

Not “Just” Community Pharmacy

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Pharmacy in Real Life

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What is one word that comes to mind
when I say “**pharmacy**”?



**FACT OR
FAKE?**



Pharmacists deliver more vaccines per year than any other healthcare professional.

FACT!



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The Need for Pharmacists

Numerous job opportunities available

- The U.S. will need about 14,200 new pharmacists every year over the next decade.*

Increased demand of medications amongst aging population

- By the year 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be 65 years of age or older.
- This significantly increasing the demand for prescriptions and pharmacists, a projected rise of 42% in Americans using prescription medications by 2030.*

Safe medication matters

- The FDA approves approx. 45 new drugs per year - many of which are expensive and complex biologicals; pharmacists are medication experts and can educate other healthcare professionals and patients in their safe and effective use.*

Pharmacy deserts are increasing in America, limiting access to healthcare in many communities

- Rural towns and some city neighborhoods really need more pharmacists to serve people.
- Between 2018 and 2023 the number of retail pharmacies declined by 5.9% in rural communities compared with 3.4 in urban communities.*



The Role of a Pharmacist



🩺 **Provide Preventive Care** – Administer vaccines, health screenings, and wellness services.

🩺 **Support Chronic Condition Management** – Help patients manage diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and more.

📚 **Provide Patient-centered Counseling** – Educate patients on safe and effective use of prescription medications including potential side effects, drug interactions, and adherence protocols.

☎️ **Collaborate with Prescribers & Healthcare Providers** – Support continuity of care, resolve therapy related issues, and make clinical recommendations.

⚠️ **Perform Drug Utilization Reviews** – Protect patients by reviewing their medication profile for safety and potential interactions.

💊 **Facilitate safe and accurate medication delivery** – Ensure patients receive the right medication at the right dose with proper instructions.

Where Do Pharmacists Work?

PHARMACY Is Right For Me

Where do Pharmacists work?



Community Hospital or Clinics Research Labs Industry or Government Telehealth

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Specialty Areas

 AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACIST	 CARDIOLOGY PHARMACIST	 COMMUNITY PHARMACIST	 COMPOUNDING PHARMACIST	 GERIATRIC PHARMACIST
 HOSPITAL PHARMACIST	 INFECTIOUS DISEASE PHARMACIST	 NUCLEAR PHARMACIST	 ONCOLOGY PHARMACIST	 PEDIATRIC PHARMACIST
 INDUSTRY PHARMACIST	 POISON CONTROL PHARMACIST	 PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACIST	 VETERINARY PHARMACIST	 EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHARMACIST


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Pharmaceutical Scientists

 DRUG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	 DRUG MANUFACTURING	 CLINICAL RESEARCH	 PUBLIC HEALTH	 REGULATORY SCIENCE
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It's more than just pills...

 90% of people live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy and visit their pharmacy 12 times more often than their family doctor.

 Almost 90% of **adult vaccinations** are given in a pharmacy.

 Patients **rely on pharmacists** when doctors are not available.



About Us | Our Impact Across the U.S.



~8,200

locations, with the highest counts in Florida, Illinois, Texas and California



10 million

customers served daily



> 90 thousand

healthcare service providers



123 million

active myWalgreens members; largest loyalty program in U.S.



75%

of Americans live within five miles of a Walgreens



220,000

team members across all 50 states and Puerto Rico



every second

Walgreens fills more than one prescription from a mobile device

*Data from August 31, 2023, [Facts & FAQs | Walgreens Newsroom](#)

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My Walgreens Journey

A little bit about me...

- Graduated from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2018
- Love to travel and spend time with family
- Avid Philly sports fan
- Passion for caring for patients and teaching
- 13 years with Walgreens

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My Walgreens Career Pathway



Student

Entry Level

Community Pharmacy

W Support Center



2013

2014-2018

2018-2019

2019-2022

2022-Present

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- <https://wba.gumucloud.com/view/rWleGHEQaRD>

Key Takeaways

URAC Accreditation

Limited Distributed Drugs (LDDs)

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Financial Assistance

Prior Authorization Assistance

Delivery

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Specialty Pharmacy



ACCREDITED
Specialty Pharmacy

Expires: 01/01/2029

URAC accreditation

- Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
- Accreditation will allow more access to specialty drug payer contracts and meet required elements of Limited Distribution Drug (LDD) agreements
- Auditors will review patient management documentation to ensure key points are being completed

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Limited Distributed Drugs (LDDs)

- \$\$\$ medications to help treat specialty disease states
- Manufacturers set forth certain requirements:
 - Inventory Reporting
 - Adverse Drug Reactions Reporting
 - Location Access



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- Platform to manage specialty patients
- Initial assessment:
 - Medication Reconciliation
 - Medication Counseling
- Reassessment:
 - Medication Effectiveness
 - Quality of Life



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Financial assistance Resources

- Copay Card Assistance
- Foundations:
 - Good Days
 - Patient Advocate Fund
 - Healthwell
- Helps patients with Medicare gain access to their medications



