

The Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists Position Statement on Patient Counseling by Pharmacists

The Ohio Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (OSHP) supports the counseling of patients by pharmacists about the therapeutic effect and potential adverse reactions of their medication therapies in order to decrease adverse drug events and improve patient outcomes in a manner that ensures patient confidentiality. Furthermore, OSHP embraces the position statement of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP) regarding patient counseling:

ASHP believes pharmacists should educate and counsel all patients to the extent possible, going beyond the minimum requirements of laws and regulations; simply offering to counsel is inconsistent with pharmacists' responsibilities. In pharmaceutical care, pharmacists should encourage patients to seek education and counseling and should eliminate barriers to providing it.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. ASHP guidelines on pharmacist-conducted patient education and counseling. *Am J Health-Syst Pharm* 1997;43:431-4.

This guideline was reviewed in 2011 by the Council on Pharmacy Practice and by the ASHP Board of Directors and was found to still be appropriate.

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