

Message from the Chair

November 2009



To All My SICP Colleagues:

The highlight of my professional year is the Midyear Meeting held every year in early December. This year the meeting is December 6-10 in Las Vegas which adds a certain excitement all of its own.

Have you made your plans already to attend? I hope so. The theme for this year is **Guiding Change**. Everyone can relate to change in our tumultuous times, can't you? The keynote speaker will be Dennis Quaid who will share his personal experiences with the heparin safety concerns—another exciting but moving program.

While you are in Las Vegas, be sure to check out the extensive programming (17 hours worth) sponsored by our section. And take a second look at the Small and Rural programming track because many of the presentations can be used by any size facility.

For example, **C-Suite Sell: How to Convince Administration of the Value of Pharmacy Services** could be used by any size Pharmacy Department. And check out the **Financial Considerations** talk which features federal program employees explaining opportunities for maximizing federal financial support and programs. Anyone trying to set up or improve pharmacy school rotations or residency programs will be interested in the entire Sunday afternoon schedule.

The Section SAGs have worked very hard to bring you useful and timely programming. I am very proud of the wide ranging topics they have made available for you.

Sunday Dec. 6: Small and Rural Hospitals Programming 8:00am-5:00pm

- C-Suite Sell: How to Convince Administration of the Value of Pharmacy Services in a Small and Rural Institution
- Financial Considerations for Small/Rural Hospitals: Securing Resources to Maximize Patient Access to Healthcare and Medications
- Making the Case for Remote Pharmacist Services in Small or Rural Institutions
- Selecting a Drug Distribution Model for Small or Rural Institutions
- Experiential Education: You Can Do It and We Can Help!
- Residencies in Rural Settings: Practice Models and Tools for Establishing Your Program

Monday Dec. 7 2:00-5:00pm: Safety and Quality Pearls 2009

- Always an exciting and popular chance to get practical tidbits from other practitioners in a lively format

Tuesday Dec 8 9:00-11:00am Optimizing Patient Comfort with Safe and Effective Sedation

- An entire primer of sedation guidelines with case-based development of sedation plan

Wednesday Dec. 9: 3:00-5:00pm Pediatric Basics for the Non-Pediatric Specialist: Essential Practice Tips

- Hear it from the experts so you can become the pediatric expert at your facility

Thursday Dec 10: 9:00am-12:00pm: Lines, Tubes, and Devices, Oh My!

- The nuts and bolts of all the devices you didn't learn about in school and how medications interact with them
- Gastric access, Swan-Ganz, dialysis, mechanical ventilators, etc

Don't forget to check out the **networking sessions** that we have planned for you. This is your chance to meet fellow practitioners in a setting where you can share ideas, discuss burning issues, and even swap contact information so your networking can continue long after leaving Las Vegas.

Monday Dec. 7 11:00a-12:30pm:	Rural Healthcare: Rigors and Rewards
Monday Dec. 7 12:30-2:00pm:	Pharmacists and the Quality of Worklife Discourse
Monday Dec. 7 5:15-6:15 pm:	Meaningful Pharmacy Practice Experiences: Challenges and Solutions
Tuesday Dec. 8 12:30-2:00pm:	Investigational Drug
Tuesday Dec. 8 5:15-6:15pm:	Medication Safety

I'm looking forward to sharing these learning and networking experiences with all of you. See you in Vegas!

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