



The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists

Research and Education Foundation

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Health Disparity Grant Program

Recognizing the significant impact that health inequities have on patient outcomes, the NYSCHP Research and Education Foundation has established a grant program aimed at enhancing our understanding of the pharmacist’s role in addressing these inequities. As experts in pharmaceutical care, pharmacists possess the knowledge, skills, and experience essential for optimizing medication-related outcomes. Understanding how pharmacists can utilize these skills to improve pharmaco-equity is vital for informing regulators, policymakers, and healthcare administrators. Initial funding for this program was provided by J&J Innovations.

About the NYSCHP REF

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation was incorporated as a public foundation in 1982 to serve three basic functions:

- To promote the public welfare through development of quality pharmaceutical services in hospitals and other organized health care settings.
- To encourage provide for, and engage in scientific research, professional study, and advancement of science of hospital and institutional pharmacy.
- To improve the quality and increase the availability of hospital and institutional pharmaceutical services to the public.

The Mission of Pharmacy is to serve society as the profession responsible for the appropriate use of medications, devices and related services in achieving optimal therapeutic outcomes. Besides providing high quality pharmaceutical services that foster the efficacy, safety, and cost-effectiveness of drug use, our profession contributes to programs and services that emphasize the health needs of the public and the prevention of disease as an essential component of the health-care team.