

NCPS NEWS

USPHS National Clinical Pharmacist Specialist

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Welcome new NCPSC Members

CDR Jessica Steinert – IHS Oklahoma Area Representative
LCDR Rachel Washburn – IHS Bemidji Area Representative



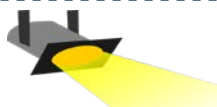
NCPS is excited to announce the new National Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Diagnostic (NCPS-D) certification. This new certification is for pharmacists that have completed an IHS Advancing Pharmacy Practice Committee-approved physical assessment training course, maintain a clinical practice with prescriptive authority to manage four or more disease states, and are able to diagnose acute or chronic conditions. This certification is not replacing the traditional NCPS certification, but is a higher level certification recognizing pharmacists practicing at a higher level of care with diagnostic privileges. For more information on this certification see the NCPS webpage.

NEWEST NCPS Certified Pharmacists!

Congratulations to the following applicants obtaining NCPS certification at the quarterly protocol meeting in August 2022.

Alexandra Hamilton, BOP
Epiphany Iregbu, BOP*
Elliot Klapperich, IHS
Natalia Mendez, IHS
Neha Patel, BOP
Victoria Sharp, IHS
Abisola Tairu, IHS

*NCPS certification renewals



CLINICAL SPOTLIGHT

NCPS is excited to announce our next quarterly NCPS webinar. Join us on **October 26 at 1400EST** for the fifth webinar in the quarterly NCPS webinar series. This presentation will spotlight LCDR Ryan Pett's Asthma Clinic.

<https://zoom.us/j/92195605824?pwd=MUd3NXVXV3BNMHNVdDkwYUtuM0JsQT09> Meeting ID: 921 9560 5824 Passcode: 655709

If you missed any of the previous webinars, you can access them using the link below.

<https://community.max.gov/display/HHS/Webinar+Presentations>

NCPS is looking for pharmacists willing to present for our quarterly webinar series. Are you passionate about clinical pharmacy and have an area of expertise that can help others broaden their scope of practice? If you are interested in sharing what you are doing and would like an opportunity to present a national presentation to pharmacists, please email CDR Kyle Sheffer at Kyle.Sheffer@ihs.gov.

Indian Country ECHO offers a variety of no cost services aimed at expanding access to high-quality specialized care. ECHO programs are interactive online learning environments where clinicians can connect with peers, engage in didactic presentations, collaborate on case consultations, and receive mentorship from clinical experts. ECHO program topics include: Behavioral Health, Dementia, Diabetes, Infectious Diseases, PrEP, Substance Use Disorders, Trans and Gender-Affirming Care and many other topics. Visit [Indian Country ECHO - Indian Country ECHO](#) for more information.

NCPS website: <https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/pharmacy/ncps.aspx>

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The Inpatient Intervention and Case Log, NCPS-D Application form, and NCPS-D Applicant Attestation Letter are now available on the NCPS webpage. If you are interested in applying for NCPS certification, inpatient NCPS certification, or NCPS-D certification reach out to your area representative for any questions on these new forms.

Sample Patient Encounter Log

Since our transition to a more comprehensive care model, the NCPS Committee has received many questions about the Patient Encounter Log. Here is a sample patient encounter log for your reference. Each practice is different and this log should reflect the vast scope of practice that we are involved in as we innovatively lead pharmacists across the nation.

Encounter	Date	Diagnosis addressed at this encounter
1	x/x/xx	DM2, immunizations, hypothyroidism
2	x/x/xx	DM2, immunizations, CVD, tobacco cessation
3	x/x/xx	Anticoagulation, CVD, immunizations, HTN
4	x/xx/xx	DM2, HTN, immunizations
5	x/xx/xx	DM2, immunizations, CAD, CKD
6	x/xx/xx	Tobacco cessation, DM2, asthma, immunizations

Note: All patient encounters must be within 12 months of applicant submission date. Each encounter must include at least two diagnoses, or one diagnosis and one preventative health intervention.



Questions on applying for NCPS certification?

NCPS members rotate every 3 years. If you are interested in serving on the NCPS you should contact your area pharmacy consultant or your NCPS representative for more information.

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New application forms are now available on the NCPS website. These forms should be used for all new applications and renewals.