



Message from the Chair – September, 2010

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Dear Colleagues:

Summer is coming to a close but the Section's activities are heating up. Here are a few of the activities that have occurred in the past month:

- Network sessions have been scheduled for the upcoming MCM. Please note that the SAG on Preceptor Development and the SAG on Clinical Leadership will have a networking session. For a full listing with discussion topics, go to <http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/Events/Networking-Sessions.aspx>.
- Women's Health Network – New this year is the formation of the Women's Health Network. The network facilitator is Gayle Cotchen and this group will have its first network session on Monday, December 6 from 12:30-2:00 P.M.
- SAG on Emergency Care – On September 16 a webinar entitled “Thrombolytics in Cardiac Arrest—Life-Saving, Life-Changing, or Disappointing?” was presented. There were almost 150 attendees who participated. If you missed it, you can review the webinar at your convenience at <http://www.ashp.org/Import/MEMBERCENTER/Sections/Webinars.aspx>. Also use that link to find past recorded Webinar sessions.
- SAG on Clinical Leadership – The group is prioritizing ideas for project development, once completed if you are interested in participating as part of the project team the committee would welcome your involvement.
- SAG on Preceptor Skills Development – The group is planning a webinar “Practical Approaches to Developing Residency Preceptors” on October 21, 2010 from 2:00-3:00 P.M. (east coast time). Watch for program and registration information soon.
- Educational Steering Committee will soon be gearing up to consider topics of interest to the section. They will be discussing potential topics between now and December for the MCM in 2011. If you have a topic of interest, please share it by emailing sections@ashp.org with the topic and your content information.

- Ambulatory Care Board Review Course development is in full swing. The first review course will be December 3-4 in Anaheim. If you are interested in attending the session, use the following link to register for the course:
<http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/Education/AmbulatoryReviewCourse.aspx>
- Clinical Leaders Boot Camp: Practical Tools for Promoting and Establishing New Services on Sunday, December 5th prior to Midyear. This is the second year that this subject is being offered at the Midyear and is geared toward clinicians advancing into a clinical management position. In this workshop, learn how to build key relationships and teams within your organization, develop your staff, track performance, and develop strategic plans. For more information go to <http://www.ashp.org/Midyear2010/Education/Pre-meetingWorkshops.aspx>

Many of you have heard about the PPMI (Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative). The goal of this initiative is to significantly advance the health and well being of patients by developing and disseminating a futuristic practice model that supports the most effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers. An invitational consensus conference, Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative Summit will be held in November. 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. All members are encouraged to complete a survey about issues related to the practice model. Your answers will be a key part of the discussion at the November Summit that will envision ideal practice models for the future. The survey takes about 20 minutes.

Take the survey at http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1SNSIsxPXHMjOba.

Learn more about the PPMI at <http://www.ashp.org/ppmi>.

In closing, I'd like to welcome our newly elected Executive Committee members, **Erin Fox** as Chair-elect and **Tricia Meyer** as Director-at-large elect, who have already begun their work with the Section.

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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