

2019 ASHP House of Delegates

Three Selected Policy Recommendations

Joint Council Recommendation: Suicide Awareness and Prevention

To support the national goal of zero patient or healthcare worker suicides; further,

To collaborate with key stakeholders in support of suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To acknowledge that optimal suicide awareness and prevention efforts focus both on preventing patient suicides and on maintaining the health and well-being of the healthcare workforce; further,

To recognize that pharmacists, as key providers on the patient care team, are integral to suicide awareness and prevention efforts, and to acknowledge the vital role of other members of the pharmacy workforce in those efforts; further,

To foster development of standardized tools to aid pharmacists in assessing the influence of medications and environmental and physiological factors on suicidality; further,

To provide education that assists the pharmacy workforce in their continuing professional development efforts related to suicide awareness and prevention; further,

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Joint Council Recommendation: Suicide Awareness and Prevention

To support the inclusion of suicide awareness and prevention principles throughout pharmacy curricula and postgraduate educational and training programs; further,

To encourage state-based efforts that support universal education and training of healthcare providers in suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To advocate for adequate government and healthcare organization funding for suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To enhance awareness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; further,

To foster research on suicide awareness and prevention.

Council on Therapeutics: Therapeutic Use of Cannabidiol

To support continued research on the therapeutic uses of cannabidiol (CBD); further,

To provide education on the therapeutic uses of CBD; further,

To oppose use of CBD-containing products not approved by the Food and Drug Administration; further,

To advocate for enhanced public education regarding safe use of CBD and unapproved CBD-containing products.

Council on Pharmacy Management: Intimidating or Disruptive Behavior

To affirm the professional responsibility of the pharmacist to ensure patient and workplace safety by communicating with other healthcare personnel to clarify and improve medication management; further,

To advocate that hospitals and health systems adopt zero-tolerance policies for intimidating or disruptive behaviors in their institutions; further,

To encourage hospitals and health systems to develop and implement education and training programs for all healthcare personnel to encourage effective communication, set expectations for standards of conduct, promote use of de-escalation techniques, and discourage intimidating or disruptive behaviors; further,

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Council on Pharmacy Management: Intimidating or Disruptive Behavior

To encourage colleges of pharmacy and residency training programs to incorporate training in communications and managing intimidating or disruptive behaviors; further,

To collaborate with other organizations to advocate codes of conduct that minimize intimidating or disruptive behavior in hospitals and health systems; further,

To encourage hospitals and health systems to adopt processes for identification and reporting of intimidating or disruptive behaviors to evaluate and mitigate unacceptable behaviors in a timely and effective manner.

Questions or Suggestions?

- View all of 2019 ASHP policy recommendations that will be voted on at the June House of Delegates at <https://www.ashp.org/House-of-Delegates/Session-Information-for-Delegates>
- Develop a recommendation for ASHP to consider (topic for future policy statement, training programs, position statements, etc)
- Give feedback to your KY Representatives by June 7th
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