

The VN/US Partners in Pharmacy Initiative

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Mission: Expand the role of pharmacists and pharmacies in Vietnam to help Vietnamese people better manage their health, disease and medication therapies.

The partnership does this by:

- Identifying gaps in the healthcare system that pharmacy can fill;
- Identifying and developing opportunities for curricular change to prepare pharmacy students to meet Vietnam's pharmacy needs in the future
- Expanding roles for pharmacists and pharmacy workers in clinical and community service, education and research;
- Sharing information among partners to help develop programs in education, service and research;
- Collaborating on national and international conferences;
- Seeking joint funding for projects targeted to achieving the partnership's mission through train-the-trainer and other types of programs.

Core Values:

- Quality pharmaceutical care is achieved when patients are able to access safe, effective, high quality and properly labeled medicines.
- Pharmacies and pharmacists can serve as important primary access points for medication dispensing, patient counseling, and clinical consultation with colleagues in other health professions.
- Evidence-based drug information is the basis for rational therapeutic decision making, and should be easily available on a timely basis to all health professionals.
- When health professionals interact as a team, clinical care of patients can be achieved more efficiently and comprehensively.

Founding Pharmacy Organizations: The VN/US Partners in Pharmacy Initiative has as its founding members:

- Hanoi University of Pharmacy
- University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, School of Pharmacy
- Hue Faculty of Pharmacy, School of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Can Tho University School of Medicine-Dentistry-Pharmacy
- Thai Nguyen Medical University, School of Pharmacy
- Tay Nguyen University
- University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy

In affiliation with:

- United States Pharmacopeia
- UCSF Global Health Sciences