Background
With medically integrated pharmacies becoming more prevalent, and new oncology medications being approved at a rapid rate, the need and value of oncology pharmacy is growing. Many schools and colleges of pharmacy have limited opportunities for students to be exposed to experiences beyond their didactic oncology learning. Schools and colleges of pharmacy also have limited oncology didactic classes and faculty. Oncology pharmacy learning is typically in the final years of didactic learning. NCODA viewed these gaps in education as an opportunity to commence the NCODA College Engagement initiative. NCODA is collaborating with colleges/universities nationwide to offer pharmacy students membership into a professional organization centered around advancing NCODA's mission with the goal of improving patient care. NCODA believes that there are numerous benefits to having student members and Professional Student Organization Chapters. NCODA student members will gain deep exposure to a niche therapeutic environment, access to a network of professionals in both the industry and oncology areas, and experience first-hand what drives our members to become better patient advocates.

Objective
- To educate student professionals in the roles and responsibilities of the MIP team & oncology
- To provide student professionals with opportunities to engage with oncology & industry professionals
- To engage with student professionals potentially interested in post-graduate oncology prospects
- To provide student professionals with international and regional educational presentation opportunities

Methods
- Reached out to students from schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country through various networks
- Described the opportunities and value of NCODA for student professionals
- Arranged meetings with student professionals to discuss Professional Student Organizations
- Collaborated with student professionals to present NCODA Professional Student Organization chapters for approval to the student government, faculty and administration
- Assisted student professionals to locate faculty advisors for the Professional Student Organization chapters
- Provided applications, bylaws and constitution for the Professional Student Organization chapters
- Aided student professionals to complete the NCODA Professional Student Organization application
- Provided the student professionals with NCODA marketing materials

NCODA PSO Progress Map

Conclusion
- NCODA’s membership is growing by leaps and bounds, especially in the student sector. NCODA has approximately 800 student members that are being engaged early in their learning about oncology and industry.
- NCODA members have assisted in the College Engagement initiative and connecting with pharmacy alumni has been beneficial for students.
- Along with the creation and development of NCODA Professional Student Organization chapters, NCODA will continue to collaborate with student professionals as the future of the medically integrated pharmacy team.

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Discussion
Since the initiation of the NCODA College Engagement Initiative in January 2019:
- 19 established Professional Student Organization chapters are located across 16 states: Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Alabama, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Georgia and Washington.
- 24 additional schools and colleges of pharmacy currently in the progress of establishing an NCODA Professional Student Organization chapter.
- NCODA works with students to connect with local oncology and industry professionals to present on a variety of topics, including but not limited to, medically integrated pharmacy, new oncology approvals and oncology and industry career opportunities.
- NCODA has been working with students to host annual Be The Match Donor Drives across the country, and have raised over $2,000+ along with 100+ new donors to the bone marrow registry