

Community pharmacists play role in providing preventive care

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(HealthDay)—Community pharmacists are well suited to provide

clinical preventive services, including education, screenings, and making referrals, according to a report published in the Oct. 27 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Preventing Chronic Disease*.

Sarah E. Kelling, Pharm.D., M.P.H., from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and colleagues conducted a systematic literature review and a review of U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations rated A or B to document examples of the community pharmacist's role in providing clinical preventive services to the [general population](#).

The researchers note that there are several clinical preventive services that can be offered by [community pharmacists](#). They focused on specific services: providing education, conducting screenings, and making referrals to improve [population health](#). Interventions can be beneficial in aspects of care, including folic acid education, tobacco use cessation, and osteoporosis and HIV screening.

"As part of interdisciplinary teams and clinical-community links, community pharmacists can improve population health through provision of clinical preventive services," the authors write.

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