



## New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee

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“Doing nothing is very hard to do....you never know when you're finished.”

- *Leslie Nielsen*

While that quote is undoubtedly true, many of you have not yet had the opportunity to experience it. We are reaching the time of year where those completing residencies are almost finished. Projects are being finished and presented at regional residency conferences, manuscripts are being written, and the occasional overdue rotation evaluation is being completed. As opposed to those described in the above quote, I am sure all of you know exactly when you will be finished.

The six [New Practitioner Forum Advisory Groups](#) are also almost done with their year. Just like residents, they also have been very busy. Here is a brief synopsis of what each group has been working on over the past year:

**Membership and Outreach** – this group has focused on two major projects. The first involved developing a research excellence award program to recognize new practitioner research efforts that will be piloted at the 2011 Midyear Clinical Meeting. The second was to explore how different state affiliates involve new practitioners and identify best practices to be shared more broadly.

**Communications and Technology** – the major project for this group has been developing a new career profile videos area to spotlight the career path of various new practitioners on the ASHP website. This group has also been exploring ways that ASHP can utilize social media outlets to further engage new practitioners.

**Science and Research** – the focus of this group has been working on the creation of a landmark clinical trials database. In addition, members of this group have worked to develop a statistics toolkit for new practitioners and have provided feedback to the ASHP Research and Education Foundation on activities of interest to new practitioners.

**Public Affairs and Advocacy** – a major project for this group has been the creation of several new practitioner advocacy videos featuring the new practitioners who served on ASHP Councils and Commissions this past year. This group has also considered updating the *Advocacy for New Practitioners* webinar and has guided the development of an advocacy toolkit.

**Professional Practice** – this group developed a clinical pearls session for students at the 2010 Midyear Clinical Meeting and is using this content to create a resource for new practitioners on the ASHP website. Other projects have focused on providing information for new practitioners regarding career transitions and clinical trials.

**Leadership and Career Development** – this group has developed a program on eProfessionalism. This group also initiated planning for a webinar regarding advanced management degrees. Lastly, this group has worked on a series of mini-articles related to leadership and career development.

Please join me in thanking all of the advisory group members for all of their hard work this year!

For more information on any of these projects or about the Advisory Groups in general, please contact us at [NewPractitioners@ashp.org](mailto:NewPractitioners@ashp.org). Thanks!