

Interacting with state and local legislators:
How schools of pharmacy can interact with state boards of pharmacy and state legislatures

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Outline

1. Importance of developing a relationship with state legislature
2. The Maryland P3 Experience
3. Collaborative Practice /Immunization Regulations
4. Maryland Pharmacy Coalition
5. Lessons learned

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IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CONECTIONS

1. Increasing awareness for the School and Programs
2. Support for Construction and New Programs
3. Increasing visibility of Pharmacists and their contribution to health care
4. State Appropriation and Funding
5. Unifying message: Speaking with one voice
6. Gaining support of alumni and pharmacists in the state

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Patients Pharmacists Partnerships (P³) Program




An effective solution to patient-centered health education, medication adherence, and chronic disease management

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The History

- This pharmacist-delivered diabetes management initiative arose out of an effort to improve patient health and reduce employer health costs
- Emphasizes working at a local level with all stakeholders
- Began in 2006 with one employer in Western Maryland-rural area
- Now involves 6 employers and ~400 employees
- Support from DHMH and the Maryland Legislature



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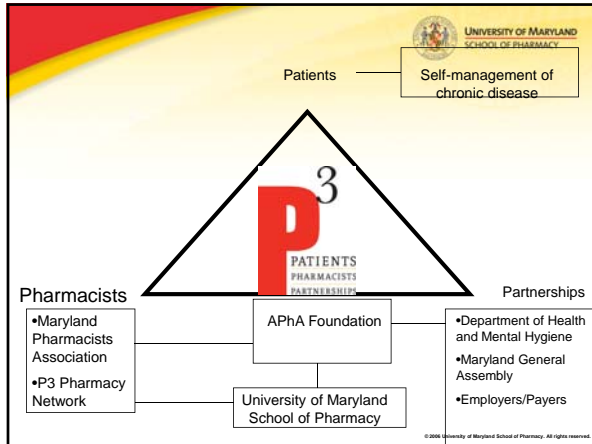




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The Pharmacists

medication experts in the health care team

- Meet face-to-face with patient 5-7 times depending on patient needs
- Counsel patients on medication adhering and self-management
- Educate patients on medication, and possible drug interactions, as well as adverse effects
- Coach patient in self-management skill development
- Help with personal goal setting (therapeutic goals)
- Coordinate referrals for necessary laboratory tests and specialist visits (annual eye and foot exams, and dental check ups)
- Immunizations for pneumococcal and influenza



American Diabetes Association Clinical Care Guidelines (2010)

Partnerships

1. Maryland Legislature
2. Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
3. Maryland Pharmacists Association: Pharmacists
4. Board of Pharmacy
5. Private Industries: Self-Insured Employers
6. Business Coalitions


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Collaboration with the Board of Pharmacy

1. Collaborative Drug Therapy
2. Immunization
3. "Flower Mart" Health Fair
4. CLIA Legislation


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Maryland P³ Program wins prestigious APhA Foundation 2010 Pinnacle Award

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Maryland Legislature

1. Schedule visits to the School of Pharmacy
2. Pharmacy Student Rotation with the University Legislative Office
3. Legislative Day: Yearly event to visit the legislature
 1. Pharmacists
 2. Pharmacy Students
 3. Pharmacy Organizations

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Maryland Pharmacy Coalition


Members are:

1. Pharmacy Organizations in the State
2. Student Government Association

Affiliate Members:

1. School of Pharmacy

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Lessons Learned

1. Critical to have a Champion in the Legislature
2. Visit Legislators frequently during the session and off-session
3. Work closely with the University Government Affairs Office
4. Gain support of the Board of Pharmacy by serving as a resource
5. Form coalitions with pharmacy groups
6. Gain support of the Department of Health

.....reach outside the walls of the University, make your institution a part of the health care solution for the citizens of your state

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