Pharmacist Roles
The role of a pharmacist has continually expanded over the years to involve more than dispensing medications. It includes recommending and administering vaccines, making over the counter medication recommendations, compounding medications, health and wellness counseling, and many other services depending on the state.

Immunizations
Pharmacists administer vaccines in all 50 states. They are very accessible, and patients often do not need an appointment. In addition to giving vaccines, pharmacist can help you determine which vaccines are appropriate for you whether you are starting college or going on a trip out of the country.
Compounding
Pharmacists have specialized training to make a variety of medication forms for patients. Examples of medications forms that pharmacists can make include creams, lotions, mouthwashes, lollipops, and suppositories, and these forms can make it easier for patients to take their medications. Pharmacists can also make medications specifically for your pets both big and small, and they can specially make the medication in a variety of flavors or a liquids to improve patient adherence to therapy.

Photo Source: http://nationwidecompounding.com/home-detail

Over the Counter recommendations
Pharmacists are trained to be able to assess patient’s symptoms, and they can use that expertise to either make a recommendation for an over the counter medication or refer them to their doctor. Examples include helping patients choose a product for a cold, seasonal allergy, poison ivy, or sunburn. In addition to finding the right medicine over the counter, pharmacists can help you find a medication that is more affordable.

Taken from https://uanews.arizona.edu/story/pharmacy-students-faculty-teach-community-about-otc-medications
Medication Therapy Management
A big part of a pharmacist job is to help patients understand what their medicine is used for, educate patients on how to use them, assist in monitoring the benefits and side effects of medication, and when necessary, recommending needed changes to patients and their medical providers. Medication Therapy Management is great for patients who take multiple medicines for their illnesses, and it is offered in many community pharmacies.

Health and Wellness
Pharmacists are always happy to help you with tips regarding your eating habits and exercise. They are also trained to check your cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight/body mass index. They can also help you find the best way for you to manage these areas of your life.

Services Around the Country
In Alabama, pharmacists currently offer all the services mentioned above but there is hope that we will be able to offer more services in the future. Expanded pharmacist services are already possible in many other. Recently, the state of Kentucky started allowing pharmacists to identify strep throat and flu in the pharmacy and provide appropriate treatment. In many other states, pharmacists are able to collaborate with physicians to manage other health issues like diabetes and hypertension.

Auburn University Health Services
The Auburn University Pharmaceutical Care Center offers a variety of services, and these include:

- Medication Therapy Management
- Diabetes and You
  - A program focused on helping patients learn about and manage their Diabetes
- “Pack it Up” smoking cessation
  - A program focused on helping patients quit smoking
- Healthy Tiger Screenings
  - A program focused on screening patients’ cholesterol, blood sugar, body composition, and blood pressure
- Healthy Habits
  - A program focusing on patients’ eating habits and exercise regimens.

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