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Padilla’s ASHP involvement includes Vice Chair and Chair of the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners Advisory Group on Clinical Practice Advancement. She is the Chair for the El Paso Immunization Coalition. She was a recipient of the APhA Immunization Champion National Award for “Partnership with Others” and APhA-APPM Merit Award for her “contributions to the advancement of practice in traditionally underserved populations and the promotion of leadership development on the U.S./Mexico Border.”

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She currently serves ASHP as Director-at-Large for the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners (SACP). Her previous service includes Chair and Vice Chair, Section Advisory Group on Compensation and Practice Sustainability, and alternate state delegate, ASHP House of Delegates. She is a frequent speaker at ASHP meetings on practice management and clinical topics and has co-authored multiple documents on ASHP’s Ambulatory Care Resource Center.

As an advocate for our profession, I am excited to work with ASHP on initiatives that advance pharmacy practice and healthcare while building future leaders for the future of pharmacy. Equipping upcoming leaders with positivity, perseverance, and resilience will enable them to navigate the evolving dynamics of our healthcare system.

Having worked in areas that are medically underserved and lack access to healthcare, I have experienced the meaningful impact of leadership in action. In my own personal journey, action began with understanding the current state of pharmacy in my community. By understanding community needs, along with interprofessional partnerships, I was able to begin addressing national initiatives regarding recognition of pharmacists as healthcare providers in addition to local initiatives that impact care along the border (e.g., lack of insurance, shortage of pharmacists).

Collaboration with the Section Advisory Group was pivotal for my professional development. The SAG has been a platform for sharing of ideas and resources while empowering me to become a better advocate. I look forward to helping others establish their own platform and collaborations with ASHP as we try to identify ways to advance and promote our profession, improve outcomes for our patients, and build healthier communities.

It is truly an exciting time to be an ambulatory care practitioner! As healthcare continues evolving toward outpatient medicine, alternative practice models, and outcome-based payments, the coming years will be a time of great opportunity for our community — especially for those equipped and prepared to seize it.

Ambulatory care is experiencing unprecedented growth. Our section represents practitioners across the continuum of ambulatory care, from community pharmacies to outpatient clinics. To support this diversity, it’s essential we provide the training, education, and resources necessary to meet the varied needs of our members and especially our students, residents, and new practitioners.

As Director-at-Large for the Section, I have worked diligently to ensure that the section is prepared to meet these needs — notably through the advocacy for and creation of a new Advisory Group on Ambulatory Care Pharmacotherapy and a renewed focus on advanced clinical resources. Through the collective strengths of our members, we can change the healthcare landscape — especially in value-based care, patient safety, and health outcomes. With my history of service and leadership in the section, I am prepared to serve as your Chair. It is an honor to be nominated to continue serving this exceptional community.
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Cavanaugh’s leadership in ASHP includes serving as Chair for the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners (SACP) Advisory Group on Compensation and Practice Sustainability. She is a frequent presenter at ASHP meetings. She has developed and contributed to multiple SACP resource documents, an ASHP webinar, and several ASHP Connect posts. She was recognized by ASHP with a Best Practice Award in 2014 for her professional work focused on interdisciplinary transitional care.

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Martirosov’s leadership in ASHP includes service as Vice Chair and Chair for the Section of Ambulatory Care Practitioners Educational Steering Committee. She also serves as an ASHP PGY1/PGY2 pharmacy residency preceptor and Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy faculty advisor. She has served locally and regionally as the Treasurer of the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists and on the Ambulatory and TOC Committees for MSHP. In 2017, Martirosov received the MSHP President’s Award for her contribution to the advancement of ambulatory care services.

As a profession, pharmacy has made amazing strides to advance ambulatory care practice with strategies and infrastructure that support the growth and sustainability of these services. It is our mandate to continue to highlight the unique and complementary skill set that the ambulatory pharmacist adds to the healthcare team and patients as team-based care becomes more widespread.

ASHP and the Section are uniquely positioned to springboard this conversation into the national arena and continue to push ambulatory pharmacists to practice at the top of their licensure. As we continue to advance, there are opportunities to create authentic dialogue, intra- and interprofessionally, about ambulatory care pharmacists’ distinct skillset and how it can be used to improve health outcomes.

Furthering ambulatory care services will require a combination of leader development and advocacy for policy change. I have worked diligently to build ambulatory care services at local, state, and national levels. Being a part of the Educational Steering Committee for the last five years has enabled me to support colleagues and new practitioners through a variety of platforms. It would be a privilege to continue to serve the Section, our membership, and our profession. Thank you for the honor of this nomination.
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He is currently Chair of ASHP’s Council on Therapeutics, author for ASHP’s Pharmacy Accountability Measure Group, and voting member on NQF’s Cardiovascular Steering Committee for U.S. measures. His research interests include reducing preventable bleeding, VTE, stroke, and cardiovascular disease. He has delivered over 400 lectures nationally and internationally, and published five book chapters and 40 peer-reviewed articles including an ASHP VTE prevention statement. He has also been awarded Fellow status from American College of CHEST Physicians.

Pharmacy and medicine are currently two of the most rapidly changing fields upon us. We are now at a critical time because of the speed at which information is disseminated. This highlights the need to finalize pharmacist provider status while also advancing our practice by expanding our roles and increasing innovative ways by which we practice. Continued collaboration between pharmacy and medical organizations will increase our visibility and voice as a stakeholder in important national decisions and educate others as to our true value within healthcare.

