



## Message from the Chair – June 2010

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The Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology is stronger than ever. Our members continue to establish ASHP as one of the strongest Pharmacy Informatics communities in the world. This year's [Summer Meeting](#) provided another exciting combination of professional business and expert programming. [Meaningful Use](#), Project Management, Facilitating Medication Error Reporting with Technology, Maximizing Informatics Operational Efficiencies, and Oncology Informatics Applications were among this year's hottest topics. The Section Executive Committee also conducted its summer business, establishing the strategic plan for the coming year and saying farewell to a few members. Please join me in congratulating [Brent Fox](#) and [Dennis Tribble](#) for their selfless tenure on the Executive Committee over the past few years. No doubt they will continue to contribute to ASHP and the profession of pharmacy for years to come. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome the newest members of the Executive Committee, [Chris Urbanski](#) (Chair) and [Leslie Mackowiak](#) (Director-at-Large). They both bring an outstanding record of involvement in both Clinical Informatics and ASHP. Please join me in congratulating them both in their new roles.

The Section Advisory Groups have also worked hard this year to provide guidance and comments on key informatics issues. Lead by John Poikonen and Allen Flynn, the [SAG on Clinical Information Systems](#) put the finishing touches on the long awaited CPOE guideline and continues to collect Adverse Drug Event surveillance rules. The our newest [SAG on Ambulatory Care Informatics](#) lead by Marc Young and Jim Russell completed a Drug-Drug Interaction Survey and will be sharing the results with members shortly. In addition, they conducted a webinar on [medication reconciliation](#). Ron Burnette and Gwen Volpe lead the [SAG on Pharmacy Operations Automation](#), and have been very busy. The [ASHP Statement on Bar-code Verification During Inventory, Preparation, and Dispensing of Medications](#) was recently approved by the House of Delegates. A revision to the [ASHP Guidelines on the Safe Use of Automated Dispensing Devices](#) was also published. Kevin Clauson and Lou Barone lead our [SAG on Pharmacy Informatics Education](#), and have provided a stellar stream of content for our "Informatics Interchange" column in AJHP. In addition they continue to help meet the growing challenges of training students, residents, and pharmacists to be Informatics professionals.

The past year has been a very challenging and exciting time for everyone in the profession of

pharmacy. As your outgoing Chairman, I would like to encourage each of you to keep our goal and vision of pharmacists providing direct pharmacotherapy management to patients. Technology and Informatics are available to help us all meet the patient care goals set by our predecessors at [Hilton Head](#) in 1985. My gratitude to ASHP, its members, and contributing sponsors of the [Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative](#) and Summit scheduled for November 7-9, 2010. The Section contributed its perspectives by developing a commentary for *AJHP*, "[Technology-enabled practice: A vision statement by the ASHP Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology](#)". It is truly an exciting time to be in the profession of pharmacy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Chad Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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