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## TRC HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH UTAH PHARMACY ASSOCIATION

Utah Pharmacy Association to Offer TRC's Education and Medication Advisory Resources Direct to Its Members, Including Pharmacy Technicians University, Natural Medicines, and More

STOCKTON, Calif., November 5, 2018 — Therapeutic Research Center (TRC® Healthcare, or TRC), a leading provider of medication advisory and learning solutions and the author of *Pharmacist's Letter*, and the <u>Utah Pharmacy Association</u> (UPhA), an organization committed to serving, advancing, and promoting the Pharmacy profession in Utah, announced today an agreement that enables UPhA to offer its individual members and Utah-based retail pharmacies employer-based training via subscription to *Pharmacy Technicians University*, a one-of-a-kind online training program for pharmacy technicians. In addition, UPhA can now offer subscriptions for its retail pharmacy store members to the Community Pharmacy Standard Bundle from TRC, which includes access to *Pharmacist's Letter*, *Pharmacy Technician's Letter*, the Learning Management Portal and CE Organizer for assigning and tracking continuing education, and *Natural Medicines*, the most comprehensive natural/alternative medicine and supplement database available.

"This is a great new, affordable option, especially for our independent pharmacy owners and their members, to access a top-quality technician training and education program. It gives our pharmacists and pharmacy technicians an opportunity to prepare for the National exam, as well as access certification and re-certification resources that were previously hard to find at a reasonable price." said **Shane Jensen, President of the Utah Pharmacy Association.** "Utah has a number of independent and community pharmacies that often can't get the services that larger organizations or chains are able to get at sustainable costs. This program, which many already find familiar, now accessible through the UPhA, makes it possible to continue to enrich the Pharmacy and Technicians education community in Utah and will help UPhA move its mission forward."

"Skilled pharmacy technicians are increasingly important members of the modern pharmacy team and are providing efficiency and economic advantages to pharmacy teams," said **Wes Crews, Chief Executive Officer at TRC Healthcare**. "However, training requirements for techs change often, are becoming more complex, and vary from state to state, creating a shortage of qualified pharmacy technicians. We are proud to partner with state associations such as UPhA to advance the pharmacy profession by delivering the online, competency-based curriculum in

Pharmacy Technicians University. PTU helps simplify the educational experience, improve efficiencies, and reduce medication errors. With this agreement, UPhA can extend the PTU offering to Utah community pharmacy teams and to individual technicians in Utah, providing the tools and information they need to prepare for employment."

TRC's *Pharmacy Technicians University (PTU)* is committed to delivering the highest standard of excellence and value in its accredited remote learning program, including training programs that accommodate industry growth. Benefits include:

- Staying informed of and meeting new and existing state-mandated training and certification requirements
- Significant cost savings versus brick-and-mortar university courses, which offer less flexibility and limited course variety

The combination of *PTU* with *Pharmacy Technician's Letter* delivers additional complementary benefits, including:

- Access to an intuitive CE organizer that allows users to easily track progress and effectively monitor and manage their training program and courses needs for licensure and compliance
- All-in-one-place tracking of due dates, renewal periods, and certificates of completion

Access to *PTU* for individuals and community pharmacies via this partnership is a strong compliment to the enterprise offerings for retail chains, larger community pharmacies and hospitals from TRC. This partnership helps technicians who want or need access to the highest quality evidence-based training and certifications programs have options.

PTU offers the most extensive and robust interactive courseware and training videos for medication learning available today and provides up to 600 hours of didactic, simulation, and experiential course content and the highest-quality technician training resources. PTU also offers a low-impact retail-pharmacy only program for those areas organizations that require less investment to meet standards in their state(s). PTU is one of the only online technician training programs that supports or exceeds the requirements for technician training in 50 states, including Washington D.C. And, PTU supports employer-designed training curriculums to allow organizations to "right-size" training in accordance with the state requirements where they operate.

TRC is committed to expanding and contextualizing its *PTU* course offerings to accommodate both retail and hospital pharmacy technician training needs for medication learning, including offering different levels of curriculum to align with various state board regulations and caresetting requirements.

To learn more about this new program, please contact UPhA at 801.438.2524 or visit www.UPhA.com.

## **About Utah Pharmacy Association (UPhA)**

The Utah Pharmacy Association is the organization that represents all aspects of pharmacy in Utah. UPhA is a non-profit trade association organized and committed to serving, advancing, and promoting the Pharmacy profession in Utah. UPhA represents pharmacists and technicians from all areas of the profession. UPhA's strategic goals include providing new and quality education opportunities and resources to its members.

## **About Therapeutic Research Center (TRC)**

TRC is the leading provider of digital medication learning that updates, informs, and educates healthcare providers across the continuum of care. In addition to its highly regarded *Pharmacist's Letter, Prescriber's Letter, Pharmacy Technician's Letter, Nurse's Letter* and *Natural Medicines* online resources, TRC provides additional online solutions for hospital and community clinicians that expand on its trusted recommendations, such as drug comparison charts, patient education handouts, FAQs, and tutorials in its web-based products. In addition, TRC provides online continuing education programs for medication learning, competency, and compliance programs, and keeps clinicians and administrators informed via its continuing education (CE) dashboard and *CE & Training Organizer*. TRC provides the largest catalog of education and advisory services in the industry for pharmacy, delivering nearly 500 course options to help technicians and clinicians. TRC leads the way in the training of new pharmacy technicians with *Pharmacy Technicians University (PTU)*, the first online accredited, interactive training program of its kind. Nearly 500,000 healthcare professionals rely on TRC's advisory and education service to access concise, unbiased, timely information to improve medication use, prevent medication errors, and improve overall patient care, quality and outcomes.

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