Being involved with ASHP has been a perpetual learning experience and allowed my expertise to be translated into policies and practices that have an ongoing impact at the international and national levels. This experience has allowed an interface exchange of information regarding best practices and future direction between myself and ASHP, individuals within ASHP, and other organizations, and is closely aligned with the section’s goals. It has been extremely gratifying working with ASHP knowing that we are positively impacting not only patient lives and care but also other clinicians and healthcare organizations. I would be honored to serve as Chair to continue facilitating important strategic initiatives for ASHP, our pharmacists, our patients, and the section.

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His service to ASHP includes Colorado delegate, ASHP House of Delegates; member of the Council on Therapeutics; and Vice Chair, Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Educational Steering Committee, of which he is currently a member. He is a seasoned presenter at ASHP meetings and faculty for Board Certification Review Courses for Pharmacotherapy and Ambulatory Care. He serves on the NQF Cardiovascular Measures Committee, NLA Board of Directors, and ACCL Board of Governors, which speak to his promotion of interprofessional practice and collaboration.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve the Section’s mission of furthering practice advancement and improving patient care by creating and translating scientific advances into practice. We continue to recognize and demonstrate the role pharmacists play to improve patient care in numerous specialty areas.

My experience with ASHP, as a student and now practitioner for the last 15 years, has allowed me to serve the organization as a leader and educator. I strive to continue to encourage and urge Section members to develop and grow clinical services and reinforce their indispensable role on patient care teams. I will push the Section to expand interprofessional advocacy by promoting involvement with national organizations through clinical guideline development and education.

I possess the abilities to expand member opportunities for our Section, ASHP, and other multidisciplinary collaborations. The skills of our Section’s membership related to clinical practice, research, and education give me great pride in serving as a member and SCSS leader.

It is truly an honor to have been nominated for Chair of the Section. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for our Section, for ASHP, and for the care of our patients.
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Berger currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Year-Round Educational Steering Committee. She has previously served on the New Practitioners Forum (NPF) Science and Research Advisory Group, the NPF Executive Committee, and the Council on Therapeutics. She has also been an active member of the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists, currently serving as the Director of Education and Professional Development and Chair of the Grassroots Advocacy Committee. She is also a Past President of the NYC chapter and current delegate for NYC.

As we continue to see new hurdles in an ever-changing healthcare environment, it makes it even more important for us, the most accessible healthcare providers (yes, providers), to practice at the top of our licenses. The list of important contributions that ASHP has facilitated to help us achieve this is a long one. Speaking from personal experience, the connections I have made through both my membership and active participation on various ASHP Councils and Committees have provided me with unimaginable opportunities and a network of colleagues whom I consider friends. It is my goal to make these opportunities more widely accessible to both new and seasoned practitioners. The resources and educational programming provided by the Section are invaluable to helping us deliver an exceptional level of care to our patients. As technology allows us to become more mobile, we should continue making these programs easily accessible and tailored to our needs.

It would be an honor to serve as Director-at-Large of the Section. If elected, I would promote development of a strong clinical network, advanced educational programming, and continued engagement by our members to push the boundaries of our profession.

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Potoski currently serves ASHP as member of the Council on Therapeutics and as the ASHP representative to the Infectious Diseases Society of America Intra-abdominal Practice Guidelines Work Group. Previous ASHP service includes the Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force and Network Facilitator, Infectious Diseases, Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists.

As we continue to see new hurdles in an ever-changing healthcare landscape, we will meet these with advocacy, teamwork, and leadership to ensure issues and voices are heard and that practice advances. The Section is well positioned to meet these challenges to advance professional practice and enable pharmacists across the continuum of care for the betterment of our patients and patient care services. In this way, the Section can ensure that pharmacists are engaged and prepared to meet current and future healthcare challenges.

I believe my professional experience in antimicrobial stewardship along with service on ASHP’s Council on Therapeutics provides me with the ability to best serve the Section as Director-at-Large. I hope to use these experiences to drive practice improvement through the work of the Section as an advocate for our patients and profession. It is an honor to be nominated, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve ASHP and its members through the Section.

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Burger earned his Pharm.D. from the KU School of Pharmacy. He was recognized as an ASHP Fellow in 2018.

At the state level, Burger has served as district director and president of the Kansas Council of Health-System Pharmacy (KCHP). He currently serves as Treasurer of the KCHP Foundation. Within ASHP he currently serves on the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP) Advisory Group on Medication Safety and was previously a delegate at the ASHP House of Delegates. Burger also has participated in ASHP’s Great Safety Debate at the Summer Meetings.

"As the Medication Safety Coordinator at Stormont Vail, I have the honor to facilitate the organization’s patient safety rounds. I always start our rounds by reminding staff about the importance of reporting issues that could create a risk to patients, visitors, or employees. My motto: “If you don’t report an issue, it can’t be fixed.” This statement is also true when advocating for our pharmacy profession.

During rounds, I hear from healthcare professionals struggling to implement best-practice changes in very stressful environments. The pharmacy profession has continued to become more highly regulated with diminishing resources. We continue to have to do more with less. I understand this and, if given the opportunity to lead the Section, I will work on your behalf to communicate your barriers and challenges. I will bring these issues to the experts in our different Section Advisory Groups and push for all parties to devise strategies that actually work for pharmacists in the field.

It’s true that if you don’t report an issue, it can’t be fixed — but reporting is only the start. I look forward to working with you and my ASHP colleagues on moving forward with shared solutions in the best interest of our profession and, above all, our patients.

