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## How does WPRN work?

The Wisconsin Pharmacy Recovery Network is a voluntary program intended to serve as an adjunct to the Impaired Professional Procedure administered through the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing. The impaired pharmacist's acceptance and successful participation in the program will allow the network to advocate for the pharmacist.

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## What can WPRN provide?

- Confidential referrals to primary and regional contacts.
- Intervention services to assist the pharmacist and family in facing the problem.
- Support of the impaired pharmacist's treatment, after care and rehabilitation to re-entry into the profession.
- Advocacy for the pharmacist with employers and the Pharmacy Examining Board.
- Self-reporting procedures.

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## Who does WPRN help?

As structured, the Network is designed to provide confidential assistance to the primary impaired pharmacist, pharmacy student, pharmacy technician, and the family or significant others affected by the impairment.

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## Is there a charge for services?

There is no fee for referral, recovery assistance or rehabilitation support services offered by WPRN.

When a referral is made for evaluation and treatment, the cost of treatment services, including drug screening, will be the responsibility of the individual participant. Most of these services are reimbursable through health insurance plans.

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## Educational Services

- To employers and EAP programs.
- Professional Associations
- Students
- Educational programs on addiction, intervention, aftercare, and re-entry issues.

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## WPRN Monthly Meetings

WPRN meetings are held monthly at the PSW headquarters. The first half of the meeting is an open session to discuss the Wisconsin Pharmacy Recovery Network. All interested parties are welcome to participate. The second half of the meeting is a closed session and is intended only for WPRN members and those individuals who are recovering from chemical dependency.

The schedule of meeting dates for the current year may be found on-line at [www.pswi.org/professional/wprn/meetings.htm](http://www.pswi.org/professional/wprn/meetings.htm).

If you need directions to the PSW headquarters, you may find them at [www.pswi.org/about/map.htm](http://www.pswi.org/about/map.htm).

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## Contact information

A list of primary and regional WPRN contacts can be found at [www.pswi.org/professional/wprn/contacts.htm](http://www.pswi.org/professional/wprn/contacts.htm)

## Why is WPRN necessary?

Estimates place the incidence of alcoholism and other drug dependency in pharmacists at about 10-15% for alcohol and about 3% for other drugs. If these figures reflect the incidence of substance abuse in Wisconsin, we may have as many as 500 to 600 impaired pharmacists in this state.

The Wisconsin Pharmacy Recovery Network (WPRN) is a network of volunteer recovering and non-recovering pharmacists and their families organized to provide early detection, intervention, aftercare support and education to pharmacists and their families in the area of drug and alcohol dependency or physical and mental impairment.



**Help is only  
a phone call  
away.**

If you would like more information about the program, if you personally have a problem, or you live or work with a pharmacist who does, call the Network Information Line at (608) 827-9200.

All inquiries will be referred to a primary or regional contact within the network.

### **Network Information Line**

608-827-9200



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