

## Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Many clinical specialists in hospitals and other health systems have been actively involved in or exposed to new advances occurring in the pharmacy profession such as collaborative medication therapy management, pharmacists' provider status under Medicare, computerized physician order entry, and complex drug distribution systems that make use of robotics and bar coding in an effort to reduce medication errors. These advances present challenges for many clinical specialists in terms of how to best incorporate them into current clinical practice so that optimal medication management and positive patient outcomes can be achieved without increasing pharmacy workload.



I believe an important role of the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists is to collaborate with entities, both internal and external to ASHP, in identifying and developing training programs, educational materials, and other resources to help guide Section members in identifying and developing the competencies needed to implement new, high standard pharmacy services.

I'm honored to receive the nomination of Chair. I welcome the opportunity to work on your behalf to continue to advance the ongoing efforts of the Section in addressing the clinical, educational, and research needs of clinical specialists in all practice settings.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists (2008-2009)

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