



Message from the Chair – November, 2010

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Dear Members of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers,

To start the November Chair's message, I would like to thank the ASHP staff and the Section Leadership for their role in making the 15th Annual Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy in Chicago a huge success. What a great meeting!

The title of the conference, "[The Changing Landscape of Health Care: Cultivating Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy](#)," really captured the essence of the challenges we are all facing as pharmacy leaders. Practice Managers constantly face an ever changing landscape of complex issues. These issues range from the still emerging impact of healthcare reform to the daily challenges of financial management, drug shortages and REMS. All of us, new and seasoned leaders alike, need to cultivate our skills as we move from an episodic healthcare system to an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model that takes care of patients across the healthcare continuum.

Once again, Section members led the conference, both as presenters and as the conference Steering Committee. The conference was a "sell out" and the feedback has been tremendously positive. Thank you to all that helped create this year's conference...AND... thank you to all those that attended. The energy and experience created by 400 leaders networking and learning together can only be described as amazing!

The fall is historically a time for us to reflect on the actions of the ASHP councils. As Chair of the Section, I had the privilege of being the Section liaison to the [ASHP Council on Pharmacy Management](#). A Council that, by its nature, is overwhelmingly stacked with Section membership, including Chair Tom Kirschling and Vice-Chair Linda Tyler. Thanks to the Council for taking on tough issues that affect us all. The Council addressed such varied issues as reimbursement, specialty pharmacy requirements, REMS management, standard processes for medication reconciliation and many others.

As we look forward to the rest of 2010, we have a lot packed into the final two months of the year. In particular, next week's Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) meeting in Dallas and the Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) in Anaheim are major events for Section members. It will be very exciting to participate in the PPMI both at the meeting and then to implement the recommendations at our sites. This is a historic opportunity to shape the profession as we convene a group of thought leaders from across the country to discuss how we improve medication use through the PPMI. Hopefully, most of you registered for the live Webcast to watch the plenary and consensus voting sessions. Unfortunately, registration is closed for the live Webcast, but you can view the schedule of events and the slide decks for the plenary sessions at <http://www.ashp.org/PPMI/PPMISummit/Schedule.aspx>. Also, be sure to frequent the PPMI website for updates at <http://www.ashp.org/PPMI/PPMISummit/Summit.aspx>.

Finally, we are just a month away from the ASHP MCM in Anaheim. This is an important meeting for our profession in so many ways. It is an opportunity for students, residents, and practitioners from all over the world to gather in one place to interact, learn and grow. Our Section has a key role in making this meeting a unique experience for practice managers. Section volunteers create both programming and networking opportunities at the meeting for your benefit. As you make plans for California, plan on attending some of the [Section sponsored networking sessions](#). Next month, I'll highlight the MCM educational programming that the Section created. See you in Anaheim!

Regards,

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