Micah Cost, PharmD, MS
Chief Executive Officer

Micah Cost, PharmD, MS, is the CEO of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA). A seasoned health care association executive, Cost leads PQA's work to improve medication safety, adherence and appropriate use. Cost works with PQA's 250 member organizations from across health care together to develop and implement quality measures, conduct research and provide education that supports better medication use and high-quality care.

Previously, Cost was executive director of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA), representing pharmacists and pharmacy professionals across all practice settings in the state. He was with TPA for 12 years and previously served as its director of professional affairs.

Cost also served as board president of the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety (APMS), a federally registered patient safety organization focused on continuous quality improvement within the pharmacy community. APMS works with pharmacies to improve workflow, increase patient care quality and reduce risk.

Throughout his career, Cost has served in leadership positions with numerous associations and coalitions. He is chair of the American Pharmacists Association's Policy Committee and previously served as a board member of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and as president of the Tennessee Society of Association Executives.

Cost earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy and a master's degree in pharmaceutical outcomes and health policy from the University of Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University.

A licensed pharmacist and a second-generation pharmacist, Cost is a native of Nashville, Tenn. He enjoys spending his spare time with his wife Kyle, their two dogs and cat. An active runner, he has completed multiple marathons.