

## NCPA, Life Line Screening Partner to Promote Screening Events Through Community Pharmacies

September 25, 2007, ALEXANDRIA, VA – The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), which represents the nation's independent community pharmacists, and Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of mobile vascular screenings, have partnered to help stop stroke in its tracks by providing affordable preventive vascular screenings that can pinpoint stroke risk factors.

Through this partnership, Life Line Screening and NCPA will encourage community pharmacists to sponsor mobile screening events in their communities. Patients of participating pharmacies will qualify for special discount pricing, and a customer referral fee\* will be offered to participating pharmacies for each patient that attends the screening.

"An astonishing 700,000 Americans will experience a stroke this year," said Bruce Roberts, R.Ph., NCPA executive vice president and CEO. "It is the third leading cause of death in the United States, and the leading cause of adult disability. Life Line Screening has provided screenings to more than 5 million patients. Working with community pharmacy, we believe we can offer this important service to many more patients to help raise their awareness and, in some cases help save their life."

For more information on sponsoring a mobile screening event in your community, visit [www.pharmacistelink.com/lifeline](http://www.pharmacistelink.com/lifeline).

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's leading provider of mobile vascular screenings. Ultrasound teams are on staff across the nation to bring preventive screenings to convenient locations in local communities for area residents. These non-invasive, inexpensive, painless ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventive procedures. Visit the web site at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) represents the nation's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies. The nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains represent an \$84 billion marketplace, employ over 300,000 employees and dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines.

**\* Program is currently not available in the following states: NY, NJ, NH, & KS**