

# The Pharmacists' Role in Improving Oral Health among Older Adults

Saturday, July 9, 2016

8:00am - 12:30pm (4 Contact Hours)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Pharmacists have expanded their role within their communities to that of primary care providers, & are integral members of the overall healthcare system. Pharmacists are often a patient's first & sometimes main point of contact with the healthcare system. Consumers visit pharmacists to receive immunizations, management advice about how to manage medications & disease- & drug-induced symptoms, & to seek medical advice & counseling. Pharmacists are ideally positioned to educate patients about many common oral health concerns, as older adults have regular & frequent contact with their pharmacists due to their extensive medication use. Further, pharmacists are well-positioned to counsel older adults with oral health concerns about effective interventions to improve oral health. Pharmacist-based educational interventions provide an opportunity to improve oral health-related knowledge & behaviors for a large population of older adults, including those who may not have easy access to oral healthcare services. Ensuring that pharmacists are adequately provided with the knowledge & tools necessary to help deliver oral health education & counseling is critical. The purpose of this program is to equip pharmacists with the tools necessary to communicate knowledge about oral health interventions & to identify resources for locating dental care services for older adults in their communities. The goal of this project is to improve the oral health of older adults & to increase access to dental care.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this knowledge based program, the pharmacist will be able to:

1. Describe oral diseases that are commonly observed among older adults.
2. Discuss the oral health consequences of taking medications that cause dry mouth.
3. Identify drugs that cause oral lichenoid drug reaction, aphthous stomatitis & alterations in taste & smell.
4. Select appropriate interventions to reduce oral disease risks in medicated older adults.
5. Locate resources that can be used to support pharmacists' activities when counseling older adults about oral health & when referring for oral healthcare services.

## SPEAKER

Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, RDH, PhD  
Director, Research  
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There is **NO FEE** for this program. Advanced registration is required and enrollment is limited to 75 participants. To register and for more details visit our site:

[pharmacy-ncu.learningexpressce.com](http://pharmacy-ncu.learningexpressce.com)



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:00am-8:00am	Registration and Refreshments
8:00am-10:00am	The Pharmacists' Role in Improving Oral Health Among Older Adults Session 1
10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:30pm	The Pharmacists' Role in Improving Oral Health Among Older Adults Session 2

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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## LOCATION

University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy  
301 Pharmacy Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27599  
Kerr Hall Room 1001

## PROGRAM ACPE#

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## PARKING

Registered Participants may park in the Beard Lot (Lot W) and the McCauley Parking Deck on the North side of Beard Hall for no charge.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR PHARMACISTS



The University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. The program, ACPE# 0046-0000-16-113-L01-P, will provide 4 contact hours of CE credit for pharmacists. To receive CE credit, attendance must be acknowledged by completing the online evaluation. Statements of CE credit can be viewed and printed from CPE monitor and verification of completion of the online evaluation of the program.

**NO PARTIAL CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN.**

Contact Austin Companion at [austin.companion@unc.edu](mailto:austin.companion@unc.edu) or 919.843.4028 for questions regarding this program.

*Program includes CE Credit, Refreshments, and NABP CPE Monitor Certificate Upload.*

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