



# PHARMACIST: CARING FOR YOU



## Pharmacy Council of India

(A Statutory body under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)

# CELEBRATING PHARMACIST DAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Pharmacists are experts in medicines and are responsible from the development of new drugs and delivery systems supporting appropriate treatment and managing diseases. Pharmacists are healthcare professionals involved in medication management and an important member of the health care team.

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With the pharmacist day coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> September, the Pharmacy Council of India, State Pharmacy Councils, pharmacy organizations and professionals are gearing up to promote, plan and implement the programs that advocate the role of the pharmacist in health care.

### What is Pharmacist day?

It's a day to celebrate the one million registered pharmacists in India who work hard to keep the society healthy. As most of these pharmacists work silently behind the scene, there arises a need to recognize their hard work and reward them for their contribution to the society.

Most of the people are unaware of the range of services offered by a pharmacist and know them as a person who simply arranges and dispenses medicines. But, that's not the only work of the Pharmacist.

### PHARMACISTS ARE INVOLVED IN:

#### Manufacture of Quality Medicines by ensuring the:

- ❖ Implementation of good manufacturing practices in pharmaceutical companies.
- ❖ Quality control of medicines.
- ❖ Use of latest technology in manufacturing to lower the cost of medicines.

#### Enforcing Law and Regulations by:

- ❖ Ensuring the implementation of health care policies and regulations in India.
- ❖ Enabling timely access of safe, efficacious and quality medicines.
- ❖ Regulating the manufacture, distribution, sale and import of medicines and medical devices.

#### Research and Innovation by:

- ❖ Discovering and Developing new Drugs and devices that caters to the needs of the society.
- ❖ Playing key role in designing and implementing protocols, conducting trials, comparing effectiveness and safety of new medicines before it is launched in the market.
- ❖ Creating new knowledge in understanding of the diseases and how medicines work on them.

#### Support and Educate

- ❖ Patients and their attendants on the safe use of medicines.
- ❖ Physicians and other Health care professionals by providing unbiased information on medicines and devices.
- ❖ Young pharmacy graduates on the current trends in pharmaceutical sciences and help them be updated.

#### Distribution and dispensing of medicines by:

- ❖ Ensuring that quality medicines that have been monitored throughout the supply chain, are dispensed to the patients.
- ❖ Providing pharmaceutical care to the patients through good pharmacy practices.
- ❖ Ensuring that the right medicine, with the right dose at the right time, reaches the patients.

#### Providing Primary and Community Health Care by:

- ❖ Providing primary care and advice to promote and maintain good health and for minor ailments.
- ❖ Providing information and support in relation to medicines and other therapies.
- ❖ Facilitating public health campaigns in local communities including health promotion, pandemic response, immunisation and monitoring.

Pharmacists of India proudly pledge to partner with Government of India in its initiatives for developing a Healthy India.

Pharmacy Council of India supports the 'Jan Aushadhi' scheme of Government of India to realise the vision of 'Access to Medicines for all'.

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