

Message from the Chair



To all my Clinical Specialist and Scientist Colleagues, Happy New Year.

Good news, the latest statistics demonstrate that ASHP membership continues to grow, now with more than 35,000 strong. Similarly, member participation in our Section continues to expand, we now have more than 11,000 clinician/scientists who identify SCSS as their “home”.

The 41st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition held last month in Anaheim was a huge success! In addition, the educational programming sessions developed by our Section were very well attended. Our theme was integrating national and international guidelines into clinical practice. This years Programming Committee has already been diligently preparing high level educational sessions for the 2007 Midyear Clinical Meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada December 2-6. I would like to encourage all of our members to consider developing an educational program on an important or “cutting-edge” topic. From the ASHP Home page, click on the “Meetings and Conferences” link on the left side, and then click on the “Get involved in a meeting.” link on the right side. Your proposal must be submitted no later than February 1, 2007. For your convenience, I have included the submission U.R.L. below – <http://www.softconference.com/submissions/ASHP/07RFP/default.asp>

As always, the debates in areas of therapeutic controversies and clinical pearls sessions were educational, entertaining, and well attended. Finally, the network facilitators from each of our sixteen Specialty Networks led the exchange of ideas and information during their respective, informal specialty meetings. I encourage you to plan on attending the Midyear this year.

Items of interest for 2007

The Virtual Journal Club that we established in 2006 is currently discussing its eighth article, which is “Nobay F, Simon BC, Levitt MA, Dresden GM. A prospective, Double-blind, Randomized Trial of Midazolam versus Haloperidol versus Lorazepam in the Chemical Restraint of Violent and Severely Agitated Patients. *Acad Emerg Med* 2004;11:744-9.” For those of you who practice in critical care or emergency medicine, this article should be of great interest to you.

Be sure to watch for our new Clinical Consultation Column that will appear in upcoming issues of AJHP. It will address cutting-edge controversial clinical issues, such as the “Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension during Pregnancy.”

The Section has a number of Advisory Groups currently deliberating their respective issues. They include “Emergency Care” and “Investigational Pharmacy Services.”

The SCSS Executive Committee is working hard to meet your membership needs by providing you with many networking opportunities, professional development, and electronic practice resources. However, if you have a recommendation regarding a new service or how to improve a currently existing one, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Summer Meeting, June 23-28 in San Francisco, CA!

Sincerely,

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