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Prior Authorization Assistance

- Electronic Prior Authorizations completed on behalf of the doctor
- Paper prior authorizations
- Submitting clinical information to support the prescribing decisions

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Delivery

- Next day delivery
 - FedEx Ground
 - FedEx Express
- Free to the patient
- Shipping to doctors' offices
- Depot options for the patient



A Day in the Life of a Specialty Pharmacist

9AM

- Open the pharmacy and begin daily tasks such as filling medications, selling prescriptions, and make outgoing calls

RPH

- Prior authorization completed by the pharmacy and medication for HIV is now approved
- Contact patient to obtain medication reconciliation and provide detailed counseling
- Injectable medication that now requires 6 office visits a year instead of a daily pill
- Copay for the patient is \$2,000 through insurance (cash price is over \$8k)
- Patient eligible for financial assistance through a foundation to cover remaining copay for the year
- Call MD to set up delivery of the medication

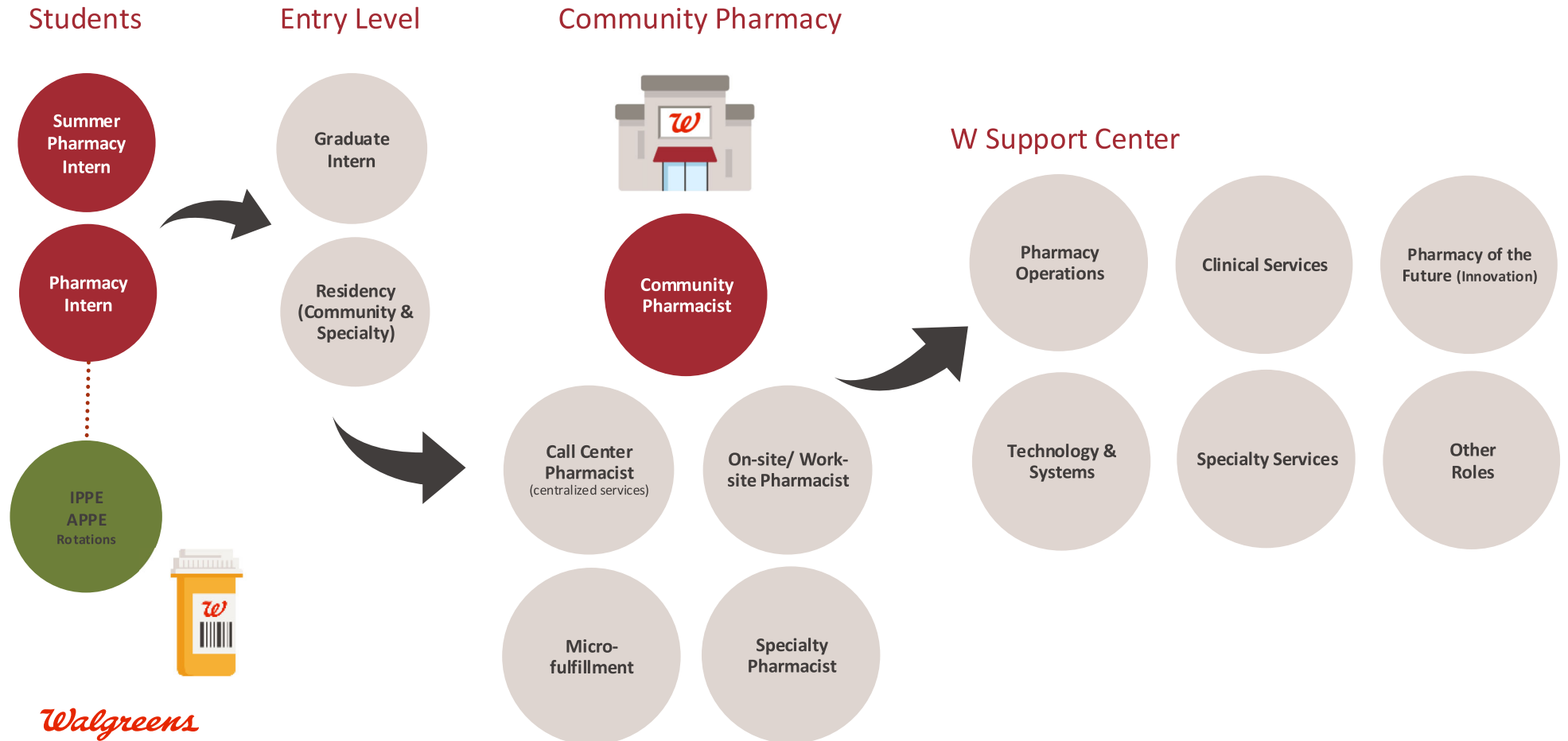
5PM

- Continue to connect with patients for the rest of the day to help them lead healthier lives and serve the community

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Pharmacist Roles within Walgreens



Questions?

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