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## CPESN NY, LLC Pharmacies Leading the Way for Increased Access and Services to Diabetes Patients in Underserved Populations Statewide.

Buffalo, N.Y. April 19, 2023 – CPESN NY LLC, an independent practice association of pharmacies focused on advancing community-based pharmacy practice and enhanced services today, announces twelve member pharmacies' diabetes education programs that have received recognition and accreditation through the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists ([ADCES](#)), with more on the way. [Bolton's Pharmacy](#) (Watertown, NY), [Buffalo Pharmacies](#) (Buffalo, NY), [Colombo's Pharmacy](#) (Queens, NY), [Crestwood Pharmacy](#) (Albany, NY), [Holland Pharmacy](#) (Holland, NY), [Miller's Pharmacy](#) (West Henrietta, NY), [Oval Pharmacy](#) (Bronx, NY), [Rossi Pharmacy](#) (Brooklyn, NY), [Sedgwick Pharmacy](#) (Bronx, NY), [Sunshine Pharmacy](#) (White Plains, NY), [The Medicine Shoppe](#) (Ilion, NY), and [Vital Pharmacy](#) (Buffalo, NY), are now part of the 20 total accredited CPESN NY pharmacies across the state that offer vital diabetes-focused accredited programs and educational resources for their patients.

The geographically diverse clinically integrated community pharmacy network of 287 pharmacies, CPESN NY focuses on addressing disease burdens and social vulnerabilities by providing diabetes education programs. According to the American Diabetes Association, Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) programs help to improve diabetes knowledge and self-care behaviors, positive clinical outcomes such as a lower hemoglobin A1C, and overall better quality of life. The importance of concentrating on an A1C reduction by one point has also shown a 37% reduction in risk for microvascular complications, a 21% reduction in risk for diabetes-related death, a 14% reduction in risk for fatal and nonfatal myocardial infarction, and a 43% reduction in risk for amputation or death from peripheral vascular disease.<sup>1</sup>

Since 2019, CPESN NY has been collaborating with the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) in a joint partnership to establish accessible and equitable services across the state. A program created to expand the role of clinically integrated community pharmacies and the impact of care for patients with diabetes has led to having over 1,000 patients screened with more than 450 referred to accredited DSMES programs. Additionally, over the last four years, CPESN NY has been able to provide its members with high-quality diabetes-focused events, comprising 15 total hours of CEs, with plans to deliver more valuable educational offerings in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> White JR Jr. Economic considerations in treating patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Am J Health Syst Pharm. 2002 Dec 1;59 Suppl 9:S14-7. doi: 10.1093/ajhp/59.suppl\_9.S14. PMID: 12489382.

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*“CPESN NY, in partnership with NYS DOH, is proud to bring this proven diabetes management program to our member pharmacies and further expand clinical opportunities and services, improving the quality of life for their patients. We look forward to continuing our expansion of these and other services to communities throughout New York,” said John Croce, President of CPESN NY.*

The NYS DOH grant-funded program allowed a select cohort of eight pharmacies to become accredited in 2022, and 12 more have joined the growing list. Pharmacies now can have life-changing impacts on people living with diabetes within their communities, doubling the reach and care in socially vulnerable populations within NYS. Driven to provide innovative sustainable clinical-based programs and services, CPESN NY is developing a growing network of diabetes-focused leaders, further transforming the pharmacist’s critical role in healthcare.

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#### **About CPESN NY, LLC**

CPESN NY, LLC / IPA is a registered healthcare entity within NYS. It is an independent practice association that has developed a growing network of 287 pharmacies structured to advance community-based pharmacy practice. Its mission is to empower local pharmacies deeply rooted within the community by fostering the ability to provide high-quality, patient-centered enhanced services. CPESN NY pharmacies closely work with other providers on the patient’s care team to help coordinate medical treatment, which has led to better medication adherence, higher patient satisfaction, and lower healthcare costs. CPESN NY is part of CPESN® USA, a nationwide network of pharmacy providers across America. To learn more, please visit [www.cpesn.com](http://www.cpesn.com).