PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACISTS
Improving access, outcomes and cost

Psychiatric pharmacists are advanced practice clinical pharmacists who specialize in mental health care. With an extensive knowledge of medication management, they are skilled at treating the whole patient. They strengthen the mental health team by working directly with patients, improving outcomes and saving lives.

32% shortage of psychiatrists by 2030
NIMH, 2018

44.7 million adults experience mental illness in a given year
SAMHSA, 2014

$225 billion are spent on mental health annually
HRSA, 2019

75% of physicians find their jobs to be easier when the primary care team includes a clinical pharmacist.
JAPhA, 2017

12 to 1 Up to $12 cost reduction for every $1 invested in pharmacist-provided medication management services.
USPHS, 2011

PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACISTS ADD UNIQUE VALUE

Part of the team, part of the treatment.
In collaboration with the health care team, patients, and caregivers, psychiatric pharmacists:

PRESCRIBE* or recommend appropriate medications

RESOLVE drug interactions

EVALUATE responses and modify treatment

SUPPORT medication adherence

MANAGE medication adverse reactions

PROVIDE medication education

*Prescriptive and practice authority varies by state and practice setting.

EXPANDED PHARMACY EDUCATION
- 6-8 YEARS Undergraduate and Doctor of Pharmacy Degrees
- 1 YEAR General Pharmacy Residency
- 1 YEAR Psychiatric Residency
- CERTIFY by examination
- Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP)
  (+ recertification every 7 years)

COMMON PLACES OF PRACTICE
Government supported hospitals or clinics (VA, Dept. of Defense, state)
Public, private, and academic hospitals
Outpatient mental health clinics
Outpatient primary care clinics
Prisons and correctional facilities

38% improvement in patient depression response rates when working with a psychiatric pharmacist.
JPP, 2016

TYPES OF MEDICATION-RELATED PROBLEMS RESOLVED BY PHARMACISTS
Medication Management Systems, 2010

- 30.9% Untreated condition
- 22.8% Inadequate dose
- 13.5% Poor adherence
- 12.6% Adverse reaction
- 8.8% Ineffective medication
- 5.8% Unnecessary medication

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