

**2017 OSHP/OSPA Merger Survey**

45 submissions

<b>Mbr of Both</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Number</b>
	Both	4
	OSHP Only	41
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>45</b> (91% of submissions are OSHP mbrs only)

<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Number</b>
	No	29
	Yes	16
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>45</b> (63% of submissions voted No)

<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Mbr Of</b>	<b>Comments</b>
No	OSHP Only	
No	OSHP Only	This merger is a collosally bad idea. At no point would APhA and ASHP would consider merging-- yet they still represent pharmacy with a collective voice. Why are OSPA and OSHP any differently? OSHP has absolutely nothing to gain from this merger and everything to lose. I feel like this has been foisted on the organization by a strong voice or voices on the board who are completely out of touch with what this organization is and what it has meant to its membership.
Yes	OSHP Only	It is my perspective that we need one voice for pharmacy practice in Oregon that doesn't involve coalitions or ad hoc committees for every practice issue or initiative. Thank you.
No	OSHP Only	STRONG "no"
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No	OSHP Only	Please consider each element addressed by the past presidents letter (I am not a past president). Personally, the disaffiliation with ASHP and no compelling reason to merge are the top two reasons not to support the merger. OSHP and OSPA have worked closely to achieve one legislative pharmacy voice and we should continue this effort while maintaining ties to ASHP and emphasizing health-system pharmacy in all of our activities.

No	OSHP Only	I'm against the merge. There's NO benefit to OSHP. It's a big win for OSPA, but not us. We'd potentially lose affiliation with ASHP. The two organizations have different membership bases and visions of pharmacy practice. Please don't do it. Thanks. Jeanie B
No	Both OSHP & OSPA	
No	OSHP Only	While I support collaborating with OSPA, I am STRONGLY against merging our organizations. There is little to gain and much to lose for OSHP and our members if this occurs.
Yes	OSHP Only	
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Yes	OSHP Only	I don't think this is in Oshp best interest.
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Yes	OSHP Only	Pharmacy practice is continually changing and no longer fits neatly into the "hospital" or "retail" buckets. The profession needs to work as one to address legislative and professional practice issues. I did not sign on to the statement from the past presidents (of which I am one) since it resonated with old issues and concerns which are best left in the past. It's time for the profession to move forward and figure out how to work together with a unified professional voice in Oregon. No matter which way this decision goes, I applaud the OSHP Board for your thoughtful and inclusive approach.
Yes	OSHP Only	Consolidation makes sense both practice wise and financially for both organizations
No	OSHP Only	There is very little value to OSHP of merging. There is a real risk that the voice of health-system pharmacy will be lost if merged. The culture of the 2 organizations is not consistent. I would not join a merged organization.
No	OSHP Only	
Yes	OSHP Only	I feel that the 2 organizations should come together to embrace unity of the profession and represent all pharmacists regardless of practice setting with 1 voice. I believe that this is ultimately the direction that our profession is headed as we continue to expand into new, novel practice areas, and as the healthcare landscape shifts to put patients at the center and break down silos of care. We will ultimately be a stronger organization by coming together. A merged organization does not have to dilute our unique practice setting, the culture and representation within the organization will come from the active members who shape it. I am excited about the opportunity to build bridges to support all pharmacists (and pharm techs!) in the state.

No	OSHP Only	I have not been convinced that a merger would meet any unmet needs for OSHP members and I am concerned that a merger would take away a lot of the culture that OSHP has established and that many members value.
Yes	Both OSHP & OSPA	
No	OSHP Only	The theory of a merger is nice. Practically, there is not enough benefit for OSHP for this to happen at this time. The letter from past-presidents opposing the merger sends a powerful message. OSHP and OSPA should continue to work together, but a merger is not in the best interest of OSHP.
Yes	OSHP Only	Would help streamline the dissemination of information to OR pharmacists, Anticipate reduced (combined) membership costs, which may currently be prohibitive for some
Yes	OSHP Only	OSPA has an active group in S. Oregon in the Medford/Grants Pass area. Currently OSHP S. Chapter does not even though there are approximately 80 hospital pharmacists in the Medford/Grants Pass vicinity. Combination of the two organizations will give voice and volunteer opportunities to more pharmacists.
No	OSHP Only	The needs of expanded practice professional pharmacists would not be served by merger with a pharmacy trade organization. OSHP and ASHP represent the organizations and member services I am interested in.
No	OSHP Only	Merging would change the focus of the Society to be less relevant to my practice.
No	OSHP Only	Unless there is a specific financial need for the merger, I don't see how this merger would benefit the OSHP membership. Thanks for all of the hard work and thorough evaluation of the pros and cons.
No	OSHP Only	Don't see the purpose or need. Worry about losing the culture of organizational ownership through active participation and mentorship that has led to the growth/development of so many young leaders in this organization.
No	OSHP Only	
No	OSHP Only	Too big of a difference in culture of the 2 organizations. I see no advantages: higher dues, less representation/attention to students and residents.
No	OSHP Only	To the OSHP Board Members: Please fully consider the stance of the OSHP Past Presidents. Twenty-two of the Past Presidents signed a letter in opposition to this merger. Reasons include lack of a compelling reason to merge; the requirement to disaffiliate with ASHP; financial risk; and loss of a Health-System focus. Our joint legislative efforts have been successful. This shall continue along with collegial relations with other pharmacy associations. Please vote "NO" on a merger.
Yes	OSHP Only	unified voice has greater political power - necessary to move profession forward

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Yes	OSHP Only	This is such a great idea. The ability for us to be pharmacists together is a great example to future pharmacists and should be celebrated. The practice of pharmacy is evolving and makes sense that the organizations realize this and move forward as well and recognize this.
No	OSHP Only	This is an emphatic NO. While I appreciate the work that has gone into this proposal, ultimately what I've heard from the pro-merger side is "it would be cool to have a larger organization." I agree that it would, but if you're trying to convince me to take such a drastic step, you need a better reason than "because it would be cool." As the past presidents said in their letter, I've heard no call to arms as to why this needs to be done at all, let alone right now. Prior to moving to Oregon, I lived in a state with only one pharmacy organization and hospital pharmacists felt like we were an afterthought - annual meetings were dominated by programming geared towards retail pharmacists and we felt no reason to attend. I fear that despite our best laid plans, this would occur here too.
Yes	Both OSHP & OSPA	It's time to start operating and speaking with one voice to represent pharmacy no matter what our workplace or practice setting is. This proposal offers an opportunity to break away from segregating ourselves by practice setting while still allowing internal groups to focus on their specialty areas. The medical associations speak as one voice for physicians, we should do the same.
No	OSHP Only	I agree with the past president statement of concerns. That statement from 22 past and current leaders in our community should carry significant weight in our decision.
Yes	OSHP Only	From a financial perspective, my concern would be potential loss of revenue through decreased attendance at the annual seminar.
No	OSHP Only	
No	Both OSHP & OSPA	
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No	OSHP Only	I was in North Carolina when the state and health-system groups merged. Fees nearly doubled, making it expensive to join. But the real sticking point for me was how health-system pharmacy somehow was lost. Meetings did not have a focus on health-systems or clinic aspects of pharmacy. The main focus became administration and retail. I'm concerned the same thing would happen to OSHP. If the merger is being proposed because of costs, then maybe OSHP should consider spending less on lobbying (about 50% of dues went to lobbying, per my last invoice).
No	OSHP Only	