

Student Society Spotlight

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
Baltimore, MD

Years achieved ASHP/SSHP Recognition: 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11

Size of SSHP: 50



ABOUT OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Our SSHP coordinated and hosted an Inter-Professional Patient Management Competition.

Where and when was the project held?

The IPMC was held at the University of Maryland School of Nursing this year on April 7.

How many patients were impacted or exposed to your project?

We had 25 participants this year to create 5 teams of five students, one student from each professional school (law, medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and pharmacy). We also had an additional 15 helpers and observers.

Will your SSHP repeat this project next year? If so, what aspects will you keep the same? change?

We definitely plan to maintain this project as an annual event. We hope to continue to expand this project to include all of the professional schools on the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus. In the future we may have to adopt a schedule similar to the National Clinical Skills Competition, hearing the oral presentations of only the top teams. The time required to present the case orally will increase as the size of the teams grows to represent all of the professional schools. We also hope to expand support to include societies from other professional schools. This year we had the Student Health Law Organization and Geriatric and Gerontology Research Program support the event as well.

What ASHP Leadership Agenda items did this project support?

Foster optimal models for the deployment of pharmacy resources in hospitals and health-systems.

Advice for Other SSHPs

The most valuable thing we did to get IPMC off the ground was to get started early. Create an IPMC committee and use other organizations to help support the event. Each profession wanting to participate must have a faculty member willing to participate in creating a complex multidisciplinary case and to act as judge and a student to advertise, encourage, and represent the students in each professional school.

Communication among the different professional schools is KEY. Establishing a steering committee was one of the most challenging aspects of organizing this competition. Send out a letter/flyer to each professional school describing the competition, the goals, and who to contact with questions or interest. The faculty representative from your school may have contacts in other professional schools, ask them to use these contacts. In two of the five professional schools, it was the enthusiasm of faculty that attracted a student representative. In the other three schools it was enthusiastic students that found a faculty representative.

Once there is a steering committee established, use them to set a timeline for the developing a case, to come up with advertizing strategies, and to come up with sign up strategies. We had one in-person meeting of the steering committee in December, all else was through e-mail communication until the day of the event. Consider recruiting organizations from other professions to support prizes, food, and thank yous. We received a great deal of support from our University SGA, the Geriatrics and Gerontology Program (we used a geriatrics

case), ASHP, PLS, and The Student Health Law Organization. Set a date, find a location, and set a time to have fun.

The second great challenge was getting participants. This is where communication with the steering committee is very important. The student representatives are responsible for encouraging other students to participate. If you would like to run an IPMC and have questions please feel free to contact Sheryl Thedford (sthed001@umaryland.edu), Andrea Passarelli (apass003@umaryland.edu).

Future Plans and Goals

Next year we intend to incorporate more of the professional schools at the University of Maryland Baltimore for this interprofessional event. Since we have established much of the Student Steering Committee for next year and advertised the results of the competition last year, we hope to increase the number of participating students. Additionally, we are hopeful that the renewed drive towards interprofessional education will lead to greater participation by both faculty and students in all of our professional schools, since this competition represents a small and relatively easy step into interprofessional student activities.

SSHP Leadership

- Sheryl Thedford– President
- Andrea Passarelli– President-elect
- Kate Smith– Secretary
- Sai Nimmagadda– Treasurer
- Alli Kobin- ASHP Liaison
- Ashleigh Vines– MSHP (State Affiliate) Liaison
- Emily Dotter – Webmaster
- Larren Collins, Nicole Althouse, Cathy Chang- Historians

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