



MEDICATION SAFETY FOR THE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN: 2017

Sunday, October 29, 2017

1:00 – 3:00 P.M. (registration & Check-in 12:30 P.M.)

Samford University, College of Health Sciences, Building 1, room 1409

2 Contact hours of Pharmacy CE credit (0.2 CEUs)

Speaker:*

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STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL NEED

Pharmacies are complex workplaces that demand effective communication and collaboration from the healthcare team and with the patient and caregiver. News reports of pharmacy-related medication errors underscore the importance of working as a team to prevent medication errors as well as patient harm. The purpose of this activity is to review factors that jeopardize medication safety and roles pharmacy technicians can play to promote a culture of safety.

Sources:

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Session Objectives:

- Describe the role of the pharmacy technician in the medication safety process.
- List the steps of the prescription process where key safety checks are performed.
- Explain the workplace characteristics and educational needs faced by pharmacy technicians in the context of medication safety.
- Provide examples of successful medication safety initiatives involving pharmacy technicians.
- Utilize pharmacy resources to keep abreast of medication safety and assistive tools.[†]

[†]Attendees are encouraged to bring their tablets, laptops, smart phone, or other electronic device to the session to complete active learning cases. Complimentary Internet access will be provided for this activity.

Agenda:

12:30 P.M. Registration and Check-in

1:00 P.M. Medication Safety for the Pharmacy Technician

3:00 P.M. Adjourn

Cost: \$20

This is an application-based CPE activity and appropriate for all pharmacy technicians. To receive credit, participants must attend the entire session and complete program assessments. Credit will be sent electronically through CPE Monitor within 30 days following the program. NABP e-Profile ID# and Date of Birth (mmdd) required.

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Registration: For online registration go to:

<http://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/continuing-education>

Preregistration closes at midnight October 26th. There will be no refunds unless cancellation is made before preregistration closes.



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