CARDIOLOGY PHARMACY FACT SHEET

Cardiology Pharmacy focuses on disease prevention and treatment, including evidence-based medication use and related care that improve both short- and long-term outcomes for patients.

The BPS Board Certified Cardiology Pharmacist (BCCP)® will have the advanced knowledge and experience to review, analyze and monitor multifaceted clinical information to make reasoned decisions for patients with multiple comorbidities and highly complex medication regimens. Currently there are more than 300 BPS Board Certified Cardiology Pharmacists.

To successfully become a BPS Board Certified Cardiology Pharmacist® (BCCP), a candidate must:

- Graduate from a pharmacy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) or a program outside the U.S. that qualifies the individual to practice in the jurisdiction; and
- Hold a current, active license to practice pharmacy in the U.S. or another jurisdiction; and
- Complete four (4) years of practice experience (post-pharmacist licensure) with at least 50% of time spent in cardiology pharmacy activities as defined by the Cardiology Pharmacy Content Outline; or
- Complete a PGY1 residency* plus two (2) additional years of practice (post-pharmacist licensure) with at least 50% of time spent in cardiology pharmacy activities as defined by the Cardiology Pharmacy Content Outline; or
- Complete a specialty (PGY2) residency* in cardiology pharmacy; and
- Achieve a passing score on the Cardiology Pharmacy Specialty Certification Examination.

Recertification is required every seven (7) years and can be accomplished by:

- Achieving a passing score on the 100-item recertification examination (administered by BPS), based on the content outline for the Cardiology Pharmacy Specialty in their seventh year following initial certification; or
- Earning 100 hours of continuing education credit provided by the joint program offered by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

*Cardiology Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses offered by any of the approved providers may only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the seven-year recertification cycle.
Becoming BPS board certified enables pharmacists to:

- Provide more comprehensive and complex patient care;
- Be prepared to step into pharmacy’s evolving position on the multidisciplinary treatment team;
- Improve their standing in a competitive employment market; and
- Be recognized for their expertise by other healthcare professionals, employers, patients and insurers

Board certification through the Board of Pharmacy Specialties® is the gold standard for determining which pharmacists are qualified to contribute at advanced practice levels. Through the rigorous examination standards mandated by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties®, the BPS board certified pharmacist is uniquely trained and educated to meet the continually expanding expectations of other healthcare team members and the specialized needs of the patients they serve.