PAUL E. MILLIGAN, Pharm.D. (paul.milligan@bjc.org), has been the Medication Safety Pharmacist for BJC HealthCare, a 15-hospital system located in St. Louis, since 2008. He led the development of strategies to reduce severe hypoglycemia, overdosation, and preventable VTEs. His team was presented with the ASHP Foundation’s Excellence in Medication-Use Safety Award followed by the Foundation’s Innovations in Pharmacy Practice Award for outstanding contribution to biomedical literature in 2016. Regionally, he is the founder of the St. Louis Area Medication Safety Collaborative. Prior to this, he practiced pharmacy for 25 years, mostly as an inpatient clinical pharmacist and anticoagulant clinician.

He is completing his three-year term as Director-at-Large for the ASHP Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners (SICP) Executive Committee. He has published over 30 manuscripts and speaks regularly at ASHP meetings and webinars in the areas of medication safety, opioid-induced respiratory depression and change management.

"Hospital pharmacy is hard and getting harder! Every day we face new challenges combined with escalating resource constraints. The promise of the EHR has brought new, unintended consequences. We seek solutions everywhere, implement them the best we can, and hope to have an impact. We don’t have time to waste, we need tools and answers fast. If we try to do everything, we are going to implement projects that are not needed or, worse, harmful.

I think the top two universal issues facing the frontline pharmacist today are time management and problem prioritization. First, I would suggest that we focus on patient-centered outcomes, over process measures! Other priorities would be teaching pharmacists change and time management skills (we don’t have time to do things twice) and strengthening career prospects.

I’ve cherished my leadership roles at ASHP, as I think our value is to provide professional guidance, identify and close knowledge gaps, and provide members the opportunity for collaboration. Policies, presentations, and publications don’t just materialize — SOMEONE has to step up! I suggest that ASHP members dip their toe in. They will find it very rewarding. I will be honored to support those brave members!"
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King earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and completed an ASHP-accredited drug information residency at the University of Kansas Hospital.

King is an active member of ASHP. She has served on the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners Advisory Group on Pharmacy Practice Experiences for five years with leadership roles as Vice Chair and Chair. Additional ASHP service includes the New Practitioners Forum Professional Practice Advisory Group; PGY1 Residency Accreditation Practitioner Surveyor; editorial reviewer for multiple publications; and multicyle CV and poster reviewer. She has also held leadership roles on the Executive Boards for state and local ASHP affiliate chapters.

ASHP has been a cornerstone in my career by giving me the support, resources, and voice needed in the evolving landscape of healthcare. The Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners provides invaluable support and tools for practice issues that may not be taught or learned elsewhere. It is evident that the developed education and materials are wisely chosen to address the ever-changing and widely varying needs of the frontline of pharmacy practice.

Continuing our commitment to our patients and people is key. Patient safety is paramount, and provider status for pharmacists is crucial to ensuring safe and effective care. Ongoing efforts are needed to prevent burnout within our profession, especially given our desire to advance practice and teach others while balancing drug shortages, best practice models, and regulatory changes. New efforts are needed to address the opioid epidemic, and existing efforts are needed to cultivate all avenues pertaining to drug distribution and sterile compounding.

I would be honored to serve as your Director-At-Large, to serve my profession, and to serve the organization that has helped shape me as a pharmacist. I am dedicated to working with everyone to help pharmacists provide optimal care and practice at the top of their license.

CODEE M. PETERSON, Pharm.D. (codee.peterson@aspirus.org), is currently a Pharmacist at Aspirus Medford Hospital and Clinics. In addition to her clinical generalist role, Peterson sits on several local and system committees. She is Co-Chair of the local Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee and the site coordinator and primary preceptor for pharmacy students. Upon graduation from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Peterson completed a PGY1 and PGY2 in health system administration, both at Ministry Health Care in Marshfield, Wis. Following her PGY2, she worked clinically in the areas of emergency medicine and pediatrics and managed a critical access hospital pharmacy from 2013 to 2016.

Peterson has served on the ASHP New Practitioners Forum Leadership and Career Development Advisory Group, as a CV reviewer, and as a networking session facilitator, presenter, and moderator at ASHP’s Midyear Clinical Meeting. She served as Vice Chair and two terms as Chair of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners Advisory Group on Small and Rural Hospitals.

My ASHP membership has progressed from student to resident to new practitioner to inpatient care practitioner. It is the Section where I have found a “home” within ASHP. The SICP offers members the opportunity to network, develop professionally and clinically, and proactively address challenges we face in our profession. Our members continue to look to this Section for up-to-date information and tools to help provide our patients with the best care in the diverse areas we serve.

As healthcare continues to evolve, we need to remain focused on ways to adapt to changes we are faced with daily. As a frontline pharmacist, I understand the competing priorities frequently encountered: managing drug shortages, staying current on clinical guidelines and innovative practices, effectively precepting learners — all while ensuring patient safety as a top priority. We wear many “hats” as inpatient care practitioners: pharmacist, technician, safety officer, leader, mentor, steward, and advocate. If given the opportunity to serve in the role of Director-At-Large, I would eagerly strive to continue to assist this Section in providing our members the resources necessary to be successful wearing each “hat.” It is truly an honor to be nominated, and I appreciate your consideration.

