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To all current and future pharmacists I wish you all a happy new year and happy National Pharmacist Day. Please take a moment and reflect on your progress towards becoming a pharmacist and be proud. You matter, and you make a difference today and into the future. Please be kind to yourself and know that we understand that at times the journey can be rough. Do not hesitate to contact us or the counselling center if needed. We are Pharmily and we care. You have access to 24/7 University Counselling services free and confidential at 707-638-5292 option 3. Thank you for choosing Touro and thank you for being you.

#### NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY

National Pharmacist Day is observed annually on January 12. This day has been set aside to recognize and honor all pharmacists across the nation.

The role of pharmacists over the years has shifted from the classical “lick, stick and pour” dispensary role to being an integrated member of the health care team directly involved in patient care. After mastering biochemical mechanisms of action of drugs, physiology, and pathophysiology, pharmacists interpret and communicate their specialized knowledge to patients, physicians, and other healthcare providers.

Historically, the primary role of a pharmacist was to check and distribute drugs to doctors for a patient prescribed medication. In modern times, pharmacists advise patients and health care providers on the selection, dosages, interactions and the side effects of prescriptions, along with having the role as a learned intermediary between a prescriber and a patient. Monitoring the health and progress of patients, pharmacists can then ensure the safe and effective use of medication.

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-pharmacist-day-january-12/>

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