



Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology

The Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology, through its members, has created opportunities to participate in a number of initiatives while also working with ASHP on relevant activities. Some of the current initiatives and accomplishments of the Section include:

Section Advisory Group on Ambulatory Care Informatics

- Developing recommendations on drug-drug interactions for pharmacy information systems and computerized provider order entry systems.
- Completed a Drug-Drug Interaction Screening Survey
- Conducted a webinar: Driving E-prescribing Quality—A Dialogue between Practicing Pharmacists and Technology Implementer

Section Advisory Group on Clinical Information Systems

- Conducted a survey on Clinical Decision Support Alerts and Alert Fatigue
- Developed a draft ASHP Statement on the Role of Pharmacy Technicians in Informatics
- Completed the “ASHP Guidelines: Pharmacy Planning for Implementation of Computerized Provider-Order-Entry Systems in Hospitals and Health Systems”
- Conducted a Networking Webinar on “Meaningful Use Summary Tools for Pharmacists”
- Created a Resource Page on “Meaningful Use of the Electronic Health Record ”
- Conducted a survey on “ASHP Clinical Informatics Systems survey on: Assessment of the Role of Pharmacy Technicians in Informatics”
- Contributed to Intersections story on “Informatics and the Health-System Pharmacist: Creating a Better Safety Net”



2010–2011 Executive Committee

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Section Advisory Group on Pharmacy Automation Operations

- Continue to work on the synchronization of medication formularies to better manage information with multiple systems and hospitals.
- Continue to work with the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) to develop resources on smart pump technology.
- Creating web resources on robotics and smart pump technology for the Section’s Practice Resources
- Developing standard definitions for HIT terminology
- Developing policy and procedure templates for pharmacy automation and technology
- Revised ASHP Statement on Bar-Code Enabled Medication Administration Technology
- Revised ASHP Guidelines on the Safe Use of Automated Medication Storage and Distribution Devices
- Developed ASHP Statement: Bar-Code Verification During Inventory, Preparation, and Dispensing of Medications
- Published in *AJHP*’s Informatics Interchange Column: Formulary and database synchronization
- Conducted a networking webinar titled, “Project Management Support and Lessons Learned”
- Updated Bar Code Resources web page

Section Advisory Group on Pharmacy Informatics Education

- Established a column in *AJHP*—"Informatics Interchange" with over 21 publications since June 2008.
- Development of Pharmacy Informatics competencies for health system pharmacists
- Revising the ASHP Statement: The Pharmacist's Role in Informatics
- Updated Section's Practice Resources and Career Development websites

Educational Steering Committee

- Planned over 13 hours of Midyear Clinical Meeting educational programming specifically for pharmacists interested in informatics. This committee coordinates the "Informatics Bytes" Pearls Session and has been involved in coordinating the informatics series at the ASHP Summer Meeting.

Committee on Nominations

- Works at developing a slate of candidates to serve as officers to fulfill Section initiatives. This group will begin its work in January 2012.

Other Section Activities

- Investigating the feasibility of repeating the National Information Technology Survey to determine the readiness of "meaningful use" EHRs in the United States.
- Supporting recommendations of the Pharmacy Practice Model Summit and the ASHP Leadership Agenda.
- Working closely with the newly formed Pharmacy e-Health Information Technology Collaborative. For more information about the collaborative go to their website: www.pharmacye-hit.org
- Continues to work on developing partnerships with other HIT organizations: AMIA, CCHIT, and HIMSS.
- Provide input to governmental agencies related to HIT matters: DEA, CMS, ONC, and FDA.

2011–2012 Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Executive Committee



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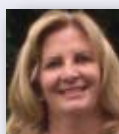
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The Section Executive Committee encourages you to participate in Section activities and to become involved in Section leadership. For a list of opportunities, go to ASHP's Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology's website at: www.ashp.org/informatics.