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**National Pharmacy Technician Day: Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)  
Recognizes Pharmacy Technicians During October's American Pharmacists Month**

**Washington D.C.** - Today marks the 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Pharmacy Technician Day. This day represents the opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of pharmacy technicians to the pharmacy team. Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists in serving patients nationwide in community pharmacies, hospitals and health-systems, nursing homes, mail-order pharmacies, and other pharmacy locations. Technicians carry out a variety of tasks within the pharmacy, such as entering prescription orders into pharmacy databases, operating automatic dispensing systems, preparing I.V. admixtures, maintaining inventories, and processing insurance claims. Safe medication-use-systems require the support of well-qualified and competent pharmacy technicians who are accountable to the supervising pharmacist.

"Walgreens was the first to get behind PTCB certification for its pharmacy technicians," said Kermit Crawford, Senior Vice President of Pharmacy at Walgreens. "I am proud of our Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhT) that deliver optimal pharmacist support and patient care."

Celebrations of National Pharmacy Technician Day are planned in pharmacies across the country. To assist with the recognition of CPhTs nationwide, PTCB has launched an e-card. The e-card is available to the public and can be sent by anyone wanting to show their appreciation for the contributions CPhTs make to the pharmacy team. For more information on the e-card or the PTCB national certification program, please visit PTCB's website at [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org).

"On National Pharmacy Technician Day, PTCB applauds CPhTs who have passed the rigorous Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) and maintained their certification," said Melissa Murer Corrigan, RPh, Executive Director and CEO of PTCB. "Thank you for the positive impact you make on the pharmacy team and safety of the patients you serve each day."

PTCB is the pioneer in the certification of pharmacy technicians, having certified over 345,000 pharmacy technicians since 1995. Earlier this year, PTCB launched continuous testing with immediate pass/fail results. The PTCB national certification program is the only pharmacy technician certification endorsed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). PTCB maintains its commitment to pharmacy technicians being trained, tested, and trusted.

## **About the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)**

*PTCB was established in January 1995 and is governed by five pharmacy organizations - the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), the Illinois Council of Health-System Pharmacists (ICHP), the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). The goal of the PTCB national certification program is to enable pharmacy technicians to work more effectively with pharmacists to offer safe and effective patient care and service. PTCB contracts with Pearson VUE, the industry's technology leader, as its computer-based testing vendor. PTCB draws upon the experience and expertise of its 13-year partner, Professional Examination Service (PES) for test development. Visit PTCB online at [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org).*

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