

PHARMACY: Asti's South Hills Pharmacy, Pittsburgh

AGE: 35

FAMILY: Married to Shannon Antypas; three children, Anastasia, 7; Isadora, 5; Elias, 3.

EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, 2009.

IN HIS BLOOD: His father, Gabriel Antypas, graduated from pharmacy school at the University of Damascus in his native Syria. He then immigrated to the United States. His pharmacy degree wouldn't transfer and to practice, he'd have to start all over again. Gabriel went to community college to learn English, then landed a job with Parke-Davis (later acquired by Pfizer). He wasn't a pharmacist, but he was in the field.

GOALS: Chris knew his dad had gone to pharmacy school, and he was interested in the profession early. His mother recently showed him an essay he wrote in third grade. In it, Chris said: "I'm going to be a pharmacist and live in a mansion next to my parents."

ROAD TO OWNERSHIP: Chris knew he wanted to own a pharmacy, make his own rules, and treat patients the way he wanted to. But Pittsburgh is a city with lots of little neighborhoods and lots of tradition. Starting from scratch would be difficult. In 2012, he met Dan Asti, who had built a booming business but was ready to sell. As it turned out, Dan stayed, and he and Chris became partners in 2014.

PHARMACY PASSION: "We have to get the simple things right. Build relationships. Be honest. Be sincere." Asti and Chris share a passion for patient care.

NCPA'S VALUE TO ME: "NCPA is the voice for us. They advocate, aggregate our voices, and make sure we're heard. I've met so many people through NCPA. Those connections are critical."

Chris Antypas, PharmD