

Earn Your CDM

Over 1,200 of your colleagues have—
shouldn't you?

What is CDM?

The Certified Disease Manager (CDM) designation indicates that a pharmacist has demonstrated proficiency in providing disease state management services to patients. Disease state management services take pharmaceutical care beyond the dispensing of medications to helping patients manage such chronic diseases as asthma and diabetes. To receive the CDM designation, pharmacists must meet rigorous standards for disease management upon which the exams are built and pass a national examination, offered by the National Institute for Standards in Pharmacist Credentialing (NISPC).

The CDM designation....

- ▶ Validates your specialized knowledge and skills
- ▶ Enhances your professional image
- ▶ Earns you national recognition in specific disease states
- ▶ Increases your revenue potential
- ▶ Symbolizes your achievement and commitment to the profession

Exams Offered

Anticoagulation

Asthma

Diabetes

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What is NISPC?

The National Institute for Standards in Pharmacist Credentialing (NISPC) was established in 1998 to develop uniform standards for use in the credentialing of pharmacists in the management of disease states.

The founding organizations include:

- American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA)
- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)
- National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

Who is Eligible to Take the Exam?

Pharmacists licensed in good standing with their state board of pharmacy.

When are the Exams Administered?

Exams are offered daily, in a computer-based format, through LaserGrade Testing Centers. They are also offered, in a paper and pencil format, at various pharmacy conferences throughout the year. Check www.nispcnet.org for a current schedule.

What is the Cost?

The DSM examination fee, which includes the NISPC credential, is \$250. Discounts are available if registering for multiple exams on the same application. CDMs are also responsible for a \$50 annual maintenance fee and a \$50 recertification fee per credential every three years.

How do I Prepare for the Exam?

Your formal education, training, practical experiences, and self-study prepare you for the DSM examinations. The DSM examinations have been designed to assess how well you can apply your knowledge, skills, and practical experience to evaluate situations involving the various disease states. Consult the DSM Competency Statements, as well as the DSM Standards and Objectives, on the NISPC web site for descriptions of possible examination question topics.

Many pharmacists have used live or print continuing education programs made available by state and national associations and colleges of pharmacy to prepare for the exams. In addition, study guides for the NISPC exams are available from APhA and NCPA. Call APhA at 800-237-APhA and NCPA at 800-544-7447 for more information.

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How do I Register for an Exam?

Computerized Examination Registration

Register for a computerized exam online at www.nispcnet.org or contact the NISPC Testing Center at (847) 698-6227.

Paper and Pencil Registration

Register for a paper and pencil exam online at www.nispcnet.org or contact NISPC at (703) 299-8790.

How do I Recertify?

NISPC requires CDMs to recertify every three years. Requirements for recertification for CDMs include:

- A current pharmacy license in good standing with their state board of pharmacy.
- Thirty hours of ACPE approved, disease specific, continuing pharmaceutical education; ten of those hours must be obtained during the third year.

“My employer has recognized my CDM status by giving me time off the bench to counsel.”

—Wendy Gwozdz, RPh, CDM
Boston, Massachusetts

“With my CDM credential, I am now in charge of managing an asthma management program for a major medical group.”

—S.C., PharmD, CDM
Los Angeles, CA

“As a result of my CDM, my employer nominated me for independent pharmacist of the year and recognized me for my efforts in diabetes.”

—Austin E. Whipp Jr., P.D., CDM
Delaunes Pharmacy and Home Medical
New Iberia, LA

“My employer values my CDM status and now has me training other pharmacists in asthma.”

—Kevin Johnson, RPh, CDM
B&R Stores
Lincoln, Nebraska

“After the NISPC exam, I also attended the Lifescan PPDC course. These credentials together allowed me to become the pump trainer for Minimed. I am reimbursed by Minimed for training patients and am generally recognized as the local pharmacist diabetes expert. This has aided the overall image of our pharmacy, but has not translated into direct billing for patient care.”

—Richard Roemer, RPh, CDM
Shopko Pharmacy
Twin Falls, Idaho