



Section of  
**INPATIENT CARE  
PRACTITIONERS**



## Message from the Chair – September, 2011

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are settling into the fall season. We are starting an exciting new year with our Executive Committee (EC) for the **Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP)**. I would like to welcome back our past-chair Brian Benson (IA), and our Directors-at-Large, Noelle Chapman (IL) and Joanne Kowiatek (PA). We also have two newly elected EC members joining us. I would like to introduce our new Executive Committee members, Lynn Eschenbacher (NC) as chair-elect, and Emily Alexander (TX) as Director-at-Large elect. Lynn has served on our Medication Safety Section Advisory Group (SAG) for the past several years, and Emily has served on our Small and Rural Hospital SAG. I had discussed in my first chair's message the value and satisfaction of getting involved with ASHP and these two ladies are great examples of active participation within ASHP. Now they have been elected to represent the interests of all of you...the inpatient care practitioner!

### **Who Does the SICP Represent?...YOU!**

Since our practitioners offer so many diverse services...chances are that we are representing you! We represent pharmacists who practice in hospitals and health-systems who are providing patient care through distributive and clinical pharmacy services (the frontline pharmacist), rural healthcare practitioners, technician and student educators, OR/Anesthesiology pharmacists, Medication Safety Officers, and Investigational Drug Services pharmacists. Be sure to visit the [SICP website](#). There's an entire world of information and resources just waiting for you to use!

### **Which Shoe Fits You?! Section Advisory Groups...**

The inpatient care practitioner wears many different hats (and shoes) and experiences distinct aspects to his/her practice. You may find a SAG that fits the majority of your practice needs or you may find that each of our SAGs has something to offer you (you may need two or more different sized shoes). The SICP has four SAGs and an educational steering committee to meet your needs.

- [SAG on Pharmacy Practice Experiences](#) focuses on aiding the preceptors for student rotations (IPPE and APPE). This SAG was responsible for creating the [ASHP Preceptor Tool Kit](#) along with the [How to Start a New Student](#)

[Rotation resources](#). The SAG will collaborate with the Pharmacy Student Forum to host a networking session at the Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) and Exhibition in New Orleans that will analyze ideal student and preceptor qualities that make for a positive experiential and precepting experience. Three members of this SAG recently presented at an international conference in China and shared some of the SAG's resources. Rony Zeenny is our current Chair, and Lijian Cai is our vice-chair.

- [SAG on Pharmacy Support Services](#) focuses on the effective and innovative deployment of pharmacy support personnel. This SAG will have a critical role in the advancement of the pharmacy technicians' role in response to the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI). The SAG produced its first webinar in May of 2011 entitled, **Technician Issues Demystified: Past, Present and Future** and will host its first networking session at the upcoming MCM. Cynthia Jeter is our current Chair, and Terri Mundy is our vice-chair.
- [SAG on Small and Rural Hospitals](#) focuses on the unique pharmacy needs and challenges facing smaller hospitals in rural and frontier areas of the country. The SAG has hosted specialized programming for the rural setting for the past five years. Aside from the educational programming this group develops for the MCM, members of the SAG have made significant contributions to the Association's Journal, **American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (AJHP)**; formed strategic partnerships with external rural health groups such as the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) and the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA); hosted networking sessions at the MCM; convened the small and rural hospital caucus at the Summer Meeting and advocated on issues germane to rural health practitioners in ASHP's House of Delegates (HOD) and in other platforms. Select SAG members have also helped draft ASHP's guideline on Remote Processing Order Entry. It seems as if the "Debs" rule for this SAG because Debby Cowan is our current Chair, and Debbie Sisson is our vice-chair.
- [SAG on Medication Safety](#) focuses on just that....medication safety! This vital SAG has produced numerous educational sessions and webinars on medication safety. Its signature educational offerings are the Safety and Quality Pearls session at the Midyear Clinical Meeting and its inaugural contribution to ASHP's 2011 Summer Meeting (SM) educational programming with the development of the [medication safety track](#). The SAG drafted a Medication Safety Officer statement that was reviewed by the councils during ASHP's recently convened policy week. The SAG also collaborated with the SAG on Pharmacy Practice Experiences in creating a Medication Safety rotation template that practitioners can modify and use to introduce pharmacy students to basic tenets and concepts regarding medication safety. After final edits, the template will be posted on the website as a value added resource for ASHP members. Jorge Carrillo is our current Chair, and Deborah Wagner is our vice-chair.
- [SICP Educational Steering Committee](#) assesses the educational needs of our section members and engages in a variety of activities to meet those needs. The committee is credited for developing Section-relevant educational programming for the Midyear. One of the committee's marquis sessions, Pediatrics for the non-Pediatric Practitioner, has seen good audience

