

	Community Independent Pharmacy	Community Chain Pharmacy	Institutional Pharmacy	Long Term Care Pharmacy
Where?	1. Downtown areas/residential areas; smaller & owned by pharmacist	1. Cities & towns of all sizes/back of stores	1. Hospitals	1. Nursing Homes
Day-to-day?	1. Counseling patients 2. Dispensing pills 3. Pharm Techs 4. Order merchandise 5. Handle money 6. Manage people	1. Counseling 2. Dispensing 3. In Targets, CVSs, Walgreens, etc	1. Less patient contact 2. Mostly dispensing and advising doctors 3. "Rounds" with healthcare team 4. Drugs to patients at right time	1. Help patients who can't eat, dress, or toilet 2. Act as consultants to caregivers 3. Often work from different settings 4. Very similar to institutional pharmacist
Salary \$\$	1. Lower than chain pharmacies	1. Make the most of all 4 types (\$100,000/year)	1. Lower salaries	1. Between what an independent pharmacist and chain pharm make
Advantages	1. Transition to MTM quickly 2. Respond quickly to change 3. Lasting impact on community 4. Set their own rules 5. Deal directly with patients	1. Good job availability 2. Excellent salary 3. Good benefits 4. Stores in areas with high population density 5. Interact with public	1. Easy to find jobs 2. Good benefits 3. See rewards quickly 4. Good hours 5. Professional growth opportunities are good	1. If you work hard, you can earn more 2. Often flexible locations 3. Work with physicians
Disadvantages	1. Lower pay 2. Long hours & few breaks 3. "Stuck" in the middle of patients & insurance	1. Frustrated by non-pharmacist managers 2. Dealing with complaining patients 3. "Terminal Position"	1. Lower salaries 2. Working in isolation 3. Bureaucratic tendencies	1. Lots of travel 2. Lack of contact with patients and nurses 3. Having to be "on call"