



NASEM Workshop: Public-Private Partnerships for Dispensing and Administration of Medical Countermeasures

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Pharmacy PPPs

Who:

- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy technicians
- Student pharmacists
- Pharmacies

Where:

- Community pharmacies
 - Chain
 - Independent
- Long term care pharmacies/ists
- Health system pharmacies

Examples of Pharmacy PPPs

- Federal Retail Pharmacy Program
- Federal Retail Therapeutics Program
- Bridge Access Program
- State public health department programs
- Vaccines for Children
- Various private/public *collaborations*

What worked?

- Utilizing pharmacy team
 - Expertise
 - Trust
 - Accessibility
 - Equity
 - FRPP – national coordination
- Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act)
 - Addressed scope of practice
 - License portability
 - Immunity from liability
- Rapid response to overcome barriers
- National clinical guidelines/guidance
- Agreements vs. contracts

} Temporary

<https://www.pharmacist.com/Practice/COVID-19/The-Essential-Role-of-Pharmacy-in-Response-to-COVID-19/Infographic>



What didn't work?

- Unfair pharmacy and pharmacist payment
 - No pathway to reimburse for services
 - Inadequate dispensing fee
- Poor linkage with state and local response teams
- Unfamiliar and competing distribution channels
- Erratic and unclear communications from public sector
- One-size fits all approach

Recommendations

- Don't reinvent the wheel – use existing distribution channels
- Pre-establish contracts, protocols, authorities, and training/education
- Maintain and pre-establish reporting/database/ordering systems
- Establish sustainable and fair payment pathways for pharmacists
 - Pass Equitable Community Access to Pharmacists Services Act (ECAPS)
 - Public vs private plans
 - Uninsured
- Develop smoother transition to commercialization processes for distribution and payment
- Develop a response playbook for different situations
 - Routine tabletop exercises and outreach with pharmacy community



Thank you!!

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