



Bellevue Drug Co. News

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Bellevue Drug Puts Finishing Touches on Major Reconstruction Project - Improves Workflow.

If you haven't been inside Bellevue Drug lately, you are in for a big surprise on your next visit! What has been taking place within these walls over the past several months is nothing short of amazing. Rising up from the jumble of bins, boxes, and totes are new walls, work stations and store fixtures that will become part of the newly finished pharmacy lab and store. For weeks now customers have been getting little peeks at the freshly installed fixtures and cabinets. Day by day the con-

struction and installation progression exhibits a renewal in one part of the pharmacy or another, as the finishing touches are put into place.

After the decision was made last summer to renovate Bellevue Drug, the planning and design continued to move forward until the initial demolition began last November. What will unfold from these collaborative efforts is an upgraded and redesigned pharmacy. Our new design allows for improved workflow from the initial intake of an order to final

pickup. Our staff will enjoy a completely renovated lab with highly sophisticated equipment for precision prescription processing, which enables Bellevue Drug to continue to dispense the highest quality prescriptions and service to our customers and community.

Nick Varga's commitment to his business and community is reflected in the continuous improvements over the past 57 years, on-going staff training and the provision of quality merchandise that are the hallmark of Bellevue Drug.

Bellevue Drug

Directory

(609) 561-0825

Speak with a Pharmacist: Press "1"

Speak with our Staff: Press "2"

Equipment & Supplies: Press "3"

Customer Accounts, Billing, Medicare Part D: Press "4"

Order Refills using our Refill Mailbox: Press "6"

Store Hours:

Monday–Friday 9 am–9 pm

Saturday 9 am–6 pm

Sunday 9 am–12 Noon

Bellevue Drug—Your Pharmacy and More

- Full Service Pharmacy—We accept most prescription insurance plans.
- Patient Counseling—Our pharmacists are your resource to medication compliance.
- Compounded Medicine for People & Pets
- Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Incontinence Supplies, Ostomy Products, Diabetic Supplies and Wound Care
- Certified Orthotic and Mastectomy Fitters on Staff; Compression Stockings, Braces
- Aids to Daily Living—Including Bathroom Aids, Medela Breast Pumps, Seat Lift Chairs and more.

Helpful Hints for Optimum Service:

- Please present your prescription insurance cards when dropping off or picking up your order.
- For Orthotic or Mastectomy Fittings, please call ahead for a personal appointment.
- Please ask our staff for assistance in locating the products you need.

Serving Hammonton for over 5 decades.

Recently, when speaking with Nick Varga about his current renovation project and similar projects he had taken on in the past, he shared his reflections, and he is happy to post them here:

"In 1950 we had a small pharmacy. There was a large fountain area with a sandwich station for lunches; there were even small booths for dining. In addition to the lab, we sold magazines and had a large line of tobacco products, such as cigars, cigarettes and pipes. In 1956 we made some basic improvements to the store and added cosmetics to our inventory. Back in the early 1960's, we removed the lunch portion of our business, including the booths, however, we continued to

offer bulk ice cream sales in packaged pints and 1/2 gallons.

The 1970's saw some of the largest changes that Bellevue Drug had made thus far. In 1970 huge structural changes and improvements were made: the exterior of the building was finished with stucco, new front signage was added and the glass front to the store was constructed. The old double doors were removed and a new front door was installed; the window facing Third Street was sealed off to allow additional wall space within. In 1972 Bellevue Drug became one of the first pharmacies in South Jersey to install a computerized prescription processing system. This in itself was a major investment in the latest

technology available at that time. 1996 was another big project year for us. We made the decision to become a true apothecary pharmacy. This required the removal of our cosmetics, greeting cards and fragrances making space for a fitting room and our orthotics department. Additional space was also needed for compounding prescriptions, as our pharmacists had attended Compounding School for certification in this unique service.

And here we are today in the final phase of our latest project—the most extensive—that affirms Bellevue Drug's vital role within Hammonton and the surrounding communities."

Nick Varga, R.Ph.

When you receive a new prescription insurance card from your plan, it often means there has been a change in coverage or processing. Please show us your new cards, so that we can update your family profile. This will help reduce delays in dispensing your prescriptions.

Understanding Your Prescription Plan

How well do you understand your prescription drug plan?

Many consumers do not fully understand their coverage, and this can create confusion when you fill prescriptions at the pharmacy. Here are a few reasons why your prescription plan may not cover the medications you need filled, or assess a higher co-pay than expected: 1. **Non-Formulary Drug:** This means that your plan does not prefer or cover

the drug. Some plans require a "Prior Authorization" before the plan will cover the drug. Other plans may deny the drug completely and request your doctor to write for a different medication.

2. **Quantity and Days Supply:**

These are often limits that a plan imposes and the plan will assess higher co-pays when these limits are exceeded. A common example:

a plan with a 30 days supply limit and your prescription calculates to 45 days supply; the plan will assess a 60 day co-pay to the claim.

Very Important: If you have a question about your co-pay amounts, please ask our staff *before* you leave the pharmacy, as it may be possible to adjust the quantity received to match the days supply limit of your plan.

Where to Find Allergy Relief.

With the passage of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005, many popular allergy and cold relief products which do not require a doctor's prescription had to be moved behind the pharmacy counter.

Purchasing these products now requires a photo I.D. and certain information to

be entered into a logbook to record quantities purchased during a specific period of time.

The products affected by the new law are only medications that contain pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine. Many of the manufacturers of these products reformulated their brands, which will allow their products to

remain on the store shelves.

However, if you cannot locate the brand or product you wish to purchase, please ask our staff, as it may be located behind the pharmacy counter. If you are unsure of which product is best for your symptoms, please ask our pharmacists for help.

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