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Pennsylvania Pharmacists Visit the Capitol

Harrisburg, PA --- Pharmacists and pharmacy students from across Pennsylvania came out to Harrisburg on March 24 to demonstrate how pharmacists can save healthcare dollars and improve public health outcomes.

The day began with a continental breakfast in the East Wing Rotunda of the Capitol followed by screenings, displays, and information provided by Pennsylvania's seven schools of pharmacy. Attendees learned to take better care of their health by participating in blood pressure and blood glucose screenings and medication reviews. In addition, the pharmacy schools provided attendees with information on the following topics: diabetes management, smoking cessation, immunization awareness, collaborative practice in community, and poison prevention.

Participants met individually with legislators and staffers to discuss important issues of the profession focusing on the need for providing fair audits, mandatory mail order and preserving the patient's freedom of choice, collaborative care and expanding scope of practice, and eliminating the age restriction on pharmacist provided immunizations. This important opportunity for pharmacists to have their voices heard and to stress the significance of issues facing pharmacy today was a crucial step in advancing the practice of pharmacy.

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