HAWAII'S PHARMACISTS (**** Hawaii Pharmacists **IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES**

Pharmacists are a valued member of the healthcare team and data shows that there is a need for pharmacist-provided patient care services. The potential impact of implementing programs that provide coverage for these services is great, improving health equity and access to care.

QUALIFIED



Courses focused on pharmacotherapy, patient education, disease management, and clinical decision-making.



Pharmacists take the North America Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) & Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).



Many pharmacists complete Post-Graduate Residencies, Fellowships, and/or Board Certification in specialty areas.

As of 2004, all pharmacy school graduates earn the **PharmD** degree...a doctorate dearee to reflect the increased complexity of pharmacotherapy and advanced training required for adequate provision of patient care.

Pharmacists are the Most Accessible Healthcare Professionals

900 **Pharmacists** in Hawaii¹

89% Americans live within 5 miles of a community pharmacy²

TEST & TREAT

Pharmacists and pharmacies are increasingly offering this public health service of test and treat to promote prevention, early detection, and disease management. Patients are referred when appropriate.



& others

Annually, Americans visit their pharmacy 35 times vs. 4 times

at their primary care provider.³

Number of pharmacies is 15% higher

than number of provider's offices

in communities where more than 30% of households live in poverty.⁴



Since May 2020, there has been a 200% increase in the # of pharmacies with CLIA/point of care waivers in the U.S., leading to more pharmacist accessibility for patient care services.⁵

ACCESSIBLE

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT



COVID-19

Approximately 50% of all adults in the U.S. have one or more chronic disease conditions ⁶

From February 2020 - November 2022,

pharmacists in the U.S. provided more than



Chronic conditions account for over 85% of total U.S. health care costs ⁷



Saved for every \$1 spent on pharmacist service.⁸



2022 Flu Season
Pharmacies have given
18.7 Million
flu shots
VS
10.7 Million
given at provider's offices ¹¹



Hawaii pharmacists

are providing flu

WICE

the hours offered for

giving immunizations vs. provider's offices ¹²

shots 🔀

States now authorize pharmacists to directly prescribe antivirals based on a positive flu test.¹³

Hawaii pharmacists should be authorized to do this too!

HIV

Pharmacists have been identified by the CDC as key professionals in achieving one of the CDC's goals of ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. by preventing HIV infection.

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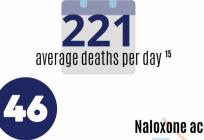


Expanding the number of pharmacies with test-and-treat sites in medically underserved areas could increase access to COVID-19 treatment



OPIOID CRISIS





States, **including Hawaii**, authorize pharmacists to administer naltrexone to patients. ¹⁶ Naloxone access laws that grant pharmacists direct authority to prescribe are associated with significant reductions in fatal overdoses.

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