

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year from the New Practitioner's Forum Executive Committee (NPFEC)!! I hope everyone had a safe and exciting holiday with family and friends. It was great to see many of you at the Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM) in Las Vegas, NV. For me it was my first time in Vegas! I had so much fun networking with new and old friends, not to mention all of the clinical sessions I was able to attend. As for gambling, put five dollars in the Wheel of Fortune game, lost it in about two minutes and walked away. I decided to spend my money trying new food, which was usually a dessert!

It was another great year for MCM and specifically for programming directed toward New Practitioners! If you missed the MCM, then you missed out on sessions such as Practical Evidence-Based Medicine for the Clinician, Optimizing Pharmacotherapy during Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Prepping for Certification: Tales from the Frontlines. I found these topics to be super informative and clinically relevant to my daily practice.

In addition to the great sessions at Midyear, each of the New Practitioner's Forum Advisory groups was able to meet face to face. For most of us, we were meeting each other for the first time and it was encouraging to see everyone but two out of eleven in my Membership and Outreach Advisory group in attendance. That was awesome and I know the other advisory groups had great attendance as well! We discussed many different topics from performing outreach to not only colleges of pharmacy, but also to residency programs, to the improvement of the NPF web-site including the new and improved [MentorExchange!](#)

Last but certainly not least, this year at the MCM, [Nicole Allcock](#) was recognized as the 2007 New Practitioner Forum Distinguished Service Award winner. The purpose of this award is to recognize members whose volunteer activities support the mission of the New Practitioners Forum and help advance the profession. Check out all of Nicole's accomplishments and her extensive involvement in our profession under the NPF website [member spotlight](#). Nicole thank you for your time and leadership not only to the New Practitioner's Forum but also to the profession of pharmacy as a whole!

Over the next couple of months you will see firsthand all of the activities of the NPFEC and the advisory groups! In March, we will be rolling out a webinar series on the New Practitioners web-site. This series will be geared towards topics identified by New Practitioners as areas of interest and need. The NPFEC is also working on the development of programming for the third annual Great eXpectations conference to be held this fall! If you are a New Practitioner this conference is specifically designed for you and now is a great time to approach management about your interest in attending this year! More information regarding the conference will be available in the coming months, so check out the New Practitioners Forum web-site and click on the link Great eXpectations.

As always, the NPFEC and advisory groups look forward to continuing to meet your needs as New Practitioners. Please contact us anytime with questions, concerns or just to say hi! All of our contact information is under the link about our forum, forum executive committee.

Happy New Year and good luck on achieving your New Year's resolutions!

Best regards,

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Chair, New Practitioners Forum 2007-08

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