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Dear Colleagues,

What a beautiful fall it has been! The leaves are in full color in many locations around the country and we are all starting to shift gears from summer to planning for the holidays. In the pharmacy realm of ASHP, we are also actively planning for the 46th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in fabulous New Orleans!

Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative- Time to get to work!

The excitement regarding the *Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI)* has been building and now ASHP and the ASHP Research & Education Foundation have released the first two deliverables originating from the PPMI Summit. The first is a web-based Hospital Self-Assessment (HSA) tool that is designed for individual hospitals to assess conformity with PPMI recommendations. The second is a National Dashboard which according to an [ASHP Press release](#) "...is comprised of a set of five goals and 26 measures designed to provide a broader national picture of successful adoption of PPMI recommendations." This is a wonderful opportunity for pharmacy to show leadership in the advancement of safe medication practices for the patients we serve. Engage your hospital leadership, your C-Suites and your pharmacy departments in the PPMI discussion, encourage them to take the HSA; and, learn what your various institutions can do to advance patient care while demonstrating pharmacy's important role in achieving this goal.

The Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP) is targeting the PPMI recommendations that address medication safety and technician advancement. The SICP will also take an active role in lending support to Small and Rural settings in meeting the PPMI initiatives. If your organization has a PPMI implementation plan in place or has implemented a PPMI recommendation we would like to hear about it! Please contact me to share your PPMI stories so that we can share them with our peers.

Drug Shortages...yes... AGAIN!

It seems that we just cannot escape the reality of the drug shortages that have been affecting our hospitals...and ultimately our patients. And it seems as if has captured the President's attention as well. As reported in [today's ASHP Daily Briefing](#), President Obama will issue an Executive Order to address the growing number of critical shortages of vital medicines used to treat life-threatening illnesses. ASHP has actively led the effort on drug shortages for more than a decade and the organization applauds the President's efforts as indicated in the [ASHP press release](#).

The newly released edition of ASHP *InterSections* features an article titled "Drug Shortage Crisis: ASHP Driving National Effort to Manage Patient-Safety Issue" which demonstrates the severity of this health care crisis and the legislation ASHP is pressing that would give the FDA greater authority to manage shortages. The [ASHP Drug Shortages Resource Center](#) is a tool available for your use to check the status of shortages and expected resupply dates. If you haven't contacted your [legislators to support this legislation](#) remember to do so by visiting the [ASHP's online Advocacy Center](#) to submit your support.

Policy Week

ASHP Policy Week took place in Bethesda in September. One of the items introduced at Policy Week by our very own SAG on Medication Safety was a "Medication Safety Officer Statement." This statement is now in field review, will be sent to the Board and ultimately presented for a vote at the 2012 meeting of the House of Delegates in Baltimore, Maryland.

Leadership Development- Pharmacy needs you!

The pharmacy procession is still in need of developing skilled leaders and managers. Have you been interested in developing your leadership skills? If so, ASHP has numerous opportunities available to you to help you in this endeavor! ASHP holds an annual Leadership Conference every year around mid-October. The ASHP Research and Education Foundation also has a [Leadership Resource Center](#) that gives you access to tools designed for self-directed studying to help you become a better leader. You will also find information here about the Pharmacy Leadership Academy, the Pharmacy Leadership Institute and the Pocket MBA for Pharmacists. Be sure to review these programs to see which fit your interests and needs.

ASHP Connect

Get connected! Are you missing the old list serves? Be sure to log-in to ASHP Connect to see what information your colleagues are discussing. There are numerous blogs that may interest you as well. Visit www.ashpconnect.com to get connected!

Safety WEBINAR—CE Provided!

The fourth annual Safety webinar series titled "[Compounding, Outsourcing Requirements & Emerging Safety Trends](#)" will offer CE this year! Mark your calendars and be sure to [register for this webinar](#) that will be broadcast on **Wednesday November 2, 2011 from 2-3 PM Eastern Time**. Be sure to participate in what promises to be an exciting program and features an expert speaker panel. The annual safety webinar series is a value added member benefit and resource developed and hosted by the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners' Section Advisory Group on Medication Safety.

Midyear

The SICP Executive Committee is looking forward to meeting you at our [EC Meet and Greet Networking Session](#) at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) in New Orleans! Come meet me and the other Executive Committee members: Brian, Noelle, Joanne, Lynn and Emily to share your practice stories and learn how you can get more involved with our section on Sunday, December 4th from 5:30-6:30 PM.

As I prepare to travel to the MCM I cannot hold back my enthusiasm for "coming home." My non-pharmacy peers laugh when I describe how going to a "work event" can be anything like coming home. I look forward to interacting with my ASHP colleagues and friends who have helped to teach, mentor and inspire me throughout my career. I am so excited to be a part of such a great organization and to now help serve, as chair of SICP, to help advance our pharmacy profession.

"Without inspiration the best powers of the mind remain dormant. There is a fuel in us which needs to be ignited with sparks." – **Johann Gottfried Von Herder**

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