



Message from the Chair – September, 2010

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Dear Colleagues,

In two short weeks a landmark event will take place in Dallas, Texas....The ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) Summit, an invitational consensus conference to be held on November 7 - 9 as part of the ASHP and ASHP Foundation's Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative. The conference will bring together thought leaders throughout hospital and health-system pharmacy to reach consensus on optimal practice models that are based on the effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers.

The PPMI, launched earlier this year, is the next major step in the evolution of pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems. The initiative seeks to redefine, reconstruct, and reinvent pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems.

The PPMI will build on the landmark work of the Hilton Head conference, held by ASHP and the ASHP Foundation in 1985. The Hilton Head conference brought together a group of visionary pharmacists who helped establish the concept that the practice of pharmacy is a clinical profession and that the role of pharmacists in health systems should be focused on direct care of patients as part of multidisciplinary care teams.

The Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative will:

1. **Create a framework** for ensuring the provision of safe, effective, efficient, accountable, and evidence-based care for all hospital/health-system patients;
2. **Determine patient care-related services** that should be consistently provided by departments of pharmacy in hospitals and health systems and increase demand for pharmacy services by patients/caregivers, health care professionals, health care executives, and payers;
3. **Identify the available technologies** to support implementation of the practice model, and identify emerging technologies that could impact the practice model;
4. **Support the optimal use and deployment** of hospital and health-system pharmacy resources through development of a template for a practice model which is operational, practical, and measurable; and
5. **Identify specific actions** pharmacists should take to implement practice model change including determination of the necessary staff (pharmacy leaders, pharmacists, and technicians) skills and competencies required to implement this model.

To keep the Section membership updated, we wanted to let you know that the ASHP PPMI resources have been recently refreshed. Please be sure to visit the [PPMI micro-site](http://www.ashp.org/ppmi) <http://www.ashp.org/ppmi>

ASHP is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for members to participate in the PPMI. Here are some ways for you to get involved:

- **View the Summit:** Many members are interested in the discussions at the PPMI Summit. ASHP has made arrangement to Web cast the numerous plenary sessions that will be held during the conference. [Registration](#) is now open to individuals to sign up for the Web cast. http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_7PxkOJuT4M42Yk
- **Inform others:** Invite the executive leadership at your workplace, your state affiliate, a technician training program, or student affiliate to view part of the summit discussions with you. After the Summit, ASHP will develop several materials to help spread the word about practice change. You can use these materials to make presentations or conduct workshops at your affiliate meetings.
- **Profile your Institution:** Submit your practice site to the PPMI Spotlight on the Web site. It's easy to do and a great way to share your practice model success and challenges with others. To participate, send an email to ppmi@ashp.org. You'll receive a brief questionnaire to complete.
- **Facilitate change:** Be a change agent at your practice site. Visit the PPMI web site at www.ashp.org/ppmi for information you can use to help drive practice change. Additional materials will be introduced after the summit to help pharmacists become an agent of change at their practice sites.

What's happening in the Section...

Section Advisory Group on Preceptor Development: Most recently the SAG organized a very successful webinar entitled "Practical Approaches to Developing Residency Preceptors" presented by Dr. Kelly Smith. This networking webinar was recorded and information on how to access the program will be sent out once available. Many questions and educational needs/resources were brought up during the Q&A section and through the post-survey tool. The SAG is going through the results and will be developing tools and resources to help members in this area.

Policy Week, September 21-22, 2010: Jim Trovato, Past-Chair of the Section is liaison to the Council on Therapeutics (COT) and participated in Policy Week at ASHP Headquarters last month. Over the two day meeting key items discussed included: clinical use of medical marijuana, metrics for antimicrobial stewardship, safe & effective use of promethazine, health literacy, prescription drug abuse, and safety & effectiveness of childhood vaccinations. The COT will further develop many of these issues into policies for the Society. The results of these deliberations are reviewed by the Board of Directors and then approved by the [House of Delegates](#) during its session at the Summer Meeting in June. For more information on Policy Week, go to http://www.ashp.org/policyweek?WT.ac=cp_20100917PolicyWeek

Educational Steering Committee: The Educational Steering Committee is beginning their work to identify key topics for the 2011 MCM programming. If you have an idea for a educational topic, submit your idea to sections@ashp.org. Please include with your idea, the rationale of why this topic is so important. This information will help the group prioritize the various ideas that come in from the membership.

As always, the section is interested in your input. If you have ideas or are interested in getting involved please email us at sections@ashp.org.

Best wishes,

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