

Message from the Chair

"Leading the Way for Change"



Greetings Colleagues!

It has been a wonderful year serving as your Chair for the Executive Committee of our Section. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to continue the wonderful work that has kept our Section engaged and influential on important topics such as continuity of care, reimbursement for cognitive services, pain management and palliative care, and medication therapy management! I would also like to welcome our new members to the Section's executive committee, Ernest Dole, NM (Chair-elect) and Barbara Petroff, MI (Director-at-Large elect)

As pharmacists, we need and will continue to serve as leaders in the safe use of medications in patient care. And equally important, we need to continue to share with one another innovative ways to obtain reimbursement for these patient care activities. Collectively we need to push ourselves into the forefront as the experts in medication therapy management, while conveying that the value we bring to the patient and the health care system will be paramount to effectively manage the health of our country.

Our section has had great ASHP members volunteering their time to help us reach this goal!! Our advisory groups continue to create innovative programming for ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting, webinars for distance learning, content for workshops, and work as a team in writing papers for AJHP to share their experiences. And, we have members serving on national quality committees helping to ensure that home, ambulatory, and chronic care pharmacists are represented in indicators and documents that drive quality initiatives in our health system.

Key successes this year include:

- The creation of two workshops at the ASHP Midyear clinical Meeting, one on Reimbursement for Cognitive Services and the other on Pain Management and Palliative Care.
- The publication of papers in AJHP on aspects of reimbursement for clinical services.
- The development of innovative programming to support the Anaheim Midyear Clinical Meeting 2006
- Participation with the National Quality Forum and impacting the recognition of pharmacists in key documents and guidelines.
- Participation in an ASHP Research and Education Foundation/ASHP Continuity of Care Summit
- Multiple members contributing to the MMA Q&A Corner in AJHP throughout 2006 and 2007

I'd like to extend our appreciation to those of you on these groups (listed below) for leading the way on our activities!

Advisory Groups, Committees, and Task Forces

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I encourage you, our section members, to contact the Section at sections@ashp.org and determine where you would like to support and volunteer in our efforts. It is through the strength of your experiences that we continue to be innovative and influential!!!

Have A Great Summer!! And thanks again for supporting the work of our section!!

Sincerely,

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Chair, Section of Home, Ambulatory, and Chronic Care Practitioners (2006-2007)

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