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Dear Colleague:

With the ASHP 2011 Summer Meeting less than two weeks away, I wanted to remind all those attending of some of the special informatics features at this year's meeting. There are 14 CE hours dedicated to:

- IV robotics and sterile compounding/USP <797>
- Meaningful use and the EHR
- Technology and the future pharmacy practice model
- Optimizing automation and technology beyond the basics
- Credentialing of informaticists
- Using mobile devices and social media to enhance professionalism
- CPOE order sets/third-party solutions
- Management case studies—informatics

The Informatics Program announcement can be found here:

<http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/SM2011/Informatics-Program-Announcement.aspx>

Also, if you haven't seen the announcement, Twitter will be used in a novel way during the Informatics session. Not only can you follow what's happening at the meeting via #ashpsm, those attending the INFORMATICS-RELATED sessions will be able to submit questions during presentations using Twitter. You'll even see a live Twitterfeed of the questions onscreen during the sessions. To participate in or follow in the discussions, create an account at www.twitter.com. Then, go to <http://bit.ly/dG2HT9> and click Follow this List. Once you've created an account and are following the list, download a Twitter app to your smartphone to participate during the sessions. To learn more about Twitter, visit <http://business.twitter.com/basics/what-is-twitter>.

In the last of a series highlighting the work of the Section Advisory Groups (SAG), this month's message spotlights the [Pharmacy Informatics Education](#) (PIE) advisory group which is led by Chair Lou Barone and Vice-Chair Beth Breeden. The PIE SAG currently has 4 projects underway described as follows:

1. Educational Needs Assessment – Beth Breeden is leading this workgroup in finalizing a document focusing on the core competencies in informatics which a hospital pharmacist requires.
2. Revision and update of the ASHP Statement on the Role of the Pharmacist in Informatics – Carol Hope is leading this group to revise this ASHP statement to more accurately reflect the developing roles of pharmacists in supporting informatics development and implementation.
3. Informatics Use Standardization – Cheryl Krempa is leading this workgroup to begin development of a direction with regard to standards for informatics/technology use.
4. Certification for Pharmacists in Informatics – Joe Lassiter is leading this workgroup to identify credentialing options for pharmacists working in informatics

This advisory group also conducted a networking session at the 2010 Midyear Meeting to solicit participant feedback on the topics of educational needs assessment and certification for pharmacists. An audience response system was utilized and the results helped to inform the associated workgroups.

We are extremely appreciative of the effort of all of our advisory group members this past year. At a time when informatics projects abound and resources are scarce, I continue to be impressed by the number of SAG accomplishments. I commend you all on your efforts.



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