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Dear Colleagues,

The 46th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition was a **HUGE** success with great attendance and outstanding educational programming...along with the fantastic food, music and friendly hospitality from the people of New Orleans! We also managed to get plenty of exercise at the meeting since the convention center itself was a mile long and caused those of us shouldering high heels to have to pack them in our bags at times and walk barefoot (not me of course) to and from the sessions.

Our Small and Rural Education Track once again had a tremendous audience and created an environment conducive to sharing creative ways of providing patient care in small and rural settings. I had a wonderful time connecting with friends and colleagues and meeting so many of our wonderful section members. Thank-you to all of you who took the time to attend the networking sessions offered by the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners! Our Executive Committee and Section Advisory Group (SAG) members were able to learn from **YOU** what the important issues and needs are that impact your practice areas.

This month I have a couple exciting opportunities for you to consider... calls for applications for "The Excellence in Medication-Use Safety Award" and the "Medication Management in Care Transitions Project." Please see those descriptions and links below!

Distinguished Service Award Winner!

I am happy to announce that the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners awarded Deb Saine, M.S., FASHP, Medication Safety Manager, from Winchester Medical Center with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award at the MCM. Deb has been an outstanding leader not only for our section, but our profession and she has become a personal friend of mine through our work at ASHP. Please read about Deb's tremendous contributions to our section at <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/MemberCenter/SICP/Spotlight-Deb-Saine.aspx>.

2012 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety!

The ASHP Foundation is currently accepting abstracts for the 2012 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety. This \$50,000 award, which is funded by the Cardinal Health Foundation, recognizes the efforts of **a pharmacist-led multidisciplinary team that has made significant improvements related to medication safety** in its hospital or health system. Initiatives will be evaluated against five criteria: medication-use system initiative scope, pharmacist leadership, planning and implementation, measurable outcomes and impact, and innovation and generalizability. Apply *NOW* at <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/Awards/AwardforExcellenceinMedicationUseSafety.aspx>. The deadline for abstract submission is **February 3, 2012**.

ASHP–APhA Call for Best Practices for Transitions of Care

ASHP and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) are seeking examples of innovative care models that improve patient outcomes and reduce hospital readmissions by involving pharmacists in medication-related transitions of care. This call for best practices signifies the launch of the **Medication Management in Care Transitions Project**, a collaborative effort of ASHP and APhA. Go to http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4HCFM7umh3KeLfs to learn more about the project or to submit a model for consideration. Submission requirements include descriptions of the program, services provided by pharmacists, and outcomes measures. The deadline for submission is **January 18, 2012**.

PPMI: CALLING ALL HOSPITALS - Large and Small!

You have read my past messages about the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) and you must understand that now is the time to prepare your pharmacy for change. The first step of this process is to assess where your pharmacy system currently stands in relation to the PPMI recommendations. It is critical that hospital pharmacies complete the PPMI Hospital Self-Assessment (HSA) so that you may also be able to provide your administration with benchmark data to other hospitals in order to gain momentum for change! Please not only encourage your hospital to participate but also the hospitals in your state so that we can collect as much data as we can. You can access the self-assessment at <http://www.ashp.org/PPMI>.

WANTED: Pharmacy Technician Advanced Roles

Our Pharmacy Support Services SAG is looking for examples of creative and advanced roles of pharmacy technicians. We want to spotlight what you are doing with your technicians to promote pharmacist involvement in patient care at the bedside. Are your technicians performing medication reconciliation, clinical data preparation, or other advanced activities? Please let me know by contacting me at jschultz@bdh-boz.com.

Please start to think about how you or one of your colleagues may get involved with our SAGs (Medication Safety, Small and Rural Hospitals, Pharmacy Practice Experiences, Pharmacy Support Services, or our Educational Steering Committee). We also have pharmacists who work in Investigational Drug Services and OR/Anesthesia who have active groups within our section. If you are interested in getting involved in any of these SAGs or groups please let me know!

We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Let me help you to get involved~

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