

WISCONSIN PHARMACISTS: READY TO SERVE



Wisconsinites spend \$3.4 billion annually on prescription medications.

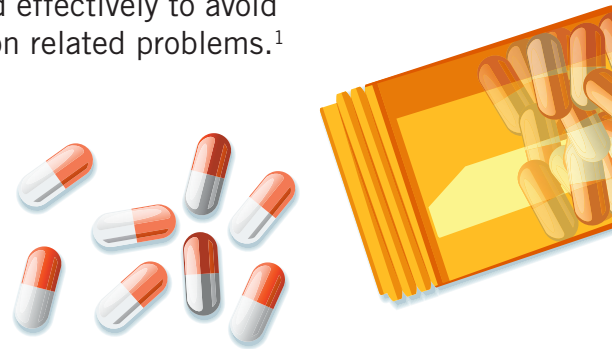
It is crucial to invest in pharmacists to optimize the use of prescription medications. Improved health outcomes, lower healthcare costs, and increased access to care becomes a reality when pharmacists are fully empowered to serve as providers.¹

Pharmacists' counseling and adherence programs can save the healthcare system **\$164 per patient** in the 6 months following the start of a new prescription medication.²

Patients are **3X** more likely to stay out of the hospital when pharmacists provide clinical services after discharge.³



50% of people with chronic diseases do not take their medications correctly. Pharmacists can help patients use their medications safely and effectively to avoid medication related problems.¹



90% of Americans live within 5 miles of a pharmacy.⁶

A 2023 Gallup poll found that pharmacists are the third most trusted professionals in the United States, rating them "very high" for **honest** and **ethical** standards.⁴



Pharmacist interventions for patients with chronic conditions serves an average of **\$1,000** per patient per year.⁵



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**Pharmacy Society
of Wisconsin**

QUALIFIED

Pharmacists are Highly Qualified Healthcare Providers



6+ Years

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



Additional Education

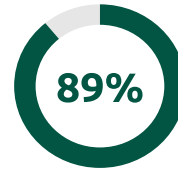
Many pharmacists complete Post-Graduate Residencies, Fellowships, and/or Board Certification in specialty areas.

6,571 Pharmacists
11,734 Pharmacy Technicians
in Wisconsin

ACCESSIBLE

Pharmacists are the Most Accessible Healthcare Professionals

Number of pharmacies is **15% higher** than number of provider's offices in communities where more than 30% of households live in poverty.



Americans live within **5 miles** of a community pharmacy



Annually, Americans visit their pharmacy **35 times** vs. 4 times at their primary care provider

Our Story

With "One Voice, One Vision" on January 1, 1998 Wisconsin successfully united all pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists within one advocating organization. The Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin has championed the cause of helping pharmacists deliver the best care for their patients. Today, with more than 4,000 members statewide, PSW is THE professional organization pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and student pharmacists join to further their careers, advance the standing of pharmacists and improve the care of patients in Wisconsin.

Our Mission

Provide a unified voice, resources, and leadership to advance the pharmacy profession and improve the quality of medication use in Wisconsin.

About Our Members

Pharmacists	2862
Students	514
Technicians	1098
Other	129

Membership Type

Pharmacists	62%
Students	11%
Technicians	23%
Retired	2%
Associate	1%

