



Message from the Chair – November, 2010

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Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe that the 2010 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim will kick off less than a week! Section leaders have been busy finalizing activities for our members throughout the entire week. By now you should have received e-mails from the Advisory Groups on Clinical Leadership, Emergency Care, and Preceptor Skills Development outlining all of the great programming at Midyear that have particular emphasis in those interest areas. However I wanted to point out that there are many more programs and activities that will be of particular interest to clinical specialists and scientists.

The Section Educational Steering Committee and Advisory Groups have been involved with greater than 47 hours of educational sessions for clinical specialists and scientists. Here are some of the highlights for the week:

Sunday

- Clinical Leaders Boot Camp: Practical Tools for Promoting and Establishing Services, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday

- Prevention and Treatment of Pandemic and Seasonal Influenza: What's the Latest?, 2-5 p.m
- Debates in Therapeutics 2010, 2-5 p.m.

Tuesday

- Justification and Implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs, 8 - 11 a.m.
- Therapeutic Strategies for the Management of Pain, Agitation, and Delirium in the Intensive Care Unit, 8 - 11 a.m.
- Clinical Pearls 2010, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Emergency Medicine Pearls 2010, 8-9:45 am
- The Role of the Pharmacist in the Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke, 8 - 9:45 a.m.
- ID in the Ed: Challenges in the Treatment of Infectious Diseases in the Emergency Department, 2-4 pm
- Delivering Effective Resident & Student Performance Evaluations, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Inducing Therapeutic Hypothermia Following Resuscitation from Cardiac Arrest, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Thursday

- Clinical Considerations for Drug Dosing in Obesity, 9-11:30 am

There is also a great opportunity to network with colleagues that share similar interests. Attend any of the 18 networking sessions in a variety of specialty practice areas scheduled Sunday through Tuesday. These sessions are for practitioners to discuss a variety of topics and issues specific to their practice area. All are welcome to attend these lively discussions! For the full schedule, go to: <http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/Events/Networking-Sessions.aspx>

Networking Session Schedule UPDATE!

- **NEW!** Women's Health networking session to be held on Monday, December 6 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Room 205A, Level 2, Anaheim CC.
- Advisory Group on Preceptor Skills Development is conducting a networking session on Monday, December 6 from 5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. in Room 202A, Level 2, Anaheim CC.
- Advisory Group on Clinical Leadership is conducting a networking session on Tuesday, December 7 from 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in Room 209A, Level 2, Anaheim CC.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 ASHP Best Practices Award in Health-System Pharmacy. This award is given to those who have been successful in the implementation of an innovative program which improved the quality of patient care in their health system. Six health systems will be honored at a poster reception at Midyear. Please join ASHP on Sunday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Marriott – Grand Ballroom F, where the following award winners will present their projects at a special poster reception: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas, University of Houston, College of Pharmacy, Houston Texas; The University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas; Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Visalia, California; United States Agency for International Development - Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (USAID-AMPATH), Eldoret, Kenya, Purdue University College of Pharmacy, West Lafayette, Indiana, Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, Eldoret, Kenya, Moi University School of Medicine, Eldoret, Kenya; and Huntsville Hospital System, Huntsville, Alabama. This annual recognition program is developed and awarded by ASHP and sponsored by Amgen: <http://www.ashpadvantage.com/bestpractices/mcm.htm>

Also come by the ASHP Membership booth! ASHP will be demonstrating the new social networking platform. In addition, Section Executive Committee members will be there throughout the week to answer questions about the Section and discuss ways for you to get involved. The Section Executive Committee encourages you to participate in Section activities and to become involved in Section leadership. For a list of opportunities, go to: <http://www.ashp.org/Import/MEMBERCENTER/Sections/SectionofClinicalSpecialistsandScientists/GetInvolved.aspx> .

If you have any questions or have an interest in any of these opportunities, please contact me at sections@ashp.org .

See you in Anaheim!

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