

ACT Legislative Conference

May 14-15, 2024 Pendry Hotel on the Wharf + Capitol Hill Washington, D.C.

Talk to Your Lawmakers About Compounding

If you compound personalized medications for patients in need of hormone replacement therapy or medications that are on shortage, we need you on Capitol Hill this spring to address regulatory threats to patient access with Congressional lawmakers. You're invited to join PCCA in Washington, D.C., for the <u>ACT Legislative</u> <u>Conference, May 14-15, 2024</u>.

LACK OF ACCESS IS A PATIENT SAFETY ISSUE

Whether the issue is access to drugs on shortage that can be lawfully compounded or maintaining access to hormones compounded from pure ingredients, access to necessary and life-sustaining medications is key.

Commonly Compounded Hormones

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) issued a report in 2020 recommending the most commonly compounded hormones be considered for the FDA's "difficult to compound" list. It is unlawful to compound ingredients on this listing. If the FDA were to accept NASEM's recommendations, the **compounding of many hormone formulations would be unlawful.** The FDA has not indicated the direction they will take with the report recommendations; they could move to advance access barriers at any time. ACT is your opportunity to explain to lawmakers how your patients would be impacted by this lack of access.

Compounds and Drug Shortages

Do you compound drugs on shortage? Or know patients who don't have medication access because of a shortage? ACT is your opportunity to **explain to lawmakers how drug shortages have impacted your practice and your patients.** Congress is currently discussing potential legislation and needs to hear from you.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL

Engaged lawmakers are more likely to weigh in with the FDA on proposed policies of regulated industries. If lawmakers don't hear from pharmacies in their home districts, they are far less likely to understand how these proposed policies will directly impact the health and well-being of your patients, who are also their constituents.

HELP YOUR PATIENTS RETAIN ACCESS

More than 80 lawmakers have been elected in the last 18 months and are new to Congress. Most are not familiar with pharmacy compounding, let alone how compounded medicines fill the needs of unique patients. Your patient stories provide the background these new lawmakers need to make informed decisions. Even better are tours of your pharmacy! Congressional representatives will be on district work periods for much of this summer and fall, so those are ideal times to invite them to your practice — so they can see first-hand what you do.

Accept our invitation and register today.



We'll schedule your Congressional

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appointments and provide a half-day briefing session before you head to Capitol Hill for your meetings.

As a special incentive to participate, you can save \$100 with early bird pricing through April 15.

Have questions? Email us at publicaffairs@pccarx.com.