



## Message from the Chair

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Participate...

One simple word that means so much to a volunteer organization like ASHP. Over the past 5 years I realized that being involved can simply mean just showing up. By participating in group activities our numbers send a strong message that we are a section that has active membership. So this year do not let me down....participate at the Clinical Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas.



How you ask? Oh I am not asking that much! As you know, your section programs several hours at each midyear meeting...or maybe you did not know that? Hmm, maybe I should back up and explain.

Each section has a Steering Committee that works to outline suggested programming topics to ASHP. This committee is chaired by Dr Michele Matthews. She and her committee solicit topics from each Section Advisory Group (SAG) and working committee as well as the executive committee in determining what the hot topics are for the past year and the upcoming year. It also has the difficult task of weeding out the good, bad, and ugly.

This year they have done an amazing job and this is where you come into play. I need every section member out there to participate in the sessions outlined by SHACCP (oh by the way that is the abbreviation for the Section of Home, Ambulatory and Chronic Care Practitioners...I find some do not know this). The attendance at these sessions gives us power to continue to program and show ASHP we have our fingers on the pulse of our profession. So how do you know what we have programmed... simple just look in the calendar of events and the headings have notes delineating the group that helped bring this session to life.

Here are just a few examples everyone can attend and meet other pharmacists just like you:

### **SAG on Cognitive Reimbursement will host:**

- Networking session on Sunday starting at 2:30
- Learning Community on "Building Ambulatory Services: Best Practices in Design, Reimbursement, and Outcomes", Tuesday starting at 8:00

**SAG on Pain Management and Palliative Care will host:**

- Workshop on Pain Management: Optimizing the Care of Patients with Comorbid Behavioral Health Conditions, Sunday starting at 8:00

**SAG on Home Infusion will host:**

- Networking session on Tuesday at 11:15

These are just an example of the sessions that are planned for our section members. Others are woven throughout the days and many offer CPE. Just look around and see how you can participate and give back in a big way by just simply showing up.

Enjoy Vegas...and not everything stays there just words of warning :)

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