



## Top 10 Reasons to be a member of the Kansas Pharmacists Association and its Councils!

10. KPhA supports its members through media relations and maintains a media list of contacts for each daily and weekly newspaper in Kansas, providing press releases for events and serving as a liaison between KPhA member-pharmacists and media.
9. Membership helps keep the "feeling of professionalism" alive. It is sometimes easy for pharmacists to slip into the "lick, stick and pour" routine which can result in burnout and boredom. **No professional can be an effective practitioner practicing in a vacuum.** By taking advantage of the unique opportunities for networking and professional development offered by KPhA and its Councils, you can keep in touch with colleagues in locations across the state.
8. Members receive Kansas pharmacy publications. *The Annual Journal of Kansas Pharmacy, Quarterly Update Newsletter, e-Communiqué* and access to the "members only" section of the KPhA website ([www.ksrx.org](http://www.ksrx.org)) are included with membership. Plus, members receive substantial discounts on publications such as technician training materials, Kansas Pharmacy & Related Laws, Pharmacy Policies & Procedures Manual, and Pharmacists Letter, to name a few.
7. KPhA offers the best in continuing education programs. Kansas pharmacists are required to earn 15 hours of CE credit annually. KPhA provides a 5-6 hour CE program for consultant pharmacists annually with an additional 12-15 hours offered at the Annual Meeting and 8-12 hours at the KSHP Spring Meeting. KPhA members can attend at substantially reduced rates!
6. Because KPhA, KSHP and KNPN are united organizations, ALL members benefit from the shared knowledge. We draw upon each other's expertise and talents to operate a successful association dedicated to members' success.
5. The organizational structure of KPhA is used as a model for other state pharmacy associations. KPhA and KSHP have been merged for over 20 years. KPhA has a positive working relationship with the State Board of Pharmacy and the KU School of Pharmacy, with many programs directed toward KU students. We have a foundation (KPF), a service corporation (KPSC) and a new practitioners council (KNPN). **This is NOT the case in many other states.**
4. There is strength in numbers. The more members we have, the louder our voice will be. We can not expect others to take us seriously if less than 50% of the pharmacists in Kansas are members! This is particularly true in the Kansas Legislature. It is imperative that we do a better job of communicating with each other, of sharing what works. KPhA is the vehicle to make that happen, but we can't do it alone and it costs money!
3. No one else looks after the best interests of pharmacists in Kansas. KPhA represents and speaks for pharmacy before the Kansas Legislature, SRS, Health and Environment, State Board of Pharmacy, and other government agencies; KPhA lobbies **against** unfavorable laws/regulations and **for** the passage of laws/regulations that will enhance the profession.
2. **While it is impossible for KPhA to please all of the pharmacists all of the time, it has spent the past 127 years trying to do so!** KPhA was founded to protect and promote the pharmacy profession. The Association's task forces tackle the tough questions, from the role of pharmacy technicians to problems with third parties. If it wasn't for KPhA and its Councils, decisions regarding the important aspects of the profession would be determined by non-pharmacists.

### **And the number one reason to be a member of the Kansas Pharmacists Association...**

1. Members help shape the future of Kansas Pharmacy. Your membership helps determine the direction of your profession and protects your livelihood. **For 127 years KPhA and its Councils have been the custodian of the profession. Many of the privileges and gains pharmacists enjoy today were won by members who preceded them. It is our obligation to leave a similar legacy for future practitioners.**