

## **ASHP Vision Statement for Pharmacy Practice in Hospitals and Health Systems**

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ASHP dedicates itself to achieving a vision for pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems in which pharmacists:

1. Will significantly enhance patients' health-related quality of life by exercising leadership in improving both the use of medications by individuals and the overall process of medication use;
2. Will manage patient medication therapy and provide related patient care and public health services;
3. Will be the primary individuals responsible for medication use and drug distribution systems;
4. Will be recognized as patient care providers and sought out by patients to help them achieve the most benefit from their therapy;
5. Will take a leadership role to continuously improve and redesign the medication-use process with the goal of achieving significant advances in (a) patient safety, (b) health-related outcomes, (c) prudent use of human resources, and (d) efficiency;
6. Will lead evidence-based medication use programs to implement best practices; and
7. Will have an image among patients, health professionals, administrators, and public policy makers as caring and compassionate medication use experts.

### **Key points about ASHP's vision for the future:**

- Most health-system pharmacists will be involved in direct patient care.
- Pharmacy departments will have a strong commitment to lead continuous improvement in medication use, with a focus on:
  - Patient safety,
  - Optimal outcomes,
  - Prudent use of human resources, and
  - Efficiency.
- Pharmacy departments will focus on improving overall medication use in the institution, fostering the adoption of best practices.