attendance and received positive feedback since its inception three years ago. Additionally, the committee is tasked to support the SICP column, Frontline Pharmacist in **AJHP**; contribute to ASHP's online consumer drug information website, [safemedication.com](http://safemedication.com) and produce informational networking webinars on hot topic issues relevant to SICP membership. Lois Parker is our current Chair, and Wes Pitts is our vice-chair.

### **Email Overload? Be sure to catch our Newslinks!**

I know, I know! I'm right there with you...too much email. BUT, have you been reading your SICP Newslinks? They have such valuable information targeted for our members and are one of the benefits of membership in our section...along with my tantalizing chair's messages of course! They come with links to pertinent news so it is easy to click on a link and have the information right at your fingertips.

### **I didn't know THAT was available...Section Resources**

ASHP membership gives you access to numerous resources that are available on the [website](#). Resources created specifically for SICP members and maintained by the SICP SAG and committee members include:

- [How to Start a New Student Rotation](#)
- [Small and Rural Hospital Resource Center](#)
- [IDS \(Investigational Drug Services\) Resource Center](#)
- [ASHP Preceptor Tool Kit](#)

### **The Competition Is On! Vote, Vote, Vote!!!!**

The SICP is aiming to be the highest voting section within ASHP for 2012! Exercise your right to vote for the leaders of ASHP...not only for President-elect and Board of Directors members but also for our own section leadership. Even though we have just finished voting for the 2011-2012 leaders, keep watch for elections next summer and cast your vote. Voting has never been easier with online voting! If you know anyone whom you feel would be a great leader for our Section's Executive Committee, please forward his/her name to me. We want to help people get involved. Only members who have selected SICP as their primary section are eligible to run or vote for our section leadership. So, sign up on the website now to [join the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners!](#)

### **ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting**

The **46th ASHP Clinical Midyear Meeting (MCM) and Exhibition** convenes December 4-8, 2011 (**NOLA**: network-opportunity-learn-advance) in The Big Easy New Orleans. This year's MCM theme, NOLA, doesn't just stand for **New Orleans, Louisiana**. It also describes the experience you will have: Network, Opportunity-Learn-Advance.

Keep in mind that the **Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners' Advisory Group on Small and Rural Hospitals** hosts the **Programming for Small & Rural Hospitals**, an educational track focused on healthcare issues and concerns in rural and frontier areas of the country. This will be the sixth year of this targeted programming and the all day session has been scheduled for Sunday, December 4th, 8am-5:15pm. Immediately after, the SICP Executive Committee will host a

**Meet & Greet Networking Session.** My colleagues and I look forward to meeting you there! The date is fast approaching; so, please don't be left behind. [Register for the 46th MCM and Exhibition right now!](#)

September means Policy week, culminating in Legislative Day, at ASHP. I'm curious to see what recommendations are going to be brought forward at the 2012 House of Delegates (HOD). I will keep you informed as we learn more. Oh...and you may have noticed that my name has changed. I recently was married and now have a beautiful family with an amazing husband, four great kids, a crazy golden retriever, a savvy cat, two boring but squeaky guinea pigs, a plethora of fish, and a vivacious little neighbor girl whom we have basically adopted since she spends the majority of her waking hours and dining moments at our home. AND by the way, I still love being a pharmacist!

**"Accept challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory." - George S. Patton**

Let me help you to get involved~

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