

# AllianceRx Walgreens Prime renews sponsorship of web-based continuing education for specialty pharmacists through National Association of Specialty Pharmacy and ProCE, Inc.

New courses available in virtual learning center include modules on human immunodeficiency virus, pulmonary arterial hypertension, and influenza

**ORLANDO, Fla. – May 6, 2020** – <u>AllianceRx Walgreens Prime</u> has renewed its sponsorship of accredited, web-based continuing education (CE) customized for members of the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP), which includes AllianceRx Walgreens Prime pharmacists. The CE content is accredited, managed and delivered through ProCE, a nationally recognized provider of CE for healthcare professionals.

"We are proud to again collaborate with NASP and ProCE. In 2019, more than 10,000 hours of specialty pharmacy-focused CE credit was awarded to our pharmacists as a result of the relationship," says Rick Miller, vice president, clinical and professional services, at AllianceRx Walgreens Prime. "This shows our team members are committed to continual learning and want to provide the best possible care and support for specialty pharmacy patients."

Sheila Arquette, executive director of NASP, says the renewed agreement helps ensure NASP members have access to best-in-class CE programs intended to help elevate and promote the practice of specialty pharmacy. The courses are provided by NASP, the only nonprofit national trade association representing specialty pharmacy, and serving as both the leading educational resource and national advocate for specialty pharmacy healthcare professionals and patients.

Arquette says the program is refreshed each year "to ensure the content offered is reflective of this rapidly changing and evolving industry." This year, the program will include updated information addressing new treatment guidelines, algorithms, and FDA-approved medications for patients and disease states managed by specialty pharmacy, NASP annual meeting program content, COVID-19 patient and pharmacy personnel education and management, and specialty pharmacy technician-specific programs.

"In working with NASP, we continue to develop new content to meet the educational needs of AllianceRx Walgreens Prime specialty pharmacists," says Miller. AllianceRx Walgreens Prime's ondemand CE courses cover a range of rare and chronic disease states managed within specialty pharmacy. New courses include Human Immunodeficiency Virus Treatment Strategies; Contemporary Practice Pearls for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension; Specialty Pharmacy Pipeline Product Update; and Flu Vaccine Prophylaxis and Treatment Updates for Pharmacists. Modules on gene and cell therapy are currently in development for future release.

Developed in 2016 by NASP's Board of Directors and Education Committee and powered by ProCE, NASP's <u>Center for Specialty Pharmacy Education</u> (CSPE) is a virtual, professionally managed, online learning platform. The center provides accredited continuing pharmacy education (CPE) activities, examinations, and credit tracking for specialty pharmacists seeking advanced training and recognition for their enhanced knowledge and experience to improve patient care.



"Both AllianceRx Walgreens Prime and NASP devote significant resources to the continuing professional development of specialty pharmacists," says Richard Lewis, Pharm.D., president and CEO of ProCE. "As a CE provider, we are thrilled to see the dedication to patient care through professional education."

As a benefit of membership, NASP members have free access to NASP Education Center, which was designed to provide specialty pharmacists with clinical and management education to improve patient care and help prepare for the certified specialty pharmacy (CSP) exam. Through the partnership, AllianceRx Walgreens Prime pharmacists also have free access to the educational offerings through the education portal on its intranet.

### About AllianceRx Walgreens Prime

<u>AllianceRx Walgreens Prime</u> is a specialty and home delivery pharmacy that strives to provide exceptional care throughout a patient's treatment journey with the medications they need every day. Formed in 2017 through a collaboration between Walgreens, one of the nation's largest chain drug stores, and Prime Therapeutics, a leading pharmacy benefit manager, the company offers tools and resources for patients, providers and health plans to deliver optimal health outcomes. The company is headquartered in Orlando, Fla. and its pharmacies are accredited by several national pharmacy accreditation services.

### About National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP)

The National Association of Specialty Pharmacy is the only nonprofit national association representing all stakeholders in the specialty pharmacy industry. NASP members include the nation's leading independent specialty pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology manufacturers, group purchasing organizations, patient advocacy groups, integrated delivery systems and health plans, technology and data management vendors, wholesalers/distributors, and practicing pharmacists. With over 125 corporate members and 2,000 individual members, NASP is the unified voice of specialty pharmacy in the United States.

## About ProCE, Inc.

<u>ProCE, Inc.</u> is an independent continuing education provider accredited by ACPE that develops, delivers, and evaluates educational activities for healthcare professionals. With one of the largest databases of pharmacy professionals, ProCE develops content to reach specific practice environments such as specialty pharmacy.

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