

PHARMACY: President, Hartzell's Pharmacy, Catasauqua, Pa.

AGE: 41

EDUCATION: Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, 2005. He did a post-doctoral residency at Leesburg Pharmacy in Leesburg, Va.

FAMILY: Vince is the son of Bob Hartzell, who founded Hartzell's Pharmacy in 1968. He is married to a fellow pharmacist, Kristen Hartzell, who works with him at the pharmacy. The Hartzells have three children, two daughters, 9 and 12, and a son, 7.

IT WAS FATE: Vince has a brother and a sister, both of whom work in health care, but he's the only one to follow in his dad's footsteps. He decided on a career early, he says with a laugh. In fourth grade he drew a picture and noted that he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps and become a "pharmacist."

ON HIS OWN: After pharmacy school, Vince didn't come back home to work in the family business. He did a residency, then moved to Richmond, Va., where he worked as a regional trainer for a large chain. He enjoyed the job because it allowed him to work with immunization programs, which is a passion of his.

COMING HOME: Returning to the family business required some adjustment, Vince says. "It was a dynamic shift, going from being the owner's kid to coming in as a pharmacist. There were some struggles, but we worked them out."

PHARMACY PASSION: Bob Hartzell integrated naturopathic medicine into his pharmacy, and his approach "intrigued and inspired" his son. "We look at the whole patient," Vince says. "We want to make sure they're getting everything they need to be healthy."

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Vincent Hartzell, RPh

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