

Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

The 40th Annual Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in Las Vegas was a huge success! We saw record breaking attendance of 20,277, which included international members from 47 countries. Along with the overall achievements of the Midyear, the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists also had great success with expanded Section programming. Educational sessions included:

- Therapeutic Dilemmas and Treatment Options in Cardiovascular Disease
- Dose Response: Past, Present, and Future
- Conducting Quality Practice Research 2005...While Still Caring for Patients, Part I & Part II
- Debates in Therapeutics
- Optimal Dosing of Antimicrobials in the Era of Antimicrobial Resistance
- Understanding Drug Dosing in Special Populations

These expanded educational sessions were a great hit with members! For those members that were not in attendance, you really missed an amazing meeting. The standing room only networking sessions were just one example of how we are working to meet and address your needs. Now available on the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists website are selected Section materials from the 2005 Midyear Clinical Meeting. These include the reports generated from our well-attended specialty networking sessions as well as the clinical pearls presentations. To view this information, please visit <http://www.ashp.org/clinical/networking.cfm>.

Through more Section specific programming, we were able to focus on the unique needs of clinical specialists. We plan on continuing and expanding the educational sessions and networking sessions next year. So if you did not make it to Las Vegas, be sure to join us in Anaheim, CA, December 3-7, 2006 for the 2006 Midyear Clinical Meeting!

Looking Ahead to 2006

With 2005 ending in tremendous fashion, the Section is working on a number of initiatives for 2006. This includes the launch of the highly anticipated Virtual Journal Club, which was developed to enhance participation among members in different therapeutic areas; a new Clinical Column in *AJHP*, which will contain cutting edge controversial clinical issues; and 12 hours of programming at the 2006 Midyear on integrating national and international guidelines into clinical practice in various therapeutic areas such as cardiology, infectious diseases, psychopharmacy/neurology, and critical care. The sessions devoted to short debates in areas of therapeutic controversies and clinical pearls will continue as it has for the past two years. Stay tuned for more information on these Section initiatives and how you can get involved.

Not only do we strive to provide you with more high level educational sessions, networking opportunities, and professional development, we believe in enhancing your overall membership experience in ASHP! We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Summer Meeting, June 24-28 in Orlando, FL.

Please feel free to contact me at sections@ashp.org with any ideas or questions.

Sincerely,

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