

## Call for Case Writers for the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition

ASHP, in conjunction with the ASHP Research and Education Foundation, is pleased to **announce a Call for Case Writers** for the local (preliminary) and national (semi-final) levels of the ASHP Clinical Skills Competition. The ASHP Clinical Skills Competition (CSC) is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for pharmacists. The CSC provides student pharmacists with the opportunity to enhance their skills in collaborative practice with physicians in providing direct patient care. Local competitions are held each fall on college campuses around the nation. The national competition takes place at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December. One case is required for the local competitions and one case for the national competition.

Cases are often based on a real patient case or the cumulative clinical experiences of the case writer. There should be one primary problem to be addressed during the patient encounter by the student competitors. The case should also include problems to be addressed within one week of the patient encounter. Case topics run the gamut of pharmacotherapy, but the best cases focus on a core topic (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, asthma, anticoagulation) with several ancillary problems exploring the depth of the student's acumen. Successful case writers will submit a case that involves critical thinking on the part of the students, rather than regurgitation of drugs, doses, and guidelines.

Case writers will be selected from the submitted case summaries. The Clinical Skills Competition coordinators will determine whether the case is appropriate for the local or national level. **The case summary should follow the format outlined in the instructions below, rather than a full case.** In addition to service to the profession and to ASHP, case writers will receive a modest honoraria and a complimentary registration to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Learn more about the competition and see past competition cases/answer keys at [www.ashp.org/clinicalskills](http://www.ashp.org/clinicalskills)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the survey at the following link and attach the case submission.

[http://ashp.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_2rhP953yVBztzQF](http://ashp.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2rhP953yVBztzQF)

The survey contains fields for these entries:

1. Full name, credentials, title, institution and preferred contact information
2. Qualifications for writing this case (e.g., I practice clinically in this area, I sit on a guidelines committee, I am faculty in this department)
3. Previous local or national involvement (if any) with the CSC. If a former student participant, please include whether highest involvement was at the local level, the national level or the Top Ten Finalist teams.
4. An upload field for a Word document or PDF file. **Please use the following format for your case summary:**  
Describe the potential patient case in less than 500 words; concepts are more important than facts. What is the patient's primary problem? How would you envision the student addressing the primary problem? What problems should be addressed within one week for this patient, but not immediately? SOAP Note format is preferred for submissions.

**TIMELINE:**

May 31 – Case selections made and initial contact with case writers

July 1 – Deadline to receive first draft of local case & national case

See below for a list of past case topics:

Year	Local Case	National Case
2018	Cystic fibrosis acute pulmonary exacerbation	Moderate-Severe Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia
2017	Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia	Community Acquired Pneumonia
2016	Atrial Fibrillation	Bacterial Peritonitis
2015	Sickle Cell	Endocarditis
2014	Pericarditis	Meningitis
2013	DVT	Multiple Myeloma
2012	Type 1 Diabetes	Schizophrenia
2011	Osteoporosis	Pre-eclampsia
2010	Neurosyphilis	SJS (drug induced)
2009	Alcohol Withdrawal	CHF (drug induced)

Questions may be sent any time via email to [students@ashp.org](mailto:students@ashp.org). Please feel free to share this message with colleagues who may be interested in serving as a case writer.

Kind Regards,  
ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum