

2019 ASHP House of Delegates Policy Recommendations

The House of Delegates

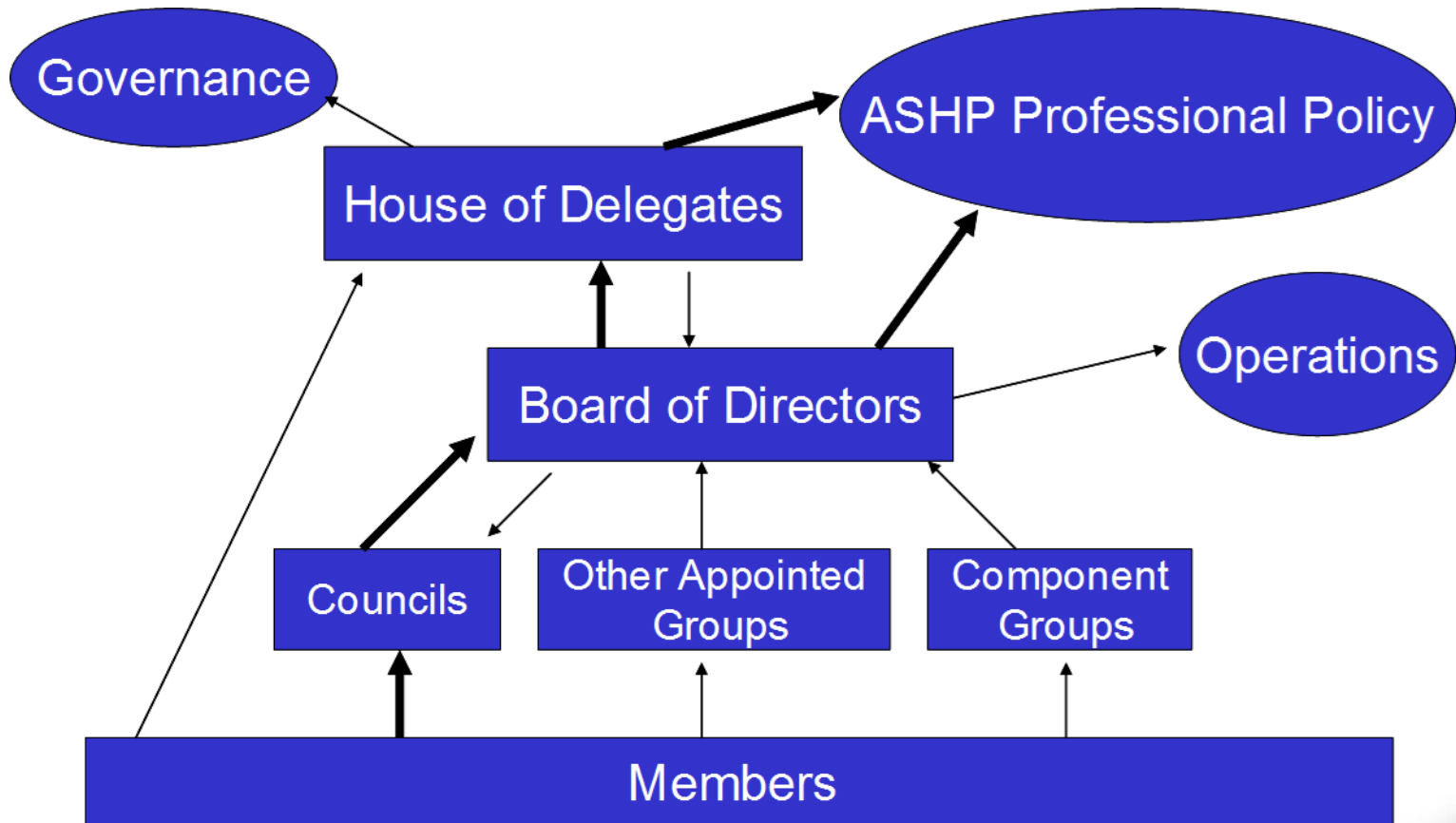
Ultimate authority over ASHP professional policies

One annual session consisting of 4 meetings: 2 meetings at the ASHP Summer Meeting and 2 virtual meetings in the spring and fall

Reviews policy proposals that have been approved by the Board of Directors

Most of these professional policy proposals are contained in reports from ASHP councils

ASHP Policy Process



March Virtual House of Delegates

The policy recommendations on the next 4 slides will be voted on during the March virtual House of Delegates to be held March 22-29.

- The online voting process does not permit amendments.
- Delegates are encouraged to vote against recommendations they feel should be amended.
- ≥85% votes needed for approval
- <85% policies will be presented at the June House
- Policies not reaching that level of consensus will be considered by the House of Delegates in June.