The confidentiality of your ballot is guaranteed through processing and tabulating by an independent computer firm.
SARAH K. BLEDSOE, Pharm.D., CPHIMS (skbledsoe@cmh.edu), is the Assistant Director at Children’s Mercy in Kansas City, Mo. She earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Bledsoe has always been interested in informatics and has previously practiced in a variety of areas including pediatrics, informatics, and medication safety. Bledsoe has facilitated numerous projects related to healthcare information technology and automation, including work with the electronic healthcare record, automated dispensing cabinets, pharmacy workflow management systems, and temperature monitoring. Bledsoe has been active in ASHP, most recently serving as a member of the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Advisory Group on Pharmacy Operations Automation and assisting with the development of guidelines for workflow technologies. She has been active with the state and local affiliate chapters, serving as a board member for the Greater Kansas City Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

I am passionate about bringing together people, processes, and technology to enhance the medication management system. Today’s technology has endless possibilities to safeguard and enhance practice and has created an exciting career path for skillfully trained pharmacy informaticists. By engaging young practitioners and supporting them on a path to informatics residency training and specialization, we can continue to build strong, robust pharmacy informatics teams that are leaders in medication systems development and support improvement of these systems across the spectrum of healthcare.

Being a member of the ASHP SAG for Pharmacy Operations Automation and to be surrounded by subject matter experts working together to advocate, educate, and support the role of informatics in healthcare has been a rewarding experience. By continuing to develop best-practice standards, we can nurture a community for learning and information sharing. Together we can remove barriers to the sharing of data, protect our systems, and support all pharmacists to be healthcare leaders.

I am honored to be nominated for Chair of the Section. I look forward to the opportunity and, if elected, will bring my passion for pharmacy informatics and improving patient care to the role.

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Healthcare today is faced with an immense challenge: Simultaneously we must seek to improve the health of our population, enhance the patient experience of care, and improve our daily activities to eliminate the extreme fatigue and burnout of our workforce, all while reducing the cost burden to society of our services. As a result, our health systems are rapidly evolving to remain viable in this tumultuous time. Pharmacists, and our integration into the healthcare systems of today, are key to success in this transition. By leveraging technology, we take the knowledge of the pharmacist further — integrating advanced decision models; discovering new sources of value; and enabling quality, safety, affordability, and an enhanced patient experience. It is my strong belief that our community of informaticists possesses the capability to not only succeed in this transition but surpass expectations and enhance healthcare for patients around the globe.

I thank you greatly for the honor of my nomination. If elected as Chair for the section, I am elated to have the opportunity to work alongside you, to coalesce your thoughts and ideas, and to ultimately elevate our practice to new heights, transitioning pharmacy practice and helping reshape healthcare to overcome this challenge.
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She has been a member of the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Advisory Group on Professional Development for several years, serving as a Vice Chair and Chair. She has also been a Work Group lead within the Advisory Group.

Healthcare is an ever-changing environment, and I am energized by the multitude of roles where pharmacists can have an impact in improving patient care. From community pharmacies to ambulatory settings, specialty pharmacies, and acute care, each provides a unique opportunity for pharmacists to have a significant effect in the patient experience. Underlying all these practice arenas is pharmacy informatics and technology. Every pharmacist uses informatics and technology tools daily. Helping pharmacists and pharmacy technicians learn to use these tools more effectively and efficiently will enhance outcomes for patients and provide additional satisfaction in daily practice. I look forward to the ongoing work within ASHP to help practitioners grow in their knowledge and understanding of how informatics is enhancing the pharmacist’s role in providing patient care.

I am delighted to have worked with so many enthusiastic and knowledgeable pharmacists in the Work Group on Professional Development. Many good projects have been completed, and I am encouraged to see the plethora of new ideas for the future. I am grateful for all I have learned from the collaboration within the section and am honored to be considered for the Director-at-Large position.

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White earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Tennessee and completed a two-year pharmacotherapy residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Her support of the profession is demonstrated through her volunteerism, having served in a variety of roles within the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology Advisory Groups. She is currently finishing her term as Chair of the Section’s Educational Steering Committee, where she had the opportunity to interact with leaders from across the Section to identify new needs and modalities for delivering education to members.

What’s your professional mission? Do you have a statement that defines your work? My mantra as an informatics pharmacist is “protect patients and providers and make the data matter” — meaning, take care of patients first, work to make the technology safer and more efficient for all healthcare colleagues from staff to clinicians, and translate the data to transform care.

We are in an exciting era of pharmacy practice — creating roles, defining opportunities, and advocating for patient care through technology innovation and safety science. I am proud to be part of this profession and thankful for the opportunities I’ve had over the years to form relationships across the country through involvement on our SAGs and Educational Steering Committee. I see the Director-at-Large role as a way to represent and advocate for our members who may not be able to attend every meeting but who want to have a voice that matters as we make decisions about our profession. I’m humbled and grateful for this opportunity to represent you. Thank you for your consideration of me as a candidate and, more importantly, for all you do to care for our patients and advocate for our profession!
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Brummond has been very active within ASHP, including service on the Council on Education and Workforce Development, Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Advisory Groups on Leadership Development and Management of the Pharmacy Enterprise and the Section Educational Steering Committee. He is currently completing his term as Director-at-Large of the Section’s Executive Committee. He has published and presented nationally on a variety of topics including workload and productivity, leadership development, and practice advancement.

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Nnadi earned his B.S.Pharm. from Howard University, Pharm.D. from the University of Maryland, and M.H.S. from The Johns Hopkins University. He completed a hospital administration residency at Memorial Hospital.

