

## **ASHP PARTNERS WITH MCCREADIE GROUP ON EVALUATION TOOL FOR RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**

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The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and McCreadie Group, Inc., are working together to develop a web-based evaluation tool for residency programs. The announcement was made during the Residency Townhall session at the ASHP's 41st Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim.

The online evaluation system will follow the systems based approach for residency training used by the ASHP Residency Learning System (RLS) for ASHP-accredited residencies. The McCreadie Group will build and host the new system which will be offered as a member service to eligible residency programs. The system is planned to be in place in time for the 2007-2008 residency year.

“We are very pleased to be working with ASHP on this project to help facilitate use of the RLS for residency sites,” said Scott R. McCreadie, president of the McCreadie Group. “As a residency program director myself, I understand the challenges of managing the RLS process without automated tools. This tool will significantly reduce the efforts of resident evaluations for both small and large sites. Our main goals with this new tool are to facilitate the use of the RLS for objective-based training of residents, assist preceptors with managing their learning experiences, and to help residency program directors and administrators ensure that the outcomes for residency training are being met.”

Key features of the product will include:

- A web-based and task driven interface for easy access
- On-line setup of residencies and learning experiences with the outcomes, goals and objectives to be taught and accessed
- Resident management including schedules and customized training plans
- On-line entering interests and assessment, summative, quarterly, preceptor and snapshot evaluations to replace the paper process seen at most residency sites
- Extensive reporting to allow residency administrators to ensure that the required evaluations are being done and to facilitate preparation for an accreditation visit

“This is a product that our preceptors have been asking about for some time,” said ASHP President Cynthia Brennan, Pharm.D., . “ASHP is delighted that the McCreadie Group is

partnering with us to develop a tool that will help facilitate pharmacy residency programs with their systems based approach to training, and will maintain records electronically regarding their evaluations. We hope this will help sites focus on what is really important in residency training: improving the resident's performance and the way they provide training. The timing of this release was particularly important to us, as programs need to become compliant with the new accreditation standards in 2007. Additionally, new goals and objectives are being updated for each of the areas of training (PGY1, community, managed care, and PGY2 programs). This new electronic tool will be particularly useful as residency programs transition to the new standards, goals and objectives."

#### **About ASHP**

*For more than 60 years, ASHP has helped pharmacists who practice in hospitals and health systems improve medication use and enhance patient safety. The Society's 30,000 members include pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who practice in inpatient, outpatient, home-care, and long-term-care settings, as well as pharmacy students. ASHP is the national accrediting organization for pharmacy residencies and technician training programs. For more information about the wide array of ASHP activities and the many ways in which pharmacists help people make the best use of medicines, visit ASHP's Web site, [www.ashp.org](http://www.ashp.org), or its consumer Web site, [www.SafeMedication.com](http://www.SafeMedication.com).*

#### **About McCreadie Group**

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