CPM: Medication Misadventures

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To discontinue ASHP policy 9805, Medication Misadventures, which reads:

To affirm that pharmacists must assume a leadership role in preventing, investigating, and eliminating medication misadventures across the continuum of care.

CPhP: Telepharmacy

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To discontinue ASHP policy 9920, Telepharmacy, which reads:

To foster among health-system pharmacists and leaders of the telecommunications industry a common vision for the integration of telecommunication technology into the delivery of pharmaceutical care.

CPhP: Pharmaceutical Counterfeiting

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To discontinue ASHP policy 0401, Pharmaceutical Counterfeiting, which reads:

To foster increased pharmacist and public awareness of drug product counterfeiting; further,

To encourage pharmacists to purchase and handle medications in ways that enhance the transparency and integrity of the drug product supply chain; further,

To encourage pharmacists to identify instances of drug product counterfeiting and to respond by assisting the patient in receiving appropriate treatment and monitoring, documenting patient outcomes, and notifying the patient, prescriber, and appropriate state and federal regulatory bodies (e.g., the Food and Drug Administration's MedWatch system); further,

To provide consumers and health professionals with information on how to avoid counterfeit drug products and how to recognize, respond to, and report encounters with suspicious drug products; further,

To foster research and education on the extent, methods, and impact of drug product counterfeiting and on strategies for preventing and responding to drug product counterfeiting.

CPhP: Pharmacist Validation of Information Related to Medications

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To discontinue ASHP policy 9921, Pharmacist Validation of Information Related to Medications, which reads as follows:

To support consultation with a pharmacist as a primary means for consumers to validate publicly available information related to medications.



June House of Delegates

- The policy recommendations in the next set of slides are scheduled to be considered at the June live meeting of the House of Delegates June 9 and 11 in Boston, Massachusetts.
- If any of the policy recommendations from the March virtual House of Delegates meeting are defeated, they will also be considered to the June House meeting.
- Proposed policies are found on the House of Delegates website and are debated on the ASHP House of Delegates Connect community by delegates and other ASHP members.
- All ASHP members, including delegates, are encouraged to use the ASHP House of Delegates Connect community to review and comment on any of the proposed policies. Web-based discussion in advance of a House meeting may influence how delegates vote, and it also permits delegates to discuss potential amendments before the June House.

Joint Council Recommendation: Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice, Council on Public Policy, Council on Therapeutics, Council on Education Workforce and Development, Council on Pharmacy Management

To support the national goal of zero patient or healthcare worker suicides; further,

To collaborate with key stakeholders in support of suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To acknowledge that optimal suicide awareness and prevention efforts focus both on preventing patient suicides and on maintaining the health and well-being of the healthcare workforce; further,

To recognize that pharmacists, as key providers on the patient care team, are integral to suicide awareness and prevention efforts, and to acknowledge the vital role of other members of the pharmacy workforce in those efforts; further,

To foster development of standardized tools to aid pharmacists in assessing the influence of medications and environmental and physiological factors on suicidality; further,

Joint Council Recommendation: Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Cont'd.

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice, Council on Public Policy, Council on Therapeutics, Council on Education Workforce and Development, Council on Pharmacy Management

To provide education that assists the pharmacy workforce in their continuing professional development efforts related to suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To support the inclusion of suicide awareness and prevention principles throughout pharmacy curricula and postgraduate educational and training programs; further,

To encourage state-based efforts that support universal education and training of healthcare providers in suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To advocate for adequate government and healthcare organization funding for suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To enhance awareness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; further,

To foster research on suicide awareness and prevention.

CPhP: Safe Administration of Hazardous Drugs

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate that health systems proactively conduct an interprofessional assessment of risk for exposure to hazardous drugs (HDs) during administration when closed-system transfer devices (CSTDs) cannot be used; further,

To advocate for pharmacist involvement in the development of policies, procedures, and operational assessments regarding administration of HDs when CSTDs cannot be used; further,

To encourage device and pharmaceutical manufacturers and the Food and Drug Administration to foster development of CSTD-compatible, ready-to-administer HD products.

CPuP: Notification of Drug Product Price Increases

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for manufacturers to provide advance notice and justification to the public and healthcare providers in advance of drug price increases; further,

To advocate for transparency in drug product pricing.

CPuP: Preventing Drug Product Shortages

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for ongoing federal evaluation of whether drug product shortages present risks to national security; further,

To advocate that drug product manufacturers be required to disclose manufacturing sites and sources of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to facilitate such a risk assessment; further,

To recommend that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) require drug product manufacturers to have contingency plans for maintaining drug supplies; further,

To advocate that drug product manufacturers be required to provide a specific reason for a shortage and an estimated timeline for resolution in their Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act notifications to FDA; further,

To advocate that FDA be required to provide quality ratings for 503B outsourcing facilities preparing copies of drug products under the exemption for products on FDA's shortage list; further,

To advocate that the Federal Trade Commission be required to evaluate the potential for drug product supply chain interruptions when considering manufacturer consolidations.