Nnadi’s ASHP service includes Vice Chair and Chair, Council on Pharmacy Management; member of the Section’s Educational Steering Committee and Advisory Groups on Leadership Development and Multi-Hospital Pharmacy Executives; and faculty, Manager’s Boot Camp. He has led many statewide initiatives, including starting an associate degree technician program and approval of tech-check-tech in North Carolina. He holds academic appointments at several schools of pharmacy.

This Section has played an integral role in influencing positive change in health-system pharmacy practice across the country. I have been fortunate to see this evolution over the past decade while serving in a leadership capacity within the Section Advisory Groups and the Executive Committee. The exciting advancements of pharmacy practice require strong Section leadership and committed members to prioritize and execute key strategic initiatives. With the development of the new Section Strategic Plan, now is the time to align as a Section and empower leaders to advance practice and patient care. It is imperative that we take the lead on medication safety while reducing healthcare costs. As pharmacy leaders we must also leverage the pharmacy enterprise to enhance the value we deliver to our patients through improved transitions of care, providing high-quality ambulatory and specialty pharmacy services, and demonstrating a greater presence in precision and personalized medicine.

I will partner with the members of this Section and ASHP to achieve our goals and advance pharmacy practice. I am honored to be nominated as Chair for this Section, and I welcome the opportunity to serve you!

The changing healthcare environment presents an extraordinary opportunity for pharmacy. One of the key trends in the healthcare environment is the impact of the cost of pharmaceuticals and the impact on overall healthcare costs. We have an opportunity to help our organizations reduce costs and at the same time improve quality of care. Pharmacy can, and should, contribute substantially to improve efficiency, reduce waste, improve patient outcomes, reduce readmissions, expand medication management in outpatient settings, lead efforts in specialty pharmacy, and improve transitions of care. As pharmacy leaders, we must continuously look for creative ways to help our teams succeed in leadership by providing the tools, training, competency, and mentorship they need. We must also advance technician training in order to competently assist with tasks that contribute to pharmacist burnout.

The Section has been remarkable in providing the educational and developmental toolbox full of best practices to help new and seasoned leaders alike. We have to protect it and continue to share ideas and best practices. And I look forward to finding creative ways to encourage and accelerate sharing best practices in ways that are easy for pharmacists. I am honored to once again be nominated for the section Chair and look forward to collaborating with you to advance our profession.
MARK SULLIVAN, Pharm.D., M.B.A., BCPS, FASHP (mark.sullivan@vumc.org), is the Executive Director for Pharmacy Operations at the Vanderbilt University Hospital and Adult Clinics. He also serves as the Residency Program Director for the Health System Pharmacy Administration program at Vanderbilt and as a member of the Lipscomb College of Pharmacy Assessment Committee. Sullivan earned his B.S. in Pharmacy from Auburn University, his Pharm.D. from the University of Mississippi, and his M.B.A. from the Jack C. Massey College of Business at Belmont University.

Sullivan’s ASHP involvement includes membership, Vice Chair, and Chair roles for the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Advisory Groups on Communications and Publications, and Innovation Management; facilitator, faculty, and emcee roles at the Manager’s Boot Camp; faculty at the Leader’s Conference; member of the Leader’s Conference Steering Committee; and Chair and Co-Chair, Commission on Affiliate Relations.

The Section has provided friendship, knowledge, opportunity, and confidence to continually sharpen my edge as a leader. The value this group offers to health-system pharmacy practice supports development of leaders who can develop better services, staff engagement, and business acumen while offering the opportunity to “ask for a helping hand” when questions arise.

Our industry faces numerous short- and long-term opportunities that preparation, perspective, pragmatism, and new paradigms in the health-system pharmacy approach will allow us to improve patient care and better leverage medication use. The section is well positioned to help prepare leaders in our profession to hone their skills while offering interactions that grow broad, well-read viewpoints in collegial environments where pragmatic thinking can help our patients be better cared for and make our health systems stronger for the work we do.

I think Leo Rosten said it best: “The purpose of life is not to be happy — but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have made some difference that you lived at all.” I want to help the Section make a difference!

LINDSEY R. KELLEY, Pharm.D., M.S., FASHP (lrkelley@med.umich.edu), is Director of Ambulatory and Oncology Pharmacy Services at University of Michigan Health System, where she is responsible for community pharmacies, outpatient infusion pharmacies, a specialty pharmacy program, and oncology service line. She serves as Program Director for the PGY1 community pharmacy residency and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. Kelley earned her Pharm.D. from The University of Arizona in Tucson. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and received her M.S. from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy while completing a two-year health-system pharmacy administration residency at University of Minnesota Health.

Kelley has been active with ASHP at state and national levels. She has served as faculty for the Manager’s Boot Camp; member of the ASHP Council on Pharmacy Practice; member of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Advisory Groups on Innovation Management and Leadership Development; and Chair, New Practitioners Forum Executive Committee. She was honored with the ASHP New Practitioners Forum Distinguished Service Award in 2010 and recognized as a Fellow in 2019.

As the national conversation on quality and transparency in healthcare continues, there is an opportunity to be key contributors and impact what matters most to our patients, our organizations, and our profession. Specifically, we can address social determinants of health through access to medications; think and act proactively on compliance to ensure long-term quality; and create models of care where each practitioner in pharmacy is working at the pinnacle of their skills, abilities, and license.

