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How Pharmacists Implemented a Test-and-Treat Program and Transformed Access to Care

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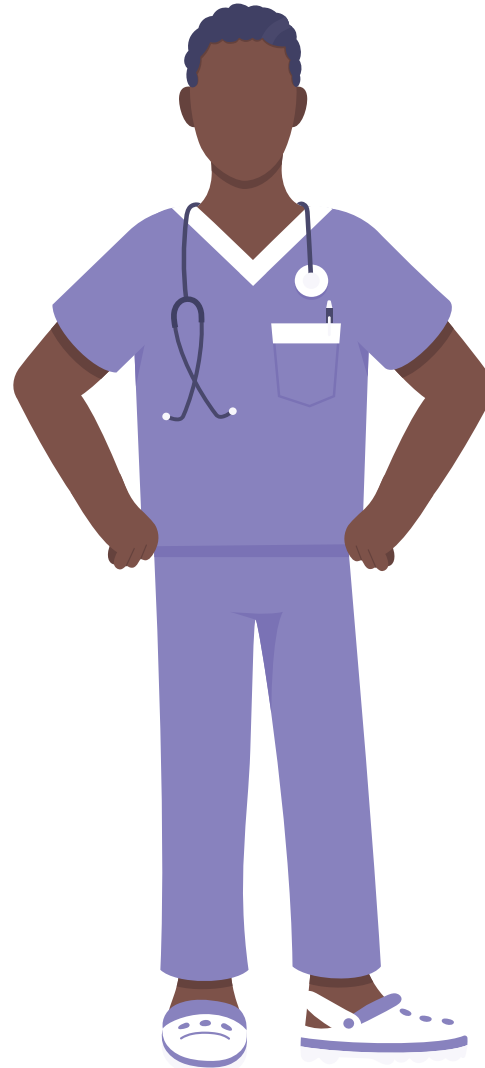
The need for collaboration to provide continuity of care

Every year

270,000

people die in U.S. from
non-optimized drug therapy:

- Incorrect medications
- Drug interactions
- Adverse drug effects
- Non-adherence



7 years of Vietnam War

56,000

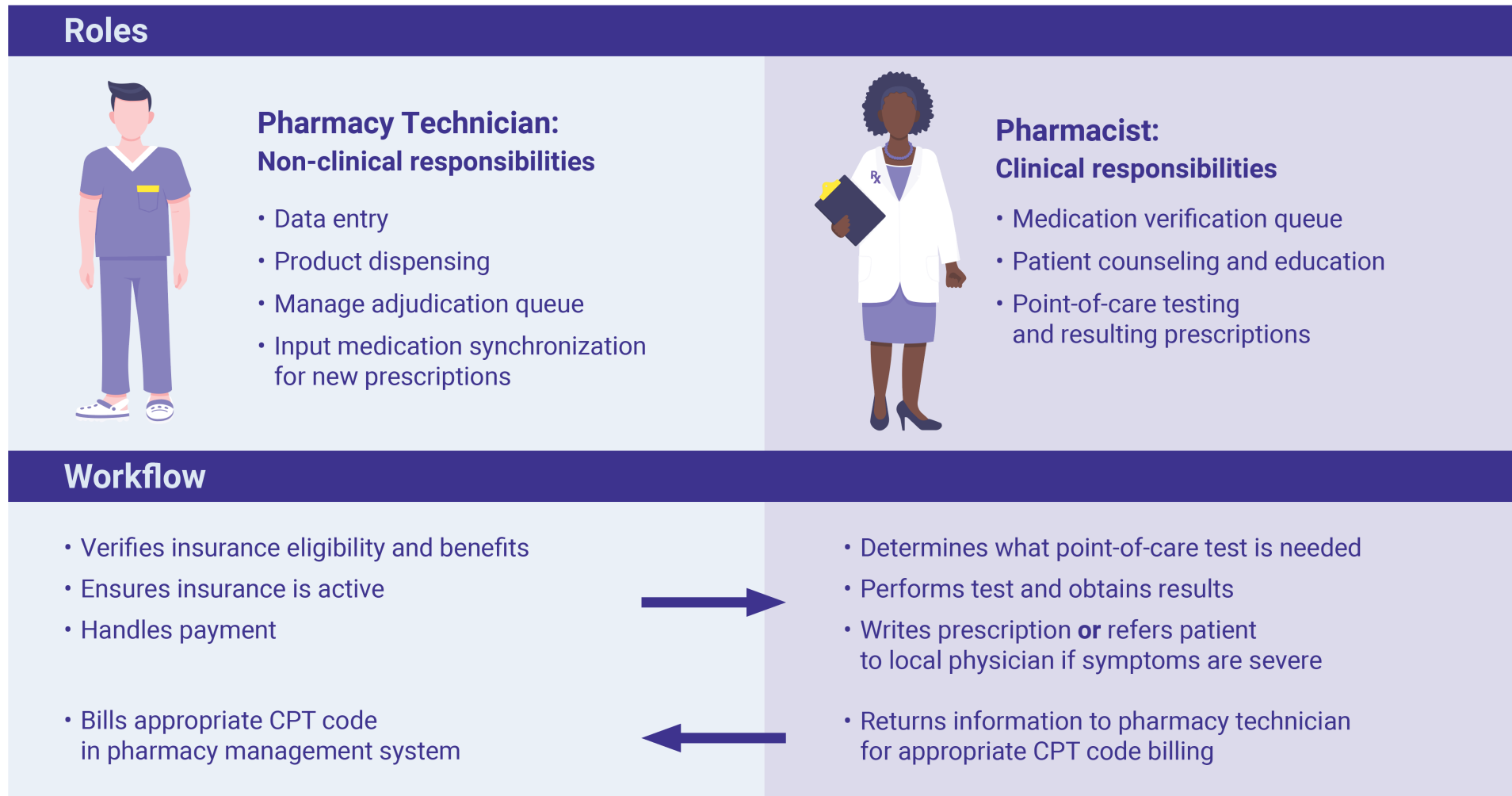
total U.S. combat deaths

Annual expense to U.S. from non-optimized drug therapy

\$500,000,000,000



The solution: test-and-treat outside of primary care



Steps for test-and-treat implementation

1

Evaluate resources for implementation in your state

- NCPA
- CPESN

2

Contact the Department of Health in your state

- CLIA waiver
- Reporting requirements

3

Credential pharmacists AND pharmacy with payers

- Different payers have different requirements

4

Establish clinical protocols for testing, treatment and physician referral

5

Implement workflow to provide pharmacists flexibility to see patients

- Train pharmacy technicians on all non-clinical tasks and medical billing
- Utilize medication synchronization



Test-and-treat saves

30%

reduction in hospitalizations
and reduction in emergency visits

Not all states allow pharmacists to test-and-treat





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