

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the ASHP New Practitioners Forum (NPF) webpage. My name is Sarah Ferrell and I am this year's chair of the New Practitioners Forum. I would like to acknowledge this year's NPF Executive Committee members: Lindsey Kelly (MN), Jeffrey Gildow (NE), Josh Howell (MD), and Daryl Schiller (NY). Please take a moment to check out all of our bios under the link "about our forum." We are committed to serving you and to meeting your needs as a New Practitioner.

The NPF kicked off the year during the ASHP Summer Meeting in San Francisco, California. We are enthusiastic about the year ahead and hope that you will partake in the many activities and initiatives of the Forum.

Highlights of the NPF

Our website has been going through some updating to help make information more visible and useful to practitioners. As you already know, ASHP is comprised of a diverse group of practitioners. To incorporate this diversity, the website lists resources in several categories, such as professional development, leadership development, and precepting to name a few. Check out the New Practitioners web-site for more information.

In addition, we are happy to announce the development of two new advisory groups- the Professional Practice Advisory Group and the Science and Research Advisory Group. We hope with these new advisory groups we will be able to better meet the needs of our diverse group of new practitioners. The two new groups also created 11 new leadership positions for new practitioners. Thanks to all those who applied this year!! We appreciate your help and would encourage all those who are interested to apply next year!

You asked for it and we delivered! The New Practitioners Listserver was launched earlier this year and has been very successful. Many of you have participated with posting and responding to questions and we hope that you find value in this new member benefit.

Don't miss out on Great X or the Midyear Clinical Meeting (MCM)!

This year will be the second Great eXpectations Conference exclusively for New Practitioners. It will be held on September 14-16th in Chicago. Programming topics this year include precepting, managing, balancing work issues, and research. If you cannot attend Great X this year, or are lucky enough to attend both, Midyear this year is in Las Vegas. There will be programming directed towards new practitioners with a reception to follow on Sunday during the MCM. This will be a great opportunity to network with other new practitioners.

Please feel free to e-mail the executive committee any time. We look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully we will see you at Great X, and Midyear!

Best regards,

Sarah E. Ferrell, PharmD
Chair, New Practitioners Forum 2007-08

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