As a pharmacist at a large health system in Pennsylvania, I find it imperative to stay informed on legislative issues, changes with healthcare, and updates in pharmacotherapy which will affect my pharmacy practice. My membership with PPA over just the past two years has far exceeded my expectations in completing these goals, and has further allowed me to build important relationships with other pharmacists in the state and in various other areas of practice. Uniting pharmacists of all areas of pharmacy practice not only provides for a collaboration of minds, but gives our profession a stronger voice ultimately leading to change in our practice.

What makes PPA membership valuable to Health System Pharmacists?

- **Advocacy Plus!**
  The combined grassroots strength of our pharmacists “in the trenches,” along with legislative lobbying and monitoring by PPA’s expert staff, has delivered many legislative successes, including valuable practice enhancing initiatives, such as expanding immunization, collaborative practice, and the naloxone standing order! Advocacy is not just about legislation but also this practice advancement aspect. Our regular interaction with state agencies such as the Department of Health on issues such as Prescription Monitoring Program and the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Programs with naloxone and treatment for substance abuse.

- **Information**
  Through timely communications, PPA has kept all pharmacists informed on such topics as: Medicaid revalidation, implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program, utilizing the Naloxone standing order, and more!

- **Education and Professional Development**
  Through live webinars, recorded webinars, as well as CE at conferences, pharmacists can receive timely and pertinent education on everything from patient care and safety to medical marijuana, from opioid addiction to medication sync programs. Additionally we are working to have our own pharmacy focused child abuse program. We typically have about 50 hours of CEs available online to choose from! All at no cost to members!

Want to expand your horizons and build your resume? Step up and offer to present a CE! We offer many opportunities for members to share their expertise.

- **Networking**
  Participate in our health system forums and learn/share best practices and business “pearls” from your colleagues. Attend our conferences to share, learn, and rejuvenate! There is something revitalizing about sitting down with a colleague and discussing your problems only to find out, they’ve been there and done that!