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NCPDP Announces ONC's Dr. Vindell Washington as Keynote Speaker for its 2016 Educational Summit, *Connecting Data for Connected Care*

Full Agenda and Early Bird Discount on Registration Now Available

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – August 3, 2016 – [NCPDP](#) announced **Dr. Vindell Washington**, Principal Deputy National Coordinator in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) will keynote [NCPDP's 2016 Educational Summit](#) on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Georgia. The 2016 Educational Summit, *Connecting Data for Connected Care*, will feature a variety of healthcare topics and pilot results spanning Telehealth, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), Health Information Exchanges (HIEs); Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategies (REMS), and NCPDP Standards and Work Group Initiatives.

Dr. Washington's keynote on "The Promise of Health IT: Building Open, Connected Communities" will kick-off a full day of educational sessions. The Educational Summit will be moderated by **Lynnae M. Mahaney, MBA, B.S.Pharm., FASHP**, Executive Director, Center for Pharmacy Practice Accreditation (CPPA).

Other speakers who are confirmed to present at the Educational Summit include:

- **Adam Kroetsch, MSPPM**, Operations Research Analyst, Office of Planning and Informatics, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- **Rear Admiral (RADM) Pamela Schweitzer, Pharm.D., BCACP**, Assistant Surgeon General Chief Professional Officer (CPO), Pharmacy U.S. Public Health Service;
- **Shelly Spiro, R.Ph. FASCP**, Executive Director, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative;
- **Susan Winckler, R.Ph., Esq.**, Chief Risk Management Officer, Leavitt Partners;
- **Emily Alexander**, Former CEO, Envision Telepharmacy;
- **Kevin Boesen**, CEO, SinfoniaRx;
- **Lisa Robin, MLA**, Chief Advocacy Officer, Federation of State Medical Boards;
- **James B. Peake, M.D.**, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired); President of the Board of Directors, American Telemedicine Association (ATA); and Senior Vice President, CGI Federal;
- **Phil Wickizer**, Assistant General Counsel, DaVita;
- **Michele Vilaret Davidson, R.Ph.**, Manager of Pharmacy Technical Standards, Development and Policy, Walgreen Co.

NCPDP's Educational Summit content is intended for all healthcare industry stakeholders, including claims processors, electronic health record (EHR) vendors, health plans, large employer groups, manufacturers, pharmacists, pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), pharmacy technicians, physicians, physician assistants, and state and national associations.

Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credit will be available for most sessions. CPE credits are provided thanks to a sponsorship from NCPDP Elite Partner, [CoverMyMeds](#).

For the full agenda and to register online for NCPDP's 2016 Educational Summit, visit:
<http://www.ncdp.org/Education/Educational-Summit>.

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