

**NABP Membership Elects 2025-2026 Executive Committee**

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NABP 2025-2026 Executive Committee Inaugurated at the 121st NABP Annual Meeting

Delegates to the 121st NABP Annual Meeting, held in Fort Lauderdale, FL, from May 13-16, 2025, elected individuals to fill the president-elect, treasurer, and open member positions on the Association's 2025-2026 Executive Committee.

The newly elected officers and members of the NABP Executive Committee are:

- President-Elect Nicole L. Chopski, PharmD, ANP, one-year term;
- Treasurer Shane R. Wendel, PharmD, RPh, one-year term;
- Member Stacey Ranucci, MBA, RPh, BGCP, CDCES, FASCP (District 1), re-elected for a three-year term;
- Member David G. Bowyer, RPh, FASHP (District 2), three-year term;
- Member Diane M. Halvorson, RPhTech, CPhT-Adv, CSPT (District 5), three-year term; and
- Member Matthew R. Martineau, PharmD, RPh (District 7), re-elected for a two-year term.

The following NABP Executive Committee officers and members are continuing to fulfill their terms:

- NABP President Bradley S. Hamilton, BSP Pharm, RPh, who assumed the office after serving one-year terms as president-elect and treasurer;
- Chairperson Jeffrey J. Mesaros, PharmD, JD, RPh, who assumed the office after serving one-year terms as president, president-elect, and treasurer;
- Member Traci Collier, PharmD, RPh (District 3);
- Member Steven W. Schierholt, Esq (District 4);
- Member Deborah C. Mack, RPh, CHC, CCEP (District 6); and
- Member Kamlesh "Kam" Gandhi, PharmD, RPh (District 8).

Abbreviated biographies for the officers and members of the Association's 2025-2026 Executive Committee can be found in the [News](#) section of the NABP website.

[Meet NABP's 2025-2026 Executive Committee](#)

FDA Hosted Scientific Panel Open to Public Discussing the Future of Talc in Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Products

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hosted an inaugural, independent, scientific expert panel on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, to evaluate the use of talc as an additive in food, drug, and cosmetic products. Experts reviewed the potential health effects of talc, as there have been concerns about using the mineral over prolonged periods and the risks of the mineral when contaminated with asbestos. This panel was open to the media and the public.

[Learn About FDA's Panel](#)

DEA's 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment Warns of Increase in Veterinary Tranquilizers Detected in Illicit Fentanyl

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has published its *2025 National Drug Threat Assessment*. The agency highlights its progress in combating illicit fentanyl but also warns of an increase in veterinary tranquilizers found in illicit drug supplies. [Xylazine](#), the veterinary tranquilizer, continues to be the most prevalent adulterant found in fentanyl powder; however, federal officials detected a stronger veterinary anesthetic called medetomidine beginning to appear in the fentanyl supply.

[Read DEA's Assessment](#)

Policy Perspectives: 'The Hidden Dangers of Alternative Funding Programs: How Cost Cutting Is Endangering Patients'

Increasingly, commercially insured patients in the United States are being compelled or coerced by their insurance providers to obtain prescription medications from international sources rather than from properly regulated domestic pharmacies. These international sources sell drugs that are not approved by US FDA and operate outside the safe domestic supply chain. This practice puts patients at risk of receiving counterfeit or substandard medicine obtained from unknown foreign sources and stored or shipped in unknown conditions.

Read more in the April/May 2025 *Innovations*® issue.

[Read About the Dangers of Alternative Funding Programs](#)

Health Care Providers Advised to Stop Administering Ixchiq Vaccine (Chikungunya Vaccine) to Individuals 60 Years and Older

FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are advising health care providers to stop administering the Ixchiq® (chikungunya vaccine, live) to individuals ages 60 and older. As of May 7, 2025, 17 serious adverse events were submitted to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) by individuals ages 62-89 who were administered the Ixchiq vaccine. The vaccine has a warning on the prescription label stating that it may cause severe or prolonged chikungunya-like adverse reactions.

Even though the adverse events reported to VAERS may not be causally related to the vaccine, the agencies will review the reports and conduct a benefit-risk assessment for the Ixchiq vaccine. FDA and CDC are expected to update the public following the evaluation.

[View FDA's Recommendation](#)

Over 620,000 Pounds of Unneeded Medications Properly Disposed of During DEA's Drug Take Back Day

More than 620,000 pounds of unneeded and expired medications were collected during DEA's 28th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day that took place on April 26, 2025. Since 2010, about 19.8 million pounds

of unneeded medications have been properly and safely disposed of on DEA's Drug Take Back Days nationwide.

Permanent drug disposal boxes can be found at police departments, pharmacies, fire stations, hospitals, and municipal buildings. Consumers can find the nearest collection site using NABP's Drug Disposal Locator Tool, available on the Association's consumer website, [safe.pharmacy](#).

[Find a Drug Disposal Site](#)

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