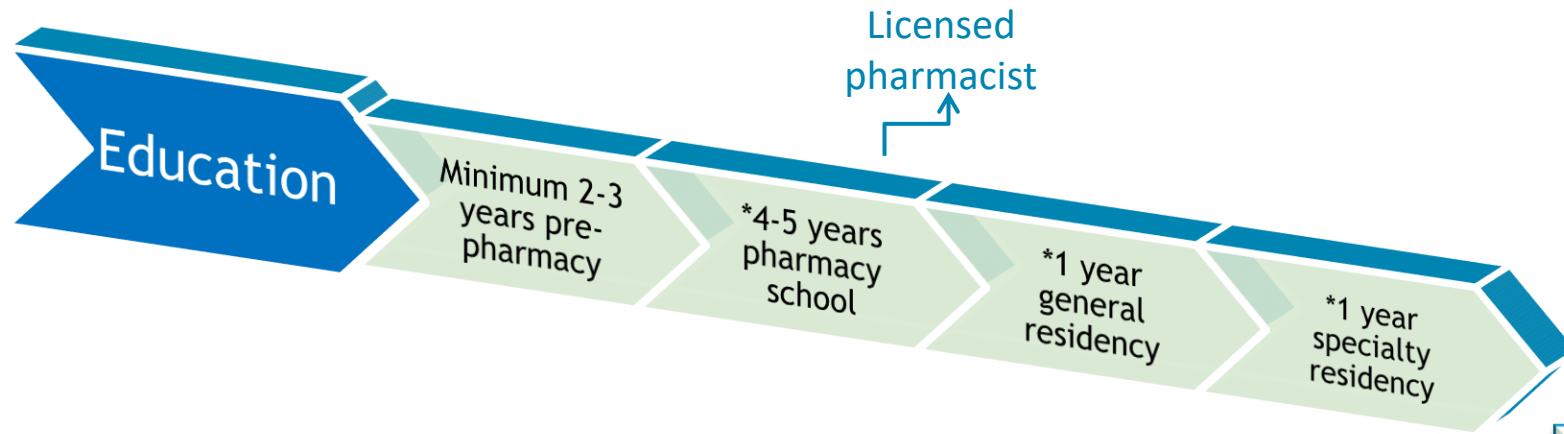
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Pharmacist Training



Specialty Residency

Primary care
Cardiology
ICU
Pediatrics
Infect dz
Oncology
etc.

*after completion of pharmacy school, may enroll in a 2 year Research Fellowship

History: Pharmacist Provided Clinical Services

Indian Health Service began incorporating clinical pharmacists in 1960

- 1973, developed pharmacist practitioner program

Veterans Affairs began incorporating clinical pharmacists in 1970s

- 1995, permitted collaborative practice agreements with physicians.

2008 review article analyzed 93 pharmacist provided clinical services published studies including VA services

- **ROI = 4.8:1**

for every \$1 invested in clinical pharmacy services, \$4.8 of cost reduction achieved

2016, the VA had 7,700 clinical pharmacists practicing in ambulatory care, acute care, and residential care

- over 5 million patient care visits annually

1. <https://www.accp.com/docs/positions/whitePapers/EconEvalClinPharmSvcsFinalkjsedit-gts.pdf>

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4. Characteristics of Ambulatory Care Clinics and pharmacists in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers: An Update. SM Cone et al. *Am J Health-Syst Pharm*. 2008; 65:631-5



Integrated Health Systems: Geisinger Journey



In 1995, Geisinger started its first pharmacist-run anticoagulation clinic in Danville, PA



As of September 25, 2020,

58 primary care clinical pharmacists embedded in 51 sites across their system
additional 20 clinical pharmacists in specialty medicine clinics

Medicare: Medication Therapy Management

CMS specifies Medication Therapy Management Service (MTMS) in detail

- MTM is a required benefit to be provided by all Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) since 2006 and must be offered to qualifying beneficiaries
- May (not must) be provided by a pharmacist

U.S. Congressional bill introduced April 2021 to recognize pharmacists as Medicare Part B providers

- Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act, H.R. 2759/S. 1362

Indiana Law establishes definition of MTM

<http://www.ncpa.co/pdf/part-D-2020-fact-sheet.pdf>

<https://pharmacist.com/Advocacy/Issues/Medicare-Provider-Status-Recognition>

During the
Following
Presentations,
Please Noodle....

- ▶ Should we recognize pharmacists as providers to optimize drug therapy?
- ▶ If yes, what are our next steps?