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ResiTrak™ Released for use by Residency programs in Accreditation Process

ResiTrak™, a new software tool for residency programs, has been released to assist in the management of preceptor evaluations, resident evaluations, and customized plan development and revisions. ASHP contracted with the McCreddie Group to produce the intuitive, user-friendly on-line, internet-based, secure evaluation system. It is available to all residency programs that are ASHP-accredited or are in the process of becoming accredited (pre-candidate or candidate). There are no additional fees for ResiTrak™.

ResiTrak™ requires that preceptors identify their learning experiences and choose their educational goals and objectives from those that are used for the type of program offered (e.g., PGY1, PGY2 oncology, PGY2 critical care, etc). All PGY1 and PGY2 residency programs can use ResiTrak™; the system will always contain the most current educational goals and objectives for residency training. After goals and

objectives have been chosen, ResiTrak™ will generate evaluation instruments that can be completed on-line. All routing, reviews and co-signatures are done on-line. Reports are easily generated to monitor the resident's progress during the year. Assistance with using the ResiTrak™ online program is available by contacting support@mccreadiegroup.com or by calling 1-866-722-1096.

Directors of pharmacy received information from ResiTrak™ in May with links to set up programs offered at their institutions. For additional information about ResiTrak™, please contact the Accreditation Services Division staff.

ASHP Research and Education Foundation: Research Tips Repeated in 2007

A service for directors and preceptors of ASHP-accredited residency programs from the ASHP Research and Education Foundation that was launched last summer will be repeated again in 2007. As a part of its mission, the Foundation has identified young investigator development as a priority and is formulating a set of tools to facilitate the development of pharmacists who are interested in practice research. These tools include several grant programs geared toward new investigators, programming at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, web-based resources, and an email-based program – **Tips for Conducting Quality Pharmacy Residency Research**. A compilation of all of these tips will be emailed to residency program directors of all residency programs in the ASHP-accreditation process in late July, 2007.

Updated tip topics from the Foundation include timeline development, writing specific aims and hypothesis statements, power calculations and statistical analysis, working with the IRB, grant development, and links from MCM 06 sessions on research topics. Tip topics focus on the following:

- Creating a List of Potential Resident Projects
- Establishing Reasonable Timelines
- Maintaining Focus: Asking Only One Question
- Defining the Research Question
- Basic Principles for Conducting Residency Research
- Survey Research

If you have questions, or would like to suggest topics for this service, please contact Dan Cobaugh at dcobaugh@ashp.org.

2007 Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Grant Program

The ASHP Foundation offers a research grant program that supports practice-based research in medication use conducted by residents in ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency programs and residents in pharmacy residency programs that have submitted an application for ASHP accreditation. Practice-based research affects a wide range of medication-use topics, including patient education; patient outcomes and effectiveness of medication therapy; health care quality; medication use in minority, elderly and other special populations; medication costs and financing; information for health care policymakers; and access to medications. A secondary goal of the program is to develop pharmacy residents' research skills while fostering development of mentoring relationships with more experienced senior investigators. Four \$5000 grants will be awarded. New residents are encouraged to apply.

Completed applications for this grant program must be received in the ASHP Foundation office no later than the close of business November 1, 2007. Specific information about the program, including all requirements, criteria, and the application can be obtained by visiting the ASHP Foundation website at the following link:

<http://www.ashpfoundation.org/research/showFundingOpp.cfm?id=61>.

Congratulations to the 2006 Grant Award Winners:

Principal Investigator: Amber L. Cronk, Pharm.D.
Kaiser Permanente Colorado Region, Aurora, CO
Study Title: Description of Medication Strategies Utilized by Medicare Beneficiaries When Reaching the Direct Pay Medication Cap

Principal Investigator: Michelle L. Flynn, Pharm.D.
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT.

Study Title: Effect of Depression on Diabetes Control and Medication Adherence in Underserved Patients

2007 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards

Leading practice facilities and preceptors will be recognized again in 2007 through the ASHP Foundation's Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards Program, a national competition that recognizes excellence and leadership in the training and mentoring of pharmacy residents and fostering innovations in residency training.

Three award categories have been developed: the preceptor award, the new preceptor award, and the program award. Each award consists of an honorarium, travel expenses to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, and a platform to disseminate descriptions of their unique and excellent work. Selection criteria for preceptors and for the program are published on the ASHP Foundation website (www.ashpfoundation.org). For preceptors, applicants will be evaluated in the following areas: contributions to residency training, teaching philosophy and methods, mentorship, leadership, and active participation in research, educational initiatives, and service in organizations and the community. For programs, applications will be evaluated in the following areas: innovation, quality improvement, training environment, achievement record, service excellence, and preceptor development.