CPuP: Emergency Refills

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate for state laws to allow any pharmacist, during a declared emergency, to dispense without a prescription refills of a drug product in quantities that meet the needs of patients.

CPuP: Credentialing and Privileging by Regulators, Payers, and Providers for Collaborative Practice

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate expansion of collaborative practice agreements in which the prescriber and the licensed pharmacist agree upon the conditions under which the pharmacist initiates, monitors, and adjusts a patient's drug therapy; further,

To acknowledge that as a step toward the goal of universal recognition of and payment for pharmacist medication management services, public or private third-party payers may require licensed pharmacists to demonstrate their competence to provide medication management services, before the payers authorize them to engage in or be paid for such clinical services; further,

To support (1) the development (as a professional initiative by pharmacist associations rather than as a government activity) of national standards for determining a pharmacist's competence to provide medication management services and (2) the appropriate use of these standards by clinical privileging systems, government authorities, and public or third-party payers; further,

To support the use of clinical privileging by hospitals and health systems to assess a licensed pharmacist's competence to engage in medication management services within the hospital or health system; further,

To advocate that state boards of pharmacy apply the principles of continuous quality improvement in assessing the quality, safety, and outcomes of medication management services.

(Note: This policy would supersede ASHP policy 0905.)



COT: Therapeutic Use of Cannabidiol

Source: Council on Therapeutics

To support continued research on the therapeutic uses of cannabidiol (CBD); further,

To provide education on the therapeutic uses of CBD; further,

To oppose use of CBD-containing products not approved by the Food and Drug Administration; further,

To advocate for enhanced public education regarding safe use of CBD and unapproved CBD-containing products.

CEWD: Pharmacy Expertise in Sterile Compounding

Source: Council on Education and Workforce Development

To support colleges of pharmacy in providing sterile compounding and aseptic technique instruction in didactic and experiential curricula that reflect the needs of the workforce; further,

To promote the use of sterile compounding training programs to foster an increase in the number of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with sterile compounding expertise; further,

To advocate that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who work in sterile compounding attain compounded sterile preparations advanced certifications.

(Note: This policy would supersede ASHP policy 0915.)

CPM: Pharmaceutical Distribution Systems

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To support drug distribution business models that meet the requirements of hospitals and health systems with respect to availability and timely delivery of products, minimizing short-term outages and long-term product shortages, managing and responding to product recalls, fostering product-handling and transaction efficiency, preserving the integrity of products as they move through the supply chain, and maintaining affordable service costs; further,

To oppose manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers making availability of drug products contingent on how those products are used; further,

To encourage selection of a wholesale distributor that (1) purchases products only from a manufacturer before distribution to the purchasing end user; (2) is licensed in the state where it is conducting business; (3) complies with the requirements of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act; and (4) is accredited under the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors program.

(Note: This policy would supersede ASHP policy 1707.)

CPM: Safe Medication Preparation in All Sites of Care

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To advocate that all sites of care be required to meet the same regulatory standards for medication preparation and compounding.

CPM: Pharmacy Department Business Partnerships

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To recognize that a key objective of pharmacy departments is to provide medication management services across the continuum of patient care, and that pharmacy leaders should proactively evaluate potential business partnerships against this objective; further,

To recognize that hospitals and health-system pharmacy leaders must ensure that business partners meet all applicable patient safety and accountability standards; further,

To provide education and tools for pharmacy leaders to aid in the evaluation of and development of business partnerships; further,

To educate health-system administrators on the importance of pharmacy leadership in evaluating and developing pharmacy-related business partnerships; further,

To encourage health-system pharmacy leaders to consider evolving healthcare financing systems when evaluating and developing business partnerships.

(Note: This policy would supersede ASHP policy 1416.)

PTF: Pharmacy Technician Student Drug Testing

Source: Pharmacy Technician Forum

To advocate for the use of pre-enrollment, random, and for-cause drug testing as a mandatory component throughout any accredited or non-accredited pharmacy technician training program and practice experience, based on defined criteria with appropriate testing validation procedures; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to develop policies and processes to identify impaired individuals; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to facilitate access to and promote programs for treatment and to support recovery; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to use validated testing panels that have demonstrated effectiveness detecting commonly misused, abused, or illegally used substances.

SICP: ASHP Statement on the Role of the Medication Safety Leader

Source: Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners

To approve the ASHP Statement on the Role of the Medication Safety Leader.



Questions or Suggestions?



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