

Message from the Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 year with the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers. I would like to thank Steven Rough (outgoing Past Chair) and Jim Rinehart (Immediate Past Chair); both have provided invaluable leadership for the section.

In June, the Pharmacy Practice Manager Executive Committee met and reviewed the work of the 2008-2009 Section Advisory Groups. The accomplishments were nothing less than impressive. Just as impressive was the number of section members expressing interest in section involvement in this upcoming year. The past and present pharmacy practice manager section activities, as well as the level of member participation, provide a strong foundation for our section to support the recently announced ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative.

The initiative, a joint project of ASHP and the ASHP Foundation, will include a consensus summit, a robust social marketing campaign, and program evaluation. Numerous changes over the last several years has created the need for hospital and health-system pharmacists to engage now in the development of a future practice model that is responsive to healthcare reform and the health system of the future. The goal of the initiative is to significantly advance the health and well being of patients by developing and disseminating a futuristic practice model that supports the most effective use of pharmacists as direct patient care providers.

The ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative will:

1. Create a framework for a pharmacy practice model that ensures provision of safe, effective, efficient, accountable, and evidence-based care for all hospital/health system patients.
2. Determine patient care-related services that should be consistently provided by departments of pharmacy in hospitals and health systems and increase demand for pharmacy services by patients/caregivers, healthcare professionals, healthcare executives, and payers.
3. Identify the available technologies to support implementation of the practice model, and identify emerging technologies that could impact the practice model.
4. Support the optimal utilization and deployment of hospital and health-system pharmacy resources through development of a template for a practice model which is operational, practical, and measurable.
5. Identify specific actions pharmacy leaders and staff should take to implement practice model change including determination of the necessary staff skills and competencies required to implement this model.

For more on the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative please see:
<http://www.ashp.org/ppmi?WT.ac=cp%5F20090616%5FPPMI>

No doubt, our section work is not complete. We can expect many exciting section initiatives evolving as the Practice Model Initiative unfolds. The Executive Committee is committed to participating in this endeavor and identifying opportunities for our section to assist members in understanding, learning, and participating in the advancement of the pharmacy practice model.

As Chair of the Section, I look forward to working with you on current and future section initiatives over the next year.

Sincerely,

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