

## Message from the Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to **LI-evate** your leadership and management skills at the upcoming ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting December 7-11, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The term 'LI-evate' may not be familiar to you. It is a term I coined that is a combination of the 'big L' leaders and 'little L' leaders Sara White noted in her 2006 Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture, "Leadership: Successful alchemy", with the word 'elevate'. In today's demanding healthcare environment with limited resources it is essential that all pharmacist leaders (the big L formal leaders and the little L pharmacist practitioner leaders) continually elevate their leadership and management knowledge, skills, and levels of performance.

The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is sponsoring a number of programs and sessions for 'Big Ls' and 'Little Ls' at the Midyear Clinical Meeting. All pharmacists are leaders and managers. We all lead our profession and manage resources. The Section sponsored items will assist pharmacists in meeting their leadership and management challenges.

We know that in order to succeed networking with colleagues is essential. The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is sponsoring a number of networking sessions at the Midyear Clinical Meeting. Networking sessions will cover the topics of the electronic health record and its impact on managing the pharmacy enterprise, navigating organization politics and getting to the decision making table, hot topics in 340B pharmacy practice (integrity, access, and value), administrative residency program hot topics for current and future administrative residents and preceptors, patient assistance programs – caring for our underinsured and under insured, and opportunities to get involved and become a leader in the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers.

The Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is also sponsoring several continuing education programs at the Midyear Clinical Meeting. Section sponsored continuing education programs will cover the topics of marketing strategies and tools that work for upselling pharmacy services, advancing the technician career – guide for managers, thrust into management – making the transition from clinician to manager, and management pearls.

As you can see there are many opportunities at the Midyear Clinical Meeting for you to LI-evate your leadership and management skills.

The Section sponsored programs and sessions at the Midyear Clinical Meeting are part of a continuum of Section sponsored activities that occur throughout the year. Section sponsored activities, in addition to the Midyear Clinical Meeting programming, include webinars, teleconferences, electronic newsletters, published articles, the Managers Boot Camp, the Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy, Summer Meeting programming, and section advisory groups / committees. These are a result of the dedication and work of Section members with the support and assistance of ASHP staff.

White states in her Whitney Lecture, "Leaders have an inner drive, a passion for what they do and for making things better." As evidenced by all the Section activities that occur throughout the year, the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is composed of leaders who have an inner drive, have a passion for what they do, and who are dedicated to making things better.

Thank you for your membership, participation, and involvement in the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers.

Sincerely,

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