

A Few Words About PMA

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association is a non-profit scientific, professional and trade organization. Its active membership comprises 136 firms principally engaged in production of prescription drugs—those which are primarily promoted to practitioners licensed by law to administer and prescribe them, and dispensed by licensed pharmacists.

Membership is voluntary. The present members account for upwards of 95 per cent of U. S. sales of products of the "ethical" type.

PMA was founded in 1958. It is the successor to the American Association of Pharmaceutical Chemists, organized in 1907 and renamed the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association in 1922; and to the National Association of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products, founded in 1912 and called the American Drug Manufacturers Association after 1916.

Objectives

1. To encourage consistently high standards of potency, quality and purity for pharmaceutical and biological products for the cure, mitigation, treatment, prevention or diagnosis of disease.

2. To encourage research toward development of new and better medicinal products, better facilities and methods for the pharmacological and clinical evaluation of them, and safer methods for their manufacture, packaging and transportation.

3. To disseminate information, to and on behalf of the pharmaceutical industry, on governmental regulations and policies and other subjects of interest to the industry.

4. To work constantly and closely, on a very broad front, with other professional associations or groups in the health field, with allied industries and with governmental authorities for the advancement of medical science.

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