ASHP has been at the forefront in areas like regulatory advocacy, drug shortages, and provider status — that focus must continue. In our pursuit of quality, our profession will continue to face unanticipated challenges that require our best thinking to solve. Growing evidence suggests teams containing different perspectives and experiences produce better outcomes. This evidence compels us as a profession and ASHP as an organization to ensure we are encouraging diverse perspectives in our work.

I am proud of my service to ASHP and grateful for the strong foundation and work already underway. I am honored by this nomination and excited about the opportunity to join my colleagues in leading this work.

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STEPHEN J. DAVIS, Pharm.D., M.S., FASHP (sdavis@shieldsrx.com), is the Director of Health System Strategy at Shields Health Solutions. He is responsible for oversight of specialty pharmacy services developed for health systems. In that role, he works with clinical pharmacists, pharmacy leaders, and executive teams to create strategies for starting and growing health system-owned specialty pharmacies.

Davis received his Pharm.D. from Auburn University and completed an M.S. combined two-year health-system pharmacy administration residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Davis has been an active member of ASHP, serving as Chair, New Practitioners Forum Leadership and Career Development Advisory Group; member of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers (SPPM) Advisory Groups on Patient Care Quality, Innovation Management, and Leadership Development; and the SPPM Specialty Pharmacy Work Group; member of the ASHP Commission of Credentialing; and faculty, Manager’s Boot Camp.

JOANN STUBBINGS, B.S.Pharm., M.H.C.A. (joanns@uic.edu), has experience in specialty pharmacy leadership, outpatient pharmacy operations, pharmacy teaching, research, healthcare policy, pharmaceutical consulting, and the pharmaceutical industry. She is Associate Director, Specialty Pharmacy Services, in the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Department at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System in Chicago and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy. She earned her B.S. in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and her Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

Stubbins is currently Chair of the Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners Executive Committee. She serves on the Advisory Panel of the 2030 Practice Advancement Initiative and the Forecast Survey Panel; coauthored publications in AJHP on specialty pharmacy (2013, 2014), national trends in prescription expenditures (2015–2019), Medicare Part D (2007), and REMS (2010); serves as an AJHP manuscript reviewer, and has given numerous poster and podium presentations at ASHP meetings.

Health-system specialty pharmacies play a significant role in patient care. However, as health-system specialty pharmacies are looking to serve their patients and expand access to care to additional patients, we are facing several barriers and challenges. The two most common barriers and challenges are obtaining payer contracts and gaining access to limited-distribution drugs (LDDs).

ASHP is uniquely positioned to assist in minimizing these two critical issues that are impacting health-system specialty pharmacies. With the support and network within ASHP, specialty pharmacists can collaborate on strategies for payer contracts and LDDs. We can drive collaborations with other organizations to standardize and promote appropriate certifications/accreditations for specialty pharmacies and pharmacists. We can work together to create opportunities to have round-table discussions with payers, PBMs, and manufacturers to standardize specific patient outcomes and data that shows all of the positive outcomes of health-system specialty pharmacies and advocates for health-system specialty pharmacies. We can partner with other organizations to leverage our collective strengths regarding optimal patient outcomes.

I am honored to be nominated as Chair and look forward to the opportunity to work with the amazing members of this section to continue the advancement of specialty pharmacy!
TIMOTHY D. WEBER, R.Ph., M.B.A. (timothy.weber@unchealth.unc.edu), is the System Executive Director for Retail and Outpatient Pharmacy at UNC Health Care. Weber is also a preceptor for the UNC HSPA residency and UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Advanced Immersion programs. Prior to joining UNC Health Care, Weber was the Vice President of Pharmacy for Fruth Pharmacy. In 2016, Weber was awarded the Next Generation Pharmacist Award for Civic Leadership for his work at Fruth collaborating with local public health departments on harm reduction strategies as well as implementing pharmacogenomics testing and hepatitis C screening at Fruth’s retail pharmacies.

Weber earned his bachelor’s degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Rutgers University and his M.B.A. from American Public University.

Weber’s ASHP involvement includes membership in the Sections of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners (SSPP), Ambulatory Care Practitioners, and Pharmacy Practice Managers. Weber was also recently appointed to serve on the SSPP Advisory Group on Outcomes and Value.

As the scope of our practice continues to move toward ambulatory environments, including specialty pharmacy, health systems are in a unique position to work with both manufacturers and payers to ensure specialty pharmacy therapies provide the desired outcomes for our patients. Our ability to seamlessly collaborate with our providers enables us to streamline care for the whole patient. We are able to capture the data that tells the entire story of the patient’s therapy journey, which can help all stakeholders ensure optimal outcomes for the patient at the most effective total cost of care.

We must continue to work with manufacturers, payers, providers, and patients to demonstrate the value health-system specialty pharmacies can provide so that we can effectively limit fragmentation of care that exists in the current landscape and improve outcomes for our patients. I believe my career, experiences, and relationships provide me with the background to help our Section set a path which can successfully navigate the road to success.

I am honored to be considered as Chair-elect for the Section. I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration for this opportunity.

SAMANEH T. WILKINSON, Pharm.D., M.S. (swilkinson2@kumc.edu), is Director of Ambulatory Pharmacy Services at The University of Kansas Health System. In this position, Wilkinson is responsible for pharmacy services across six retail and specialty pharmacy locations as well as clinical pharmacy services throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. She is also the Residency Program Director for the Health-System Pharmacy Administration Program. Wilkinson earned her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and completed a PGY2 residency in health-system pharmacy administration at The University of Kansas.

