

Message from the Committee

Message from Josh Howell, Executive Committee Member



Dear Colleagues,

April showers bring many changes for new practitioners this spring. Whether just completing the match process, looking for the next employer or working up the chain within your own job, new practitioners are growing professionally every day.

As we move into May, I want to remind you of the many opportunities for involvement within ASHP you can join as you transition for the next year. Applications for participation in one of the forum's advisory groups will be accepted until May 15, 2008. A great group of innovative thinkers are needed for Membership and Outreach, Communications and Public Affairs, Leadership and Career Development, Science and Research and Professional Practice. This is a great way to get involved in the national level of ASHP. Much of the collaboration is done through e-mail, conference calls and an opportunity to meet your fellow group members at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Advisory Groups are a key to the success of all the programs that are implemented for new practitioners. Great eXpectations New Practitioner Conference is an example of this, as it was an idea generated by an advisory group. Look for details on the ASHP website regarding the meeting, educational and networking opportunities that will be arising as we get closer to summer. This is a great meeting for new practitioners in residency or getting started in their first job. Educational sessions mixed with small group discussions and don't forget the frequent networking opportunities with other new practitioners. All of these activities make this meeting a unique experience.

I hope that you continue to take advantage of the opportunities of being involved in ASHP. I look forward to your assistance for continuing the growth of the New Practitioner Forum.

Regards,

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