

***Spring Pharmacy Symposium
for
Pharmacists & Pharmacy Technicians***

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8:00am – 4:30pm

Registration: 7:30am

Program starts promptly at: 7:55am

Aycock Education Center

Beaumont Administrative Building

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

700 North Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303

AGENDA/TOPICS

7:55am	Welcome, Introduction, Announcements
8:00	I. Age-Specific Medication Considerations for Patients 65 years and older Meghan Ellinger May, PharmD
9:00	II. Old Foes, New Threats: The Resurgence of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Kelsey Bouwman, PharmD
10:00	Break
10:15	III. Beyond Clinical Expertise: Emotional Intelligence for High-Impact Healthcare Professionals Fatima Ghzala, PharmD
11:15	IV. If You Can Dodge a Wrench, You Can Dodge a Fine: Risk Mitigation Strategies for Controlled Substance Registrants Michael Harris, PharmD
12:15pm	Lunch (provided)
1:15	V. To DOAC or Don't-AC: The Clot Thickens Sarah Wyatt, PharmD, Alex McDonald, PharmD
2:15	Break
2:30	VI. Medication Reconciliation: Improving Accuracy to Enhance Patient Care McKinzie Chase Arrington, PharmD
3:30	VII. Antibiotics Under the Microscope: Stewardship Opportunities for the Pharmacy Team Maddie Treadway, PharmD
4:30	Wrap-up, Q&A, Adjourn

*The speakers and the planning committee have declared no conflict of interest.
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REGISTRATION FEES

Fees include refreshments/lunch (for in-person attendees).

- Technicians \$55.00
- Pharmacists \$110.00
- May attend in-person or virtual

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On-line Registration: www.spartanburgregional.com/CEEvents or

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-pharmacy-symposium-for-pharmacist-technicians-tickets-1983466145635?aff=oddtcreator>

- Click on Events, Click on Healthcare Continuing Education
- And Search for: SRHS 2026 Conference for Pharmacists & Pharmacy Technicians
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I. Age Specific Medication Considerations for Patients 65 years and older

Meghan Ellinger May, PharmD, BCPS, BCPP; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Psychiatry, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-048-L01-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist** and **pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Explain age-friendly (for ≥ 65 years old) initiatives in healthcare
2. Describe the 4 M's used for age-friendly care
3. Identify resources and tools available to assess medication regimens in the geriatric population
4. Assess a patient's medication regimen for appropriateness using age-specific considerations

II. **Old Foes, New Threats: The Resurgence of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases**

Kelsey Bouwman, PharmD, BCIDP; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Infectious Diseases, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-049-L06-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist and pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Explain the origins of modern vaccine hesitancy
2. Describe the epidemiology and clinical presentation of multiple vaccine preventable diseases
3. Apply evidence-based communication strategies to respond to vaccine concerns

III. **Beyond Clinical Expertise: Emotional Intelligence for High-Impact Healthcare Professionals**

Fatima Ghzala, PharmD, DISC/EQ; Clinical Pharmacist, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-050-L04-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist and pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Recognize the key elements of emotional intelligence and their role in effective communication within pharmacy teams.
2. Identify common workplace situations where emotional awareness and communication skills impact team effectiveness and patient service.
3. Apply practical communication and emotional regulation strategies to support positive interactions with colleagues, pharmacists, and patients.
4. Demonstrate techniques that contribute to a respectful, collaborative, and patient-focused pharmacy environment

IV. **If You Can Dodge a Wrench, You Can Dodge a Fine: Risk Mitigation Strategies for Controlled Substance Registrants**

Michael Harris, PharmD; Pharmacy Diversion Officer, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-051-L03-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, knowledge-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist and pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Identify regulatory risk areas associated with controlled substance handling and management in both inpatient and outpatient pharmacy settings
2. Recognize documentation and workflow vulnerabilities that increase diversion and compliance risk
3. Describe operational controls that strengthen diversion prevention and regulatory defensibility

V. **To DOAC or DON'T-AC: The Clot Thickens**

Sarah Wyatt, PharmD, BCCCP; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Cardiovascular Critical Care, SRHS
Alex McDonald, PharmD, BCPS, CACP; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Cardiology, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-052-L01-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist and pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Identify the mechanism of action and indications of oral anticoagulants in inpatient care
2. Discuss evidence-based approaches for anticoagulant selection
3. Apply concepts learned to a patient case

VI. **Medication reconciliation: Improving Accuracy to Enhance Patient Care**

McKinzie Chase Arrington, PharmD; PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, SRHS
ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-053-L05-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist and pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Discuss evidence-based approaches to medication reconciliation
2. Describe the medication reconciliation process
3. Demonstrate techniques to maximize effectiveness of patient interviews

VII. Antibiotics Under the Microscope: Stewardship Opportunities for the Pharmacy Team

Maddie Treadway, PharmD; PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, SRHS

ACPE UAN 0062-9999-26-054-L01-P/T, 1.0 contact hours, application-based activity

*At the completion of this activity, the **pharmacist** and **pharmacy technician** will be able to:*

1. Describe core principles of antimicrobial stewardship and common myths
2. Identify workflow points where pharmacy personnel influence appropriate antibiotic use
3. Recognize opportunities within the pharmacy workflow to support allergy clarification
4. Apply antimicrobial stewardship principles to case-based scenarios across care settings

Additional information will be included in the confirmation email received after registering for the event through Eventbrite.

Directions to the facility and other program information will be emailed to registrants three (3) days prior to the event.

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