

## Message from the Chair

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To All My SICP Colleagues:

Many of you are not familiar with the hard work and activities being carried out on your behalf by the various advisory groups and committees within the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP). I would like to take a few minutes to introduce them and their newly appointed (July 2009) chairpersons to you.

Each Section Advisory Group (SAG) typically hosts a networking session at the Midyear Clinical Meeting so you can meet with group members and other similar practitioners, share ideas, and gain information to use when you get home. Who knows, you may want to get even more involved with these groups throughout the year. I would like to challenge you to get involved with ASHP..... these SAGs and networking sessions are a very useful first step.

### **SECTION ADVISORY GROUPS (SAGs):**

#### **PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCES**

Chairperson: **Beth Ferguson**

Recent Activities:

- o Development of a [preceptor toolkit](#) that has been posted on ASHP's SICP website for all practitioners to use
- o Development of educational and poster presentations at the **National Rural Health Association's Medication Use in Rural America Conference**, Sep. 9-11, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri.
- o Development of educational presentation during the *Programming for Small and Rural Hospitals* Sunday December 6 at the 2009 MCM in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **MEDICATION SAFETY**

Chairperson: **Joanne Kowiatek**

Recent Activities:

- o Including IDS and OR/Anesthesiology perspectives in the SAG on Medication Safety to broaden the reach and interest of medication safety issues within hospitals and health systems
- o Development of the popular Safety and Quality Pearls session at MCMs. This year's session will be held on Monday, Dec. 7 (2-5pm) in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- o Hosting of Networking sessions at both the 2008 Midyear Clinical Meeting and 2009 Summer Meeting. 2009 Networking session will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 (5:15pm-6:45pm)
- o Development of Webinars:
  - o 2008 - [Sentinel Alert: Pediatric Medication Errors that addresses pressing issues in Medication Safety and The Joint Commission](#)
  - o 2009 – "Just Culture" Webinar will be held on November 4, 2009

#### **SMALL AND RURAL HOSPITALS**

Chairman: **Todd Lemke**

Recent Activities:

- o Sponsorship of the fourth annual entire day of small and rural track programming at 2009 MCM in Las Vegas, NV on Sunday, Dec. 6 (8:30-5) with focus on small and rural hospitals but many topics of interest to all practitioners
- o Updated and posted the [Small and Rural Hospital Resource Center](http://www.ashp.org/Import/PRACTICEANDPOLICY/PracticeResourceCenters/SmallandRuralHospital.aspx)
- o Production of the "On Demand" [Creative Funding of Clinical Pharmacy Services in Rural Healthcare Institutions](#)

- Established collaboration of efforts with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Health Resource Service Administration's (HRSA) Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA), and Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP)
- Multiple advocacy efforts on the behalf of small and rural practice sites
- Served as ACPE Faculty Advisors for National Rural Health Association in 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Medication Access in Rural America Conference.

## **PHARMACY SUPPORT SERVICES**

Chairman: **Trey Wynn**

Newly formed SAG developed to represent and advocate for pharmacy technicians and other pharmacy support positions. Specific plans for the SAG:

- Examine the role of the pharmacy technician
- Examine the increased responsibilities of the technician workforce
- Evaluate the charges of existing technician groups and organizations
- Review current ASHP guidelines with respect to pharmacy technicians
- Conduct a gap analysis of related current ASHP services

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Chairperson: **Helen Calmes**

Activities:

- Recruit and nominate candidates for SICIP Executive Committee positions
- Successfully recruited and nominated the newly elected SICIP Executive Committee Officers- Brian Benson, Pharm.D.-Chair Elect and Noelle Chapman, Pharm.D.-Director at Large Elect

### **EDUCATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: **Angela Cassano**

Activities:

- Develop educational programming for both MCM and summer meetings based on an ongoing evaluation of prioritized list of SICIP members' needs and hot practice issues
- Expand programming to multiple formats to reach a maximum number of members (webinars, podcasts, web articles, website information, etc)
- Provide articles for the section's Frontline Pharmacist Column in [AJHP](#)
- Developed multiple presentations at the 2009 MCM in Las Vegas, NV including the very popular Pediatrics for the Non-Pediatric Practitioner

See anything of interest? For more information about any of these activities, please visit the ASHP website under the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners tab. Want to help? If you would like to be more involved, please let us know so we can help you with that desire. Remember: Together...We Make a Great Team.

Finally, be sure to visit the networking sessions at the next MCM and Summer Meetings hosted by the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners' advisory groups. These sessions promise to be exciting and very worthwhile for any practitioner!

Sincerely,

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