#### **JOINING IS EASY!**

#### Simply fill out this form and return it to:

Ohio Pharmacists Association 2674 Federated Blvd Columbus, OH 43235

Or Fax it to: 614-389-4582

Or you can JOIN ONLINE at <u>www.ohiopharmacists.org</u> under ISIG select Join Today!

member's name
Pharmacy's Information Name
Address
City State Zip
Phone
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Primary Wholesaler
Dues Amount:  \$40/month (purchases under \$50,000 per month)  \$50/month (purchases over \$50,000 per month)  \$35/month/store for three or more pharmacies enrolled in program (Please attach list of the pharmacy names)
I prefer billing (select one) □ Annually □ Semi-Annually □ Quarterly
Questions?  Contact OPA at 614 389 3236 or email us at ona@ohiopharmacists.org



"The Independent SIG is the most important benefit for independent pharmacy that OPA offers.

Join today to keep laser focus on third party issues and all our independent specific services going."

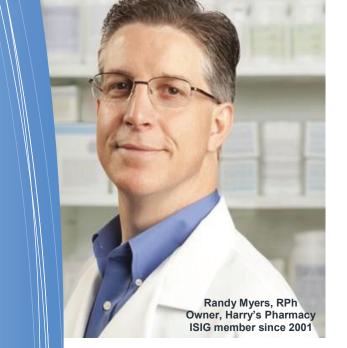
– Ernie Boyd, PharmD (hon) Executive Director, OPA





Independent Special Interest Group (ISIG)

Putting **Independent Pharmacy** *FIRST* 



#### ISIG ADVANTAGES

- Discounts on Continuing Education programming including marketing, financials, human resources & more!
- A complimentary copy of a Center for Entrepreneurship manual on human resources or opening a store
- · Free job postings on OPA's website
- · Sample Consult Agreement contracts
- · Immunization Protocols available
- Certificate Programs for immunizations, MTM and diabetes
- Yearly compliance checklist for HIPAA, OSHA, etc.



### OPA at work for you

#### CONNECTING YOUR BUSINESS TO THE RESOURCES YOU NEED

As an independent pharmacist, your needs, like your business, are unique. You are not only responsible for the welfare of your patients, but also for your business, your employees and your livelihood, which is why OPA created the Independent Special Interest Group (ISIG).

Formed by independent pharmacists like you in 2001, the ISIG is *the* resource for independent owners solving regulatory, legislative and financial issues.

Every day, OPA works to expand the profession, highlight pharmacy services, and strengthen the value of independent pharmacy. In other words, on a daily basis OPA is working to make your store more profitable, save you money, and increase your ability to care for your patients. Joining the ISIG helps support these activities while keeping tabs on the latest business trends and strengthening your business. Additionally, dedicated OPA staff are available to research and answer your questions.



#### **CUSTOM SOLUTIONS**

An OPA staff member is available to answer all of your questions and will work to find custom solutions for you. Just dial 614.389.3236 to be directed to one of our knowledgeable staff members.



#### LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Legislative advocacy for independent owners is a priority for the ISIG. Whether it is audit regulation, MAC pricing, or freedom of pharmacy choice, the ISIG is constantly advocating for independent pharmacy needs.

#### 2013-2014 Successes

SB 258 – PBM Audit Reforms

HB 394 – Immunization Expansion

HB 326 – Pharmacist Fitting Diabetic Shoes

HB 44 – Emergency Dispensing Authority



#### ONLINE ACCESS

Access important money saving advantages including our vendor directory which highlights companies who are waiting to partner with and help you through the Members Only section of OPA's website (www.ohiopharmacists.org)

# solutions for your business needs

## SUPPORT PHARMACY'S ADVANCEMENT AND SAVE YOUR PHARMACY MONEY WHEN YOU JOIN THE ISIG

CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### MONEY SAVING BENEFITS

The ISIG is a key resource and activist in independent pharmacy matters. Members receive valuable assistance in pharmacy management, help with third-party issues affecting independents, representation on pertinent committees and important money-saving benefits.

- Access to American Pharmacy Services Corporation (APSC)/ OPA group purchasing
- Free Annual membership in Pharmacy Audit Assistance Service (PAAS) – a \$399 value!
- Access to the OPA group rating program for Workers' Compensation one of the lowest ratings in the state!



Developed with your needs in mind, the OPA Center for Entrepreneurship was designed to give you the edge you need to make your business even more successful.

From continuing education targe

From continuing education targeting pharmacy financials, management and more, to manuals covering regulatory information and human resources, and a dedicated staff member to research and develop strategies for your business, the Center for Entrepreneurship is key to a thriving independent pharmacy.

#### LEGISLATIVE EXPERTISE

OPA has never been shy about the important role community pharmacies play in the health care system, and we've never been shy about the major focus we put on independent pharmacy in our advocacy efforts. Independent pharmacy is not only the lifeblood of OPA, but we feel that it is the lifeblood of the profession. What's good for independent pharmacy is typically good for the entire profession.

Your support of the ISIG means that your interests remain a top priority for OPA in everything we do – but especially in the legislative and regulatory arenas. We fight for reasonable reimbursements, open networks, and expansion of pharmacist services, while defending you from burdensome regulations and unfair PBM/insurer practices. The ISIG puts independent pharmacy first.

JOIN TODAY TO KEEP YOUR INTERESTS A TOP PRIORITY