



Message from the Chair – April 2010

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Dear Colleagues,

The past 12 months have been another great year for our Section's Advisory Groups and Committees in their efforts to support the Section's strategic plan and striving to meet the needs of our members!! The Section and our volunteers have created networking sessions at ASHP meetings, webinars on hot topics; Section focused programming at ASHP meetings, web resources, publications, and serve on the steering committee for the ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy. Check out [our Advisory Groups and your peers](#) that have been driving the success of the Section!

Below are some of our new and updated items that we hope you will find useful in your practice.

Membership Spotlight: The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers has great volunteers that support the many activities that the Section provides for ASHP members. Spotlited on the Section's webpage is Dave Ehlert, Pharm.D., Vice President, Program Development, McKesson Pharmacy Optimization. Dave received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy as well as his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1998 and 1999, respectively. After graduation, he completed a Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. Luke's Medical Center (part of the Aurora Health Care System) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [For more about Dr. Ehlert please see his spotlight!](#)

Recorded Proceedings Sessions from 2009 ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy!! On behalf of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers and ASHP, we hope you will enjoy the web-based proceedings of the 2009 ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy, held October 19-20, 2009. The proceedings include four of the general session presentations from the conference: Web 2.0 and Pharmacy: Maximizing Collaborative Networks, Effectively Leading the New Generation of Pharmacists, Our Best Defense is a Good Offense: Protecting and Strengthening Core Pharmacy Services in a Struggling Economy, Proving Return on Investment Achieved through Implementation of Clinical Services.

Presentations are available in two formats: online interactive presentation or MP3 audio download and are provided for informational purposes only, continuing education credit is not available. We hope these archived proceedings are informative and encourage you to share them with colleagues who were unable to attend this conference. This activity is one of many ASHP efforts to provide

cutting edge education and leadership development for today's health-system pharmacists. To access the web-based proceedings, go to <http://www.ashpmedia.org/symposia/leadersarchive/>.

Dear Career Coach: "Everything you've always wanted to know about leadership and management but were afraid to ask." Leadership, as a career goal may appear too daunting, too lofty and too farfetched at this point in your career. However, those who choose a career in management with the goal of becoming a leader has learned from others and found answers to the many questions along the way. With this in mind, the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Advisory Group on Leadership Development created "[Dear Career Coach](#)" to assist in finding answers to questions about careers in management.

Manager Continuous Professional Development Resource Center: The [SPPM Section Advisory Group](#) on Manager Development has created a continuing professional development resource. This resource will be an important tool for individuals working on their own skill improvement and knowledge base and for pharmacy leaders that are looking for tools to help build their department leadership team's competencies. This resource provides suggested readings on 11 core areas as well as suggested ['hands-on' learning activities](#).

April 29th *Member benefit* Webinar Networking Session – Succession Planning - Register today! This webinar will deal with a tough subject, but one so important to successful leadership and management of our pharmacies. Objectives include: Be able to articulate the benefits of succession planning. Be familiar with key steps and components used in succession planning. Describe roles of individuals in succession planning. Understand common real world challenges to succession planning and how to overcome them. To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/226172241>

REMS Resource Center: Restricted drug distribution systems (RDDS) and medication risk management programs have added complex processes to the hospital and health system medication supply chain. ASHP members participated in ASHP's Task Force on Caring for Patients Served by Specialty Suppliers. This task force provided ASHP with recommendations for education, tools, and advocacy (*). One of the primary recommendations was the creation of a [resource center for practitioners that consolidated the myriad of medication risk management program requirements](#), including Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS), to facilitate the continuity of care and access to medications for patients and hospitals and health systems.

Your feedback is so important to our continued success! Many of you have received a Section Needs Assessment survey in the last week. Please take 10 minutes to complete this survey so you can provide the information that helps guide our Section's work. Thank you for your membership and participation with the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers!!

Regards,

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