Wilkinson has been actively involved in ASHP, most recently supporting the development of the Section of Specialty Pharmacists. She has also been a member of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers’ Advisory Group on Leadership Development, as well as Chair of the Preceptor Development Committee. Wilkinson has also contributed to multiple committees and networking sessions, and is a frequent presenter at ASHP meetings.

TARA N. KELLEY, Pharm.D., M.M.H.C., CSP (tara.n.kelley@vumc.org), is Director of Specialty Pharmacy Services at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. In this role, she is responsible for continually advancing the care model for specialty pharmacy practice.

Kelley earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. Her career started in retail pharmacy and, after completing her residency, she gained experience in an inpatient pharmacy. The combined knowledge in these areas led her to find her passion in health-system specialty pharmacy.

Kelley is an active member of ASHP and is currently serving as Director-at-Large of the Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners Executive Committee.

I believe that health-system specialty pharmacy is uniquely poised to provide the best care for patients requiring specialty medications. The high-touch, integrated services delivered ensure appropriate prescribing and medication utilization, an improved patient journey, and better patient outcomes. All of these factors will ultimately lead to decreased overall cost of healthcare. We offer the highest value to all stakeholders in the specialty pharmacy landscape, and it is incredibly important to demonstrate this in order to remain viable in the marketplace. We are facing countless challenges, but there are also many opportunities that require us to move forward strategically. I believe that ASHP will set the standard and continue to raise the bar for safe, optimal, effective, and accessible care for all patients who require specialty medications.

I am grateful for the leadership, support, and advocacy that ASHP brings to the health-system specialty pharmacy profession. I hope to utilize my experience to help health systems navigate the increasingly complex world of developing, maintaining, and growing specialty pharmacy services. I am deeply honored by this nomination, and I am energized by the opportunity to continue to serve in the advancement of our profession.

The expansion of ASHP into the specialty pharmacy space over the last 24 months offers many exciting opportunities for our profession, for our patients, and for all healthcare. Traditionally, this arena of pharmacy practice has been dominated by big chain retail-specialty pharmacies; however, the timing is ripe for a more global and comprehensive health-system presence. Development of this section within ASHP will help optimize care for these complex and costly treatments. Health-system specialty pharmacies positively impact patient outcomes and support the continuum of care for patients, while supporting the multi-disciplinary team and contributing fiscally to the organization.

Being a part of a new ASHP section focused on expanding the profession’s footprint is one thing that I am very excited about. The opportunities are endless as we develop practice guidelines, business plans, and best practices. I am passionate about offering all patients exceptional pharmaceutical services, regardless the setting of their care. With the support of ASHP and the development of this new section, there are endless opportunities to expand and optimize specialty pharmacy services. I would be honored to serve as Director-at-Large in this Section and participate in the ongoing progress of our profession.

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SCOTT L. CANFIELD, Pharm.D., CSP (scanfie1@jhmi.edu), is the Assistant Director for Clinical Program Development at Johns Hopkins Home Care Group where he is responsible for leading new program development with a focus on specialty pharmacy services across outpatient and home infusion services. He also oversees the pharmaceutical pipeline, specialty channel management, and manufacturer engagement.

Canfield earned his Pharm.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed two years of residency training in specialty pharmacy at UW Health. He has developed and implemented numerous specialty pharmacy service lines since beginning his career as a Clinical Programs Manager within Johns Hopkins.

Canfield is active in promoting health-system specialty pharmacy practice at the state and national levels, including frequent presentations at major specialty pharmacy conferences, such as the Asembia Specialty Summit and NASP Annual Conference. Canfield has been a member of ASHP since 2013 and serves as preceptor for ASHP PGY1 and HSPA residency programs.

I believe that the specialty pharmacy industry is on the cusp of significant change and that health systems must become better prepared to demonstrate the value that their services provide. As the industry continues to consolidate, health systems must be able to quickly and consistently highlight the elements that differentiate their services through leveraging data and clinical expertise. I seek greater involvement within ASHP to promote the continued success of health systems within the specialty pharmacy marketplace and to provide support to both institutions looking to improve their capabilities as well as the profession at large by highlighting the role pharmacists can play in the care of complex and high-risk patient populations. My personal philosophy is founded in the continual and fearless pursuit of knowledge. I believe that health systems are a key component to driving innovation within specialty pharmacy practice and that the unique nature in which health systems collaborate and share best practices will be vital to shaping the future of high-risk patient management and value demonstration. For these reasons, I thank you for your consideration for the opportunity to serve as Director-at-Large for the Section’s Executive Committee.

ERICA M. DIAMANTIDES, Pharm.D., M.H.A., BCPS (ediamant@uw.edu), is the Specialty Pharmacy Manager for University of Washington (UW) Medicine in Seattle, where she oversees the Specialty Pharmacy program and medication access services across two academic medical centers. She is also a clinical instructor with the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and precepts students and residents. Diamantides earned her Pharm.D. from Northeastern University, followed by a health-system pharmacy administration two-year residency at UW Medicine combined with her M.H.A. from the University of Washington. Initial years of experience focused on expansion of specialty pharmacy services into new disease states and URAC specialty pharmacy accreditation.

Diamantides’s ASHP involvement includes serving as a member of the Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Advisory Group on Leadership Development for the past four years. She is currently Chair of the Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners Advisory Group on Outcomes and Values.

