Study Objectives

- List of Pharmacy Dean Research Group (PDFG) Programs
1. University of Colorado Denver
2. University of Buffalo - The State University of New York
3. University of Alabama
4. University of Wisconsin
5. University of Iowa
6. University of North Carolina
7. University of Arizona
8. Ohio State University
9. University of Illinois at Chicago
10. University of Mississippi
11. University of Kentucky
12. University of Kansas
13. Ohio State University
14. University of Washington
15. University of Illinois at Chicago
16. University of Arizona
17. University of Minnesota
18. University of Florida
19. University of Pennsylvania
20. University of Southern California (private)
21. University of Texas
22. University of Kentucky
23. Virginia Commonwealth University

Study Methods

- Eighteen 80-year pharmacy programs were included in the analysis. The programs were selected based on program type, type of program, and program size.

ACPE Requirements

- Under the “Academic” category, the student must be enrolled in at least 11 hours. The college or school should submit a statement to the college or school's administration regarding student governance organizations.

Results

- Top 10 Pharmacy Programs As Ranked by U.S. News and World Report
1. University of California San Francisco
2. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
3. University of Minnesota
4. University of Texas Austin
5. Ohio State University
6. University of Michigan
7. University of Houston
8. University of Illinois at Chicago
9. University of Pittsburgh
10. University of Arizona

Conclusion and Further Study

- Although each of the top programs included in this study had a formal student government organization, it is known regarding the effect of those organizations on student's decision-making process within the college or school. Further study of student, administration, and faculty perception of effectiveness of the student government organization would provide beneficial information for the evaluation and improvement of student involvement in program governance.

- In colleges and schools of pharmacy, the existence of a student government organization is an essential component for student communication and interface with the college or school, administration, faculty, and staff.