

Dear Colleagues:

The Section, through its members, is creating opportunities to participate in a number of initiatives while also working with ASHP on relevant activities.



The Section has various advisory groups and committees to develop resources and programs to assist members in their specialty practice area. Currently there are four Section Advisory Groups (SAGs) and an Educational Steering Committee. Memberships for these groups varies in size and are approved in June of each year. As I mentioned in my last chair's message two new advisory groups, Clinical Leadership and Preceptor Skills Development were established this year and their work is just beginning.

- SAG on Clinical Leadership NEW! (**Chair: Linda Tyler**)
- SAG on Emergency Care (**Chair: Renee Petzel, Vice Chair: Heather Draper Eppert**)
- SAG on Gene Therapy (**Chair: Susan Goodin**)
- SAG on Preceptor Skills Development NEW! (**Chair: Carol Rollins, Vice Chair: Allison Jun**)
- Educational Steering Committee (**Chair: Cherry Jackson, Vice Chair: Michelle Wiest**)

Many of the past accomplishments of the SAGs are visible throughout the ASHP website and in the educational sessions offered at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

In addition, Network Facilitators have been appointed in 15 specialty areas. The facilitators organize the networking sessions at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and also serve as a resource to ASHP and the Section on matters relating to the specialty. View the [full roster](#).

I wanted to make you aware of a number of other Section and ASHP activities pertinent to your practice.

As you all know the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas is fast approaching and I wanted to make you aware of a workshop that was coordinated by the Section called "The Clinical Leaders Boot Camp: Practical Tools for Promoting and Establishing Services." This full day workshop will be conducted on Sunday, December 6th. This is a

great opportunity for Section members who want to learn how to implement a new clinical service or have been asked to lead a clinical initiative at your institution.

For more information on workshops, visit the [2009 MCM website](#).

In June 2009 the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) unanimously approved the petition requesting recognition of ambulatory care pharmacy practice and has become the sixth specialty in which pharmacists can be board certified. The Section has worked closely with BPS to help identify members to serve on the specialty council on ambulatory care pharmacy. This specialty council will begin its work in November. We will keep you updated as decisions are made on the first holding of this specialty exam.

I'm sure that you have heard about ASHP's *Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI)*. In this time of healthcare reform, there is an urgent need to create a forward thinking hospital and health-system pharmacy practice model. ASHP and the ASHP Research and Education Foundation will sponsor a Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative that will include a consensus summit, a robust social marketing campaign, and program evaluations. To read more about the PPMI, visit the [PPMI website](#). More information will be forwarded on this landmark initiative as it develops.

As you can see the Section and ASHP has been hard at work to develop resources and programs to benefit your specialty practice. Please join me in thanking and supporting those Section members who have volunteered their time to lead and participate as a member on this year's SAGs and Education Committee, they play a vital role in providing important work for our Section and its members.

Best wishes,

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