



2007 NATIONAL PHARMACY FORUM



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The Health Industry Group Purchasing Association (HIGPA) and the Healthcare Industry Supply Chain Institute (HISCI) invite you to participate in the **2007 National Pharmacy Forum**, February 12-14, 2007 in Austin, Texas.

All 2007 National Pharmacy Forum attendees will benefit from an unbiased vantage point to assemble and engage in a lively debate on the leading pharmacy issues of today.

Explore, discuss, debate, predict, and prepare for pharmacy's future. The program will cover these important industry topics:

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Representatives from GPOs, pharmaceutical companies, wholesalers, distributors, pharmaceutical benefits management firms, IDNs, managed care organizations, hospitals, and other providers.

- Reimbursement and regulatory issues
 - Pay-for-performance
 - Quality assurance
 - Medical error prevention (prescription drugs)
- An outlook on the political landscape following the mid-term elections
 - Pedigree laws
 - Technology issues (RFID, electronic commerce, etc.)
- Today's changing patient-care model
 - Patient-centered care
 - IMS
 - Patient safety
- National disaster preparedness for the pharmaceutical industry
 - Terrorism
 - Pandemics
 - Natural disasters

Visit www.higpa.org for more information.

EXPAND YOUR NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Continue your networking outside of the 2007 National Pharmacy Forum program agenda. The Four Seasons Hotel Austin is conveniently located in the center of downtown Austin on the banks of Town Lake. Within just a short walking distance from the hotel, attendees will find several dining and entertainment options in the nearby Warehouse and 6th Street Districts.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, February 12, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration Open

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
**Welcome and Introductory
General Sessions**

The Political Landscape: Post Mid-Term Elections and Beyond

Gain valuable insights into the political landscape following the 2006 mid-term elections.

Regulatory Update

This session will include the discussion of:

- Pedigree laws and their affect on the supply chain
- Average Sales Price rules (ASP)
- Electronic commerce and technology issues, such as RFID

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Coffee Break

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Registration Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
**General Session: The Changing
Nature of Patient Care**

This session will feature speakers and topics that discuss the changing nature of patient care in today's healthcare world. Specific issues will include national developments in:

- Patient safety
- Effectiveness
- Patient-centeredness
- Timeliness
- Efficiency
- Equity

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Break

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

General Session: Payment Factors and the Policy Process

This session will include a reimbursement update from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Speakers during this session will touch on the industry-relevant topics of:

- Pay-for-performance
- Quality assurance
- Medical error prevention

4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Reception

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

General Session: Terrorism, Pandemics, and Natural Disasters

Disaster preparedness viewed from a pharmaceutical industry perspective. Learn from national experts what your company needs to do to prepare itself – from both a commercial and government outlook – to handle a disaster scenario.

11:30 a.m.
Adjournment

ABOUT HIGPA

The Health Industry Group Purchasing Association is a broad-based trade association that represents Group Purchasing Organizations. HIGPA's group purchasing industry members, who handle approximately 80 percent of the group purchasing sales within the United States, include for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems, and healthcare provider alliances.

ABOUT HISCI

The Healthcare Industry Supply Chain Institute (HISCI) is a collaborative association that represents the entire healthcare supply chain, including suppliers/manufacturers, providers and group purchasing organizations.

HISCI serves to improve and increase efficiencies within healthcare through best practice sharing, education and networking.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Information

The 2007 National Pharmacy Forum registration fee includes tuition, course materials, selected meals, and receptions. Payment may be made by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or by bank check. Payment in full must be received before attendance at the conference.

Registration Rates

- HIGPA Member = **\$1,595**
- Non-Member = **\$2,295**

Cancellation/Transfer Policy

All cancellations must be submitted in writing. For cancellations received before **January 9, 2007**, the registration fee will be returned less a processing fee. After January 9, no refunds will be issued, although registration is transferable to another person from the same organization up until the day of the event. Cancellations not received by the date required will not be eligible for a refund. No-shows will be billed. HIGPA assumes no liability for non-refundable transportation costs, hotel accommodations or additional costs incurred by registrants.

Disability Needs

If you require special accommodations to fully participate, please call 312.321.6817 with a description of your needs.

Housing Rates & Reservations

Rooms have been set aside for 2007 National Pharmacy Forum attendees at the Four Seasons Hotel Austin. Reservations made after **January 9, 2007** are not guaranteed to receive HIGPA's discounted rate and are subject to hotel availability. *Please note the hotel cancellation policy requires you to cancel your reservation 48 hours in advance of arrival to avoid paying a one night room and tax cancellation penalty.*

Four Seasons Hotel Austin

98 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701-4039

Room rate is **\$195** per night plus tax for single/double occupancy. You can reserve your housing by calling **512.685.8100**. Be sure to request the "HIGPA" discounted rate.

Air Travel/Car Rental Information

HIGPA has chosen Apollo as the preferred travel agency for the 2007 National Pharmacy Forum. To book discounted travel, contact Apollo at: 866.880.6483, email travel@travelapollo.com, or visit www.themeetingevent.com.

Ground Transportation Information

Taxi service to/from the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is approximately \$20 each way. Super Shuttle service to/from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is approximately \$10 each way and includes several stops along the way. For complete ground transportation information, visit the HIGPA Web site at www.higpa.org.

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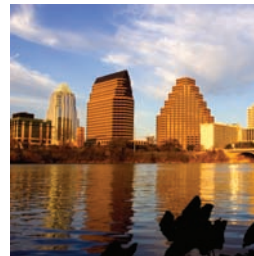
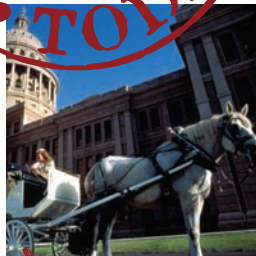
Business/casual attire is recommended for all sessions and receptions.



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