Throughout my career, I have been inspired by the care that our pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and clinical teams provide for patients on specialty medications across the care continuum and I have been frustrated by the barriers posed to patients and the health systems in accessing these essential therapies. The challenges, like patient choice for delivery of pharmacy services, limited distribution models, collection and analysis of outcomes data, and demonstrating the value of health-system specialty pharmacy services are priority areas for health systems to focus on. ASHP’s creation of the Section gives us the platform to collaborate and strategize the best ways to break these barriers to access down.

Thank you for the honor of this nomination. If elected, I look forward to advocating for the health system role and value in delivery of specialty pharmacy care, facilitating the sharing of best practices across ASHP, supporting alignment in how our specialty pharmacies collect and disseminate data related to our patients’ outcomes, and promoting the specialty pharmacists’ and pharmacy technicians’ role in patient care. Together we can improve our patients’ access to specialty medications.

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CHRISTOPHER G. WILSON, Pharm.D., BCPS (christopher.wilson@sclhealth.org), is the System Director of Specialty Pharmacy for SCL Health in Denver. He earned his Pharm.D. at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. He is board-certified in Pharmacotherapy.

Wilson currently serves on the Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners Advisory Group on Business Development and will be a presenter/facilitator at the 2019 ASHP Summer Meetings.

The establishment of the ASHP Section of Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners is very exciting for specialty pharmacy practitioners. Having built a mid-sized specialty pharmacy program and watched it grow over tenfold since starting my specialty pharmacy career, it’s clear to me that health-system specialty pharmacy has a critical role to play in the industry. At the same time, I recognize there is significant need for advice, mentorship, and national leadership in the specialty pharmacy space, especially for small to mid-sized hospitals and hospital systems. Speaking with thought leaders in the specialty pharmacy market, I see there is an avalanche of change on the horizon, and if health-system specialty pharmacy is to adapt and thrive, I believe ASHP has a large role to play in our collective success.

Advocating with payers, manufacturers, and regulators is a venture best accomplished collaboratively. I firmly believe health systems provide the best specialty pharmacy care, bar none, and if elected I will bring my expertise (and occasional hard-earned lesson) to this group. I hope to have the opportunity to watch those lessons transform our profession into the pre-eminent method of practicing specialty pharmacy in the United States.

SHEENA F. BABIN, Pharm.D., CSP (shebabin@ochsner.org), is a Manager of Clinical Services and Business Development, and PGY1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program Director at Ochsner Specialty Pharmacy. In this role, she is involved in creating, developing, and expanding clinical services provided by the specialty pharmacy and working with pharmacy manufacturers to develop partnerships. She has experience in clinical, quality, safety, regulatory, and operations.

Babin earned her Pharm.D. from Xavier University of Louisiana and completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Ochsner Medical Center. She is a certified specialty pharmacist, member of the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP) Clinical Outcomes Committee, and previous Co-Chair of the Excelera Clinical Committee.

Within ASHP she has served as a member of the Sections of Clinical Specialists and Scientists, Pharmacy Practice Managers, and Specialty Pharmacy Practitioners. She also served as a member of the ASHP Safe Insulin Project.

“If patient engagement were a drug, it would be the blockbuster drug of the century and malpractice not to use it.”

– Leonard Kish

2018 was a record-breaking year for specialty medications approved by the FDA. There is a demand for a seamless model to manage the patient within health systems to meet the unique needs of the patient throughout their treatment journey with a multidisciplinary team. Patients who are engaged in their care, in combination with their care team, are destined for successful outcomes. The goal of the specialty pharmacy within health systems is to deliver a consistent, high-quality patient experience and continuity of care that leads to better outcomes.

I am thrilled to be a part of the Section. I believe that the breakthrough piece of this Section will establish health systems’ collaboration providing vital care for patients and excellent patient experience and outcomes. As we are all advocates for patients, the opportunities for collaboration will allow us to dramatically improve the care of patients overall. If elected, I vow to serve ASHP, its members, and our profession to the best of my abilities. Thank you for this honor.

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• Follow the online voting instructions.
• Online voting begins on July 1, 2019 and ends at 11:59 p.m., ET, on July 30, 2019.

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To provide for consideration of all potential candidates for office in the ashp sections who are willing to serve and who have the qualifications, capabilities, and time to devote to such offices, and to ensure consideration of those best qualified to serve in the interest of the ASHP sections and their members, the sections’ committees on nominations encourage submission by the membership of names of suggested candidates. Along with such suggestions to the committees on nominations should be included a brief biographical sketch of the individual recommended, his or her experience, accomplishments, and the reasons that the individual or group recommending him or her believe his or her election would be in the best interest of the particular section. Suggestions should be made by and accepted from affiliated state societies, councils or committees of ASHP and the respective section, or any other individual members or groups of members who have had an opportunity to observe the qualities of the person or persons they want to recommend.

Various means of encouraging the recommendation of candidates may be used. Among them may be letters from ASHP headquarters to the membership, letters to affiliated state societies, and notices in section publications.

Receipt of suggestions obtained in this manner should not preclude screening by the various section committees on nominations of the membership rolls in the usual manner and considering and evaluating the qualifications of other members whose names may or may not have been suggested by others.

Although not binding on the committees on nominations, it is usually desirable to consider as best qualified for office an individual who has demonstrated leadership qualities and interest in the affairs of the Society and the specific ASHP section through service on a committee. In addition, he or she should be known to be practicing the profession in an exemplary manner.

The permission of the prospective nominee and assurance of his or her willingness to serve if elected should always be obtained by the sections’ committees on nominations before presenting his or her name in nomination.