

# 2026 MPA Winter CE Conference

**January 16-18, 2026**

**Fairmont Resort, Fairmont, MT**

**Welcome to the 2026 Montana Pharmacy Association Winter  
Continuing Education (CE) Conference**

## AGENDA

Time/Room	Friday, January 16, 2026
12:30 pm-4:30 pm Registration Area	Registration Desk Open
1:00 pm	MPA Health-Systems Academy Executive Meeting
2:00 pm	MPA Board of Directors' Meeting
3:00 pm-4:00 pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor Setup
4:30 pm-6:00 pm	Social Hour and Visiting with your Pharmacy Sponsors/Exhibitors – Poster Session – Basket Auction – Quilt Raffle
6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Awards Banquet – We will introduce, honor, and recognize the recipients of MPA's annual awards – Distinguished Young Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician of the Year, Fitzgerald Pharmacist of the Year, and Bowl of Hygeia.
7:00pm-8:30 pm Opening CE Session 1	<b>Keynote Speaker – Michael Wolcott, PharmD, PhD</b> <b>Title: Purpose-Driven Practice: Rediscovering Meaning in Our Work</b> Discover how to reignite your passion and restore balance in your professional life. This session explores the roots of work-life dissatisfaction, offers strategies to build resilience through realistic expectations, and helps you reconnect with the deeper purpose that drives meaningful practice.
Time/Room	Saturday, January 17, 2026
6:45 am-9:00 am Registration Area	Registration Desk Open
7:00 am-7:30 am	Breakfast with our Pharmacy Sponsor/Exhibitor Friends giving us a few minutes presentation of their products and services.
7:30 am-9:00 am Session 2	<b>Speaker: Mason Bowman, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Updates &amp; Clinical Application of 2025 ACC/AHA HTN Guidelines</b>

	Emerging evidence supports the recent ACC/AHA guideline's lower blood pressure targets, with data suggesting that further reduction of systolic blood pressure below 120 mm Hg may confer additional cardiovascular protection. Strategies to achieve these targets underscore the evolving role of pharmacists and multidisciplinary teams in driving best practices and improving patient outcomes.
9:00 am–10:00 am Session 3	<b>Speaker: Vikki Kuryluk, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Identify medication options for opioid use disorder, including methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone</b> This presentation will cover medication-assisted treatment options for opioid use disorder, emphasizing treatment initiation, monitoring, and improving access to care for diverse patient populations. Participants will be able to compare mechanisms of action, efficacy, and clinical data regarding different pharmacological approaches to treatment.
10:00am-10:15am	Break in the Vendor Area – Opportunity for sponsorship
10:15am-11:15am	Resident and Student Roundtable.
10:15 am-11:15 pm Session 4	<b>Speaker: Emily Alsbury, PharmD</b> <b>Title: From ABCDEF to Zzzzs: Updates from the 2025 PADIS Guidelines</b> Review the updated Pain, Anxiety, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption (PADIS) guidelines and learn how to apply concepts and ideas to your own practice setting.
11:15 am-12:15 pm Session 5	<b>Speaker: Sophia Newcomer, PhD</b> <b>Title: Trends in Vaccination Uptake in the U.S. and Montana</b> How well are Montana children and adolescents protected from vaccine preventable diseases? This presentation will review trends in vaccination uptake across the state and nationally, and share strategies that vaccination providers, including pharmacists, can implement to help get patients up-to-date with recommended vaccines.
12:15 pm-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm–2:00 pm Session 6	<b>Business Meeting/Current Law and Practice Issues in the State and Nation</b> <b>Speakers: Deedee Grubbs, MPA Executive Director; Tony King, PharmD, MPA Director of Government Affairs</b>
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Session 7	<b>Speaker: Logan Tinsen, PharmD; Tony King, PharmD, MPA Director of Government Affairs</b> <b>Title: ASHP House of Delegates Information</b>
3:30 pm–4:30 pm Session 8	<b>Speaker: Kevin Amstoy, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Montana VA Pharmacy Information</b>
4:30 pm–4:45 pm	Break
4:45 pm-5:45 pm Session 11	<b>Speaker: Ken Chatriand, PharmD and Kristin Dimond, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Bridging the Generational Gaps</b>
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Sponsored Dinner with Kedrion BioPharm
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Hors d'oeuvres, Open Bar and Sports Viewing
Time/Room	<b>Sunday, January 18, 2026</b>
7:00 am–7:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am–8:30 am Session 12	<b>Speaker: Hadley Edelmayer, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Clot Busters: The Role of Thrombolytics in Pulmonary Embolism</b> A concise overview of pulmonary embolism, covering its pathophysiology, clinical features, diagnosis, and current management—with a focus on thrombolytic therapy—while evaluating guidelines and key studies on efficacy, safety, and evolving approaches in PE treatment.

8:30 am–9:30 am Session 13	<b>Speaker: Ken Chatriand, PharmD and Cherith Smith, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Preceptor Development: Leveling Up Experiential Teaching in Practice - ACPE 2025 Updates</b> Level up your preceptor skills by integrating Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) Standards 2025 changes that emphasize practice-ready, team-ready graduates, and moves diagnosis and prescribing from the margins to intentional pharmacy education learning activities as we adapt to expanding pharmacists' scope of practice.
9:30 am-10:30 am Session 14	<b>Speaker: Jen Adams, PharmD</b> <b>Title: Empowering Pharmacy Personnel: Standard of Care Regulatory Model</b> Regulatory frameworks play a crucial role in shaping how pharmacy professionals deliver care—and understanding these frameworks is essential as the profession transitions toward the Standard of Care model. This session provides foundational context on the differences between bright-line regulations and the SOC approach, highlighting how each influences the scope of practice and patient care delivery. Learners will gain the background needed to engage more confidently in conversations and decisions related to practice transformation.
10:30 am-11:30 am Session 15	<b>Speaker: TBD</b> <b>Title: HB 740 Information on PBM Reform</b>
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