



Message from the Chair – May 2010

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To All My SICP Colleagues:

What an exciting line-up is set for the **Summer Meeting (SM)** in Tampa! Connie Chung promises to be an engaging speaker that we all should know from the CBS Evening News. The **SM** is a great time to learn leadership skills, hear about the latest Joint Commission standards, discuss clinical and quality initiatives, become informed about informatics resources and sit in on what the current Chair of the House of Delegates, Gerald Meyer, describes as “exquisite, quality and cutting edge educational programming”. Furthermore, if you want to learn the nuts and bolts about ASHP’s governance and see how policies are enacted, then the **SM** affords all meeting attendees an opportunity to observe, get up close and personal, the House of Delegate deliberations. Several policies are being presented that are important for everyone’s daily practice. And, everyone has an opportunity to speak up and provide his/her opinion(s) even if not a delegate. Remember, the Open Forum is available for **all** members and will convene on **Saturday, June 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM**. Some of the policies up for deliberation/voting:

- Pharmacy technician hiring/training standards: PTCB certification + ASHP-credentialed programs
- Recalls: standardized recall notification system
- REMS: involve pharmacists in their development, research in effectiveness, and maybe even standardized formats
- Obesity: research on appropriate dosing, etc for obese patients on a par with pediatric and geriatric patients
- Small and Rural Hospitals: all hospitals (no matter how small) have access to pharmacist services 24h/day, meet same quality standards, and are provided resources/tools and alternative ways to provide pharmacy services
- Outpatient prescriptions: require two patient identifiers
Med Safety: med safety officers, definition of Just Culture
- Check them **all** out at
<http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/HOD/CouncilReports.aspx>

One important Section event that will also occur at the Summer Meeting is the passing of the baton to the **2010-2011 Chair of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners(SICP) Executive Committee** (EC), Brian Benson; and, Noelle Chapman will be installed as the **2010-2012 Director at Large**. This has felt like a whirlwind of a year in which I learned a tremendous amount about this wonderful organization filled with very hard-working and dedicated staff and volunteers. I worked hard myself; and, hope that in my role as Chair of the **Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners**, I have represented the best interests of the Section's component groups: inpatient frontline pharmacists, small and rural hospital pharmacists, medication safety officers, investigational drug service (IDS) and OR/Anesthesiology pharmacists. It has been a very interesting learning and growth experience. I appreciate the opportunity afforded me to serve the **SICP** membership!

The **Section** has been very busy and has accomplished many tasks. Credit for these **SICP** activities does not rest solely on the shoulders of the Chair; but, also rests on the shoulders of many such as my fellow EC members, Section Advisory Group (SAG) and Committee members, ASHP staff, Board members, non-Section ASHP members and other healthcare professionals. It is through the guidance and help of these individuals that **SICP** can proudly list the following accomplishments and deliverables:

- Planned and ensured the presentation of the fourth **Small and Rural Hospital Sunday Track programming** at the 2009 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) including a keynote speech by the then current president of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Beth Landon.
- Presented multiple recommendations, including a major resolution regarding productivity measures in hospital pharmacies, during the 2009 meeting of the House of Delegates.
- Took the results of a quality of work life survey conducted within the **Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners** and presented them for discussion at a networking session at the 2009 MCM; posted the survey on the **Section's** website: submitted a Letter to the Editor to AJHP highlighting the survey results and is creating a new website discussion blog on the subject.
- Provided more than 17 continuing education hours of Section programming and multiple networking sessions at the 2009 MCM for our frontline practitioners which were well attended and led to valuable sharing of ideas and contacts.
- Provided, for the first time, continuing education programming at the SM-**Medication Safety Best Practices: Be the Best You Can Be!** This session will be held on Wednesday, June 9 from 10:45 a.m.-1:15 P.M.
- Formed a new Advisory Group on Pharmacy Support Services to support ASHP's Pharmacy Technician Initiative (PTI), assist in the development of pharmacy technician continuing education programs, survey affected stakeholders on the resources needed

for pharmacy technicians, and investigate innovative roles for pharmacy support personnel for incorporation into the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI).

- Planned continued support for small and rural hospitals with MCM 2010 Sunday Track programming and prepared suggested tactics for small and rural hospital issues for inclusion in the 2010-2011 Leadership Agenda during ASHP's strategic planning retreat.
- Recommended Section members to ASHP leadership for consideration to serve on ASHP Councils/Commission.
- Scheduled a **Small and Rural Hospital Caucus** at the 2010 SM on **Sunday, June 6 from 12-1:30 P.M. in Room 19 on the first floor of the Convention Center.**
- Welcomed **OR/Anesthesiology** pharmacists and **Investigational Drug Service (IDS)** pharmacists into the fold of the Section with targeted networking sessions for these component groups at the 2009 MCM along with an invitation for these practitioners to utilize ASHP Connect through the SICP's listserv and discussion boards.
- Hosted in November 2009 the **Section's** second annual medication safety webinar series - **[Creating an Environment of Safety: Just Culture in the Workplace.](#)**
- Will provide two webinars on May 20 and May 27 entitled, respectively, **[Precepting from the Trenches: Tips for frontline pharmacists](#)** and **[Update on Federal Regulation Regarding Treatment INDs and the Potential Financial Impact on Hospitals.](#)**
- Had three articles accepted for publication in **[AJHP.](#)**
- Continuous networking and collaboration with external healthcare associations/agencies such as the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) and the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA)

Truly this is the "In" Section: Influential...Innovative...Indispensible. So get involved and, if you have not already done so, tell your friends and colleagues about ASHP-get them to join and encourage them to get involved with the Section as well. ***Together...We make a great team!***

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