



New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee Message – August, 2011

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As the summer comes to a close, it's time to switch gears from vacations and picnics and get back in the swing of work or residency. For all you residents out there, the year has hardly begun, but I'm sure its starting to get busier....

As you get busier, I would like to just highlight a few of the new things ASHP, and specifically, the New Practitioners Forum, has kept busy with in the last year.

Great eXpectations

Last April was the first [Great eXpectations eConference!](#) Participants had the opportunity to earn up to 14 hours of CE in a virtual meeting environment. In addition to attending educational sessions, participants were able to set up a personal profile and network with other attendees. This innovative method of learning and networking was well-received by members. I personally thought it was a great opportunity to learn and network, without having to worry about the hassles of traveling or taking time off from work or residency. For those of you who couldn't participate in April, did you know that you can still [register](#) and gain access to the recordings? A great way to earn quality CE in the comfort of your own home!

Keep in mind that [Great X](#) is not only comprised of the eConference, but also [Great X Live](#) at the Midyear Clinical Meeting, and the [Great X Videos](#) posted on the ASHP website. Knowing that you lead a busy life, I want to point out that the [Great X Videos](#) are only 15 minutes each in length! This makes it really easy to learn about influencing your colleagues on the healthcare team or tips for a great poster presentation. The best part about it? You can earn CE from watching the videos as well!

ASHP Connect

[ASHP Connect](#) has recently transformed to a better place for networking and sharing information! You can set up a profile, join a discussion board, make contacts with old and new friends across the country, and of course, blog! The opportunities to learn how other colleagues across the country handle challenges and get ideas for promoting pharmacy practice to the next level are endless. If you aren't active on [ASHP Connect](#) yet, this is the perfect time. If you are already active on [ASHP Connect](#), keep up the good work! ASHP is working on a mobile app for [ASHP Connect](#), so it will be even easier to network on the go!

Keep in mind that Great eXpectations and ASHP Connect were both developed out of ideas from our very own members. As you reflect on incorporating these activities into your busy life, please let us

know if you have other ideas of resources you need to make your practice more efficient or more rewarding by emailing us at NewPractitioners@ashp.org. We look forward to hearing from you!