



Section of  
**INPATIENT CARE  
PRACTITIONERS**

## In the Spotlight



**2011 Distinguished Service Award Winner**

**Deb Saine, M.S., FASHP**

Medication Safety Manager

Winchester Medical Center

Winchester, Virginia

Deb Saine received her Bachelor of Science in pharmacy *magna cum laude* from the University of Toledo and Master of Science in management from Antioch University. She is currently the Medication Safety Manager for Winchester Medical Center, where she provides leadership in medication safety initiatives and medication-use technologies. Her professional experience includes clinical, medication safety, and administrative roles for critical access, community and academic medical centers. Ms. Saine also introduces medication safety principles to students and residents through experiential rotations and lectures at the Shenandoah University Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy.

Ms. Saine is a leader in health-system pharmacy practice, with expertise in medication-use safety. Her passion for medication safety is evident in her numerous publications and presentations throughout the United States and internationally. She serves as a reviewer for literature in her field, and is the editor of two books. She developed one of the first dedicated pharmacist positions in medication safety, and subsequently initiated two others. Her innovations include implementing a student shadowing program, developing state-wide medication safety programs, accomplishing practice model redesign, and establishing several creative safety strategies which have been emulated by others across the country.

Ms. Saine served as the first elected Chair of the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners Executive Committee in 2004-05. She spearheaded the creation of the Medication Safety Section Advisory Group (SAG), and served as its initial chair. The SAG efforts to develop and increase medication safety education culminated in the 2011 ASHP Summer Meeting safety programming. She has been a presenter and meeting programming associate for several programs at ASHP Summer and Midyear Meetings, including the popular Safety & Quality Pearls sessions.

In addition to her work with the Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners, Ms. Saine's service to ASHP includes chair of the Council on Pharmacy Practice, member of the ASHP Foundation Development Committee, reviewer for ASHP Best Practices in Health-System Pharmacy Award, advisor to The Joint Commission, and participation in the IV Safety Summit and Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative. She has represented New Hampshire and Virginia in the House of Delegates. She is a past president of NHSHP, where she led successful legislative efforts for collaborative pharmacy practice in NH. Ms. Saine was recognized as a Fellow of ASHP in 2011.

***Click here to read [Ms. Saine's remarks](#) during the DSA Dessert Reception at the 46<sup>th</sup> ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting where she received her award.***