

## Special Issue

# Pharmacist Workforce Challenges and Solutions: Perspectives from Research and Practice

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This Special Issue will bring together diverse perspectives from practitioners in hospitals, the community, industry, academia, regulatory affairs, and other sectors, as well as socio-behavioral and policy researchers, to address the evolving workforce landscape in pharmacy. While the existing literature provides valuable insights into these issues, there remains a need for research that integrates academic evidence with practical solutions drawn from real-world experiences. Pharmacists play a critical role in healthcare delivery, yet workforce challenges—shortages, geographic disparities, evolving practice models, expansion of scope, burnout, and the need for new skills (for example, those related to expanded clinical roles or service provision in underserved areas), among others—pose ongoing barriers to optimizing patient care. This Special Issue intends to bridge that gap by presenting studies that both expand upon the current body of work, offering new data, comparative analyses, and innovative strategies that can inform policy, education, and practice.

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