Sponsored through an educational grant by Amgen, Inc, recipient(s) of these awards and their organization(s) will be announced in the December issue of the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*. The recipient(s) of the Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards will be honored and will be required to present their achievements at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas. The deadline for the award is July 1st. All information about this important award process can be found on the ASHP Foundation website (www.ashpfoundation.org).

Congratulations to the 2006 Award Winners:

Program Award

University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics
Two-Year Residency Program in Health-System
Pharmacy Administration

Preceptor Award

Brian L. Erstad, Pharm.D.
Professor, University of Arizona College of Pharmacy
and the Arizona Health Sciences Center

New Preceptor Award

John M. Valgus, Pharm.D.
Hematology/Oncology Senior Clinical Specialist,
University of North Carolina Hospitals and Clinics

Commission on Credentialing Meeting Highlights

The spring Commission on Credentialing (COC) meeting was held at ASHP headquarters in Bethesda on March 8-11, 2007. The Commission took action on 163 programs; of those, 62 programs were surveyed for initial accreditation or reaccreditation. The COC granted accreditation to 22 new residencies (14 PGY1, two pharmacy practice with emphasis in

community care, one managed care pharmacy practice, and five PGY2 programs) and four new technician training programs. Also reviewed were 96 residencies and technician training programs for continued accreditation. The Commission reviewed the credentials of 107 new residency program directors and 8 new technician program directors.

The Commission approved the PGY1 Managed Care Pharmacy Standard and educational outcomes, goals and objectives, and outcomes, educational goals and objectives for PGY2 residencies in oncology, critical care, and health system pharmacy administration. The Commission also updated the outcomes, educational goals and objectives for PGY1 residency programs, expanding outcomes R1 and R4 to include requirements for residents to gain experience with formulary management and patient-specific drug information (R1) and expanding the objectives for project management (R4). As a result, changes were made to elective outcomes and their corresponding educational goals and objectives for PGY1 residency programs. Please refer to the ASHP website for the most current information under the regulations and standards section. Programs should implement these changes by their residency class starting in July 2008. ResiTrak™ has been updated to reflect these changes.

ASD Welcomes New Staff, Lead Surveyors

Renee Acosta, Katrin Fulginiti, and Sherri Ramsey have joined the Accreditation Services Division as lead surveyors for residency and technician training programs. Renee and Sherri are each former members of the Commission on Credentialing. Renee is currently a pharmacy practice instructor at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy in Austin, Texas. She will focus on leading survey teams for pharmacy technician training programs. Sherri is the director of pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville and is an experienced surveyor and Residency Learning System workshop facilitator. She will lead survey teams for each area. Katrin Fulginiti joined the ASHP staff in May 2007 as an Accreditation Services Associate. Katrin comes to ASHP from Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States Region where she was director of the ASHP accredited Managed Care Pharmacy Residency program and has been the director of an ASHP accredited pharmacy technician training program. She has served as a guest surveyor for pharmacy technician and managed care pharmacy practice residency programs while at Kaiser Permanente. Please welcome each of these lead surveyors!

2007 Residency Match Sets Record

A record 2,282 applicants enrolled in the 2007 Match. Of those, 1900 participated in the Match and 1343 matched with programs. This was the first year in which all PGY1 and PGY2 residency programs and positions were offered through the Match, with the exception of only a few federal programs (as in the past). Eighty-three percent of PGY1 positions filled compared to 76% in 2006, 68% of PGY2 program positions filled through the 2007 Match.

Linking your Residency Website to the ASHP website

Currently ASHP has website links with a number of ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency programs and technician training programs. These links serve as an excellent source of information for prospective residents and pharmacy technician training program students. If you are not linked to the ASHP website, please send an email request with your website's URL to asd@ashp.org to be listed.

Call for Information

Each June, the Accreditation Services Division will email the residency program director two *Resident Roster Forms*. One form identifies the incoming residents to your program and the other form identifies your graduates. Indicate the type of residency program next to each name if you have multiple residency programs at your site. These forms are used by ASD to keep records of all graduates of accredited programs. If you have any questions about these forms, please contact ASD at asd@ashp.org. **Deadline for receipt of rosters this year is July 16, 2007.**

Mark your Calendars

The 42nd ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition will be held at the Sands Expo and Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2-6, 2007. Registration for the conference opens July 16, 2007.

Residency Showcase sessions will be held on Monday afternoon, December 3rd and Tuesday morning and afternoon, December 4th. Registration information for the Residency Showcase will be emailed to program directors in early July.

CareerPharm PPS will be held on Saturday afternoon December 1 through Wednesday, December 5th.

Residency Learning System training programs will be offered on Saturday December 1st. See registration form after July 16th.

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