

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

The new 2008 –2009 year for the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is off to a great start! The Section Advisory Groups and Programming Committee are meeting on a regular basis. The **Student Leadership Development** program was piloted in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York and Utah and was favorably received. There is a critical need for health-system pharmacy leaders. We are confident that the student leadership development program will foster leadership interest and ultimately future health-system pharmacy leaders.

In addition, Steve Rough, Scott Knoer and Marianne Ivey presented the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers' **“Manager’s Boot Camp”** on October 19th as a preconference workshop of the ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy. I’m pleased to report that the Manager’s Boot Camp had a sold out attendance. This program is a strategic part of the Section’s mission in providing practical resources for our members, and was the first year for this stand-alone Manager’s Boot Camp. The topics covered are relevant to new and seasoned health system pharmacy leaders. Consideration is being given to future dates and venues to offer the Manager’s Boot Camp given the tremendous interest in it.

http://www.ashpadvantage.com/leaders/leader_boot.html

There was record attendance at the Thirteenth Annual ASHP Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy held during October 20 –21 in Chicago, which is planned in conjunction with the Section. The general sessions covered the topics of new roles for pharmacy leaders, increasing the impact of pharmacists, leaving a legacy of learned leaders in health-system pharmacy, innovative staffing models, and future pharmacy practice models. Break out session focused on building partnership with the C-suite, enhancing your management skills, medication related national quality initiatives, pharmacy metrics, strategic planning strategies, reimbursement for high cost pharmaceuticals, and the impact of health information technology on safety and quality. During the Leadership Conference the John W. Webb Lecture Award was presented to Thomas S. Thielke. Thielke's award address centered on the synergistic relationship between pharmacy leadership development and pharmacy service innovation.

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The Section also just provided a webinar networking session on **“Utilizing Pharmacy Technicians to Support the Medication Reconciliation Process.”** This session had over 90 hospitals around the country participate as facilitators shared their experiences. It was organized by members of the Section’s Advisory group on Quality and Compliance.

As you can see the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers is off to a great start. The combination of section advisory group and programming activities, the student leadership development program, the Manger’s Boot Camp, the Conference for Leaders in Health-System Pharmacy, periodic webinars, and news updates provide a continuum for involvement and information for Section members.

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

Sincerely,

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