

The Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK

The Professional Leadership body for Pharmacy Technicians

With the formation in 2010 of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), the new regulator for Pharmacy, there is a need for a leadership body specifically for pharmacy technicians; **we are that organisation.**

The Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK (APTUK) has been in existence since 1952; **always run by pharmacy technicians for pharmacy technicians.**

We have tirelessly campaigned on behalf of our members to ensure the voice of pharmacy technicians is heard, beginning with our vision to register pharmacy technicians.

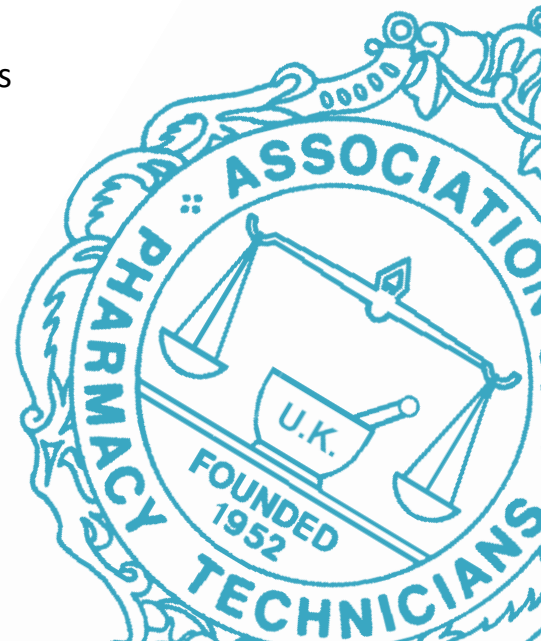
As the only leadership body specifically for pharmacy technicians we will respond to the evolving needs of our members through the following commitments.

Our 5 commitments to members:

1. Respond to the needs of pharmacy technicians
2. Provide CPD support and professional development
3. Actively pursue professional networking and sharing of knowledge
4. Promote pharmacy technicians through active response to health care policy
5. Support advanced roles for pharmacy technicians

"The APTUK have made a tremendous contribution to pharmacy technicians, pharmacy, health services and patients. The Association has thrived on the outstanding efforts of its largely voluntary leadership. The enthusiasm they have shown is a great example to many less successful organisations with far greater resources".

Ken Jarrold CBE, Chairman of the Pharmacy Regulation and Leadership Oversight Group (PRLOG)





1 Respond to the needs of pharmacy technicians

APTUK has hosted an annual conference since 1957 for members and non-members. This event showcases the best practice to a wide audience and has welcomed past guest speakers such as Ken Jarrold, Keith Ridge, Marc Donovan & Bill Scott & Carwen Wynne-Howells.

The 3 day event blends together key note speakers, presentations, workshops, gala dinner, networking opportunities and the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK. The conference celebrates the diversity of Pharmacy Technicians roles in all sectors of pharmacy.

It is well received by attendees and over the past few years has been generously supported by various pharmaceutical companies through their attendance at our event.

We will continue to host an annual conference for pharmacy technicians.

Conference 18th—20th June 2010 at Cranage Hall, Cheshire

"Statutory regulation provides a unique opportunity for pharmacy technicians to grow as a profession. As emerging professionals, pharmacy technicians need a strong voice and, as an established professional body, APTUK, will play a key role".

Janet Flint: Post Registration Manager, RPSGB.

APTUK

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2 Provide CPD support and professional development

APTUK has delivered CPD opportunities through CPD facilitator training days for Branch Secretaries, CPD support through a network of branches, past events in conjunction with CPPE and our Annual Conference.

We will build on interest to provide a range of events both nationally and locally to meet the needs of our members.

We will be able to support CPD through a review service of CPD records to provide assurance and guidance on content in readiness for submission to the GPhC.

It will be possible to access on-line CPD records via our website.



"I believe it is essential that technicians belong to a leadership body which provides professional support and a strong voice to enable them to fully develop their role within the pharmacy family"

Marc Donovan, Chair of the Welsh Pharmacy Board



**Branch
Network Day
May 09**

3 Actively pursue professional networking and sharing of knowledge

APTUK will continue to produce the "Pharmacy Technician" journal, available to members, building links with sister publications to promote sharing of best practice and develop to meet the needs of our membership.

We have links with other pharmacy organisations such as GHP & UKCPA and work together to ensure the pharmacy agenda includes pharmacy technicians.

APTUK works in partnership with our European counterparts as part of "CEPT" the Committee of European Pharmacy Technicians, building international links.

APTUK has supported the Pharma Awards over past 3 years. Our expertise is recognised through our role on the judging panel for the technician awards.

"APTUK has led in a huge way to develop and support the roles of technicians in the delivery of safe and effective medicines management. The place of technicians in the pharmacy team has been secured by the leadership of APTUK and UKCPA and will in the future work well with colleagues in APTUK to ensure the clinical agenda for the profession develops appropriately."

*Catherine Duggan,
Chair UKCPA*

4 Promote pharmacy technicians through active response to healthcare policy

APTUK responds to key consultations that impact on pharmacy technicians, championing our independence within the pharmacy family.

APTUK is an invited member on many committees that work towards shaping the pharmacy strategy, ensuring the viewpoints of pharmacy technicians are noted.

- NHS Education and Development Committee: Support Staff Specialist Group
- Skills for Health: Pharmacy National Occupational Standards Strategy Group

We will continue to build links with key stakeholders working together to ensure that pharmacy technicians continue to play an integral role in the advancement of pharmacy.



AAH/APTUK
Award Winners
2008

5 Support advanced roles for pharmacy technicians

APTUK has recognised the achievements of pharmacy technicians through our various awards.

The Joint APTUK & AAH pharmacy technician of the year awards are established and highly valued awards that recognise the diversity of roles for pharmacy technicians. A new Professional Award was instigated in 2008 and this has been quickly followed by new awards categories of Primary Care and Secondary Care.

The Katherine Miles award is presented at our Annual Conference for winners of the poster competition, recognising the variety and diversity of projects that pharmacy technicians are involved with.

"The contribution made by APTUK in supporting pharmacy technicians is substantial and a great credit to a small organisation run by volunteers. ... APTUK will be crucial in providing the support that technicians need to enable them to satisfy the needs of the General Pharmaceutical Council."

*Dr Brian Curwain, Chair,
English Pharmacy Board*

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