



Message from the Chair – March, 2011

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Dear Colleague:

In February the assumptions, beliefs and recommendations that were formulated through the Pharmacy Practice Model Summit consensus-building process were made available on the [ASHP PPMI web site](#) or can be found at <http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/PPMI/Summit-Recommendations.aspx>. It is expected that the full proceedings of the Summit which will be published in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy this spring. The SOPIT Executive Committee will be spending the next several meetings evaluating the technology recommendations against our Sections Strategic Plan to ensure alignment. We would encourage each of you to begin evaluation the PPMI document against your organizations strategic clinical IT goals and medication safety initiatives in terms of these questions:

- How well do our system goals align with these recommendations?
- Are we positioned to affect positive change for the pharmacy practice model?
- What changes can we or should we make to improve our alignment with the PPMI?

ASHP and the ASHP Foundation will be providing tools and resources to support your practice model efforts, which will be available by the end of the year. I would be very interested to hear from you directly if you have been able to formally initiate a PPMI project at your organization and what your organizations approach will be.

This month we again continue our Section Advisory Group spotlight with a report from the [Ambulatory Care Informatics](#) (ACI) SAG which is led by Chair Helen Figge and Vice-Chair Shobha Phansalkar. Key initiatives from this SAG over the past several months are:

- Development of a webinar on e-Prescribing that will target our Section members and hopefully include some more technical discussions on the challenges (lack of standards, etc).

- Providing productive, representative feedback on published literature. We encourage members to review a recent article in *AJHP*, [Addition of electronic prescription transmission to computerized prescriber order entry: Effect on dispensing errors in community pharmacies and share any comments you have.](#)
- Development of a DDI/Medication Alerts database of very important interactions, or using one that can be filtered based on significance. A survey Summary will be available on the Sections website in April. The SAG will also be developing a commentary on this topic.
- Mark Siska published in the Informatics Interchange Column in *AJHP* titled, [E-prescribing: One giant leap toward pharmacy practice integration.](#)

I would like to thank Helen, Shobha, and all of the ACI SAG [workgroup members](#) for their accomplishments thus far and continued thanks for ongoing efforts.

The Section is looking for volunteers to get involved in its advisory groups and committees. For a full listing of volunteer opportunities, visit the following link: <http://www.ashp.org/sag>. If you are interested in participating please complete the information requested in the on-line application by **April 22, 2011**. **Follow the link below to seek volunteer opportunities:** http://ashp.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_e517kSI759P9X5G.



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