

In the Spotlight



2010 Distinguished Service Award Winner

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Mark Siska received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy in 1980, completed his Hospital Pharmacy Practice Resident training at Mayo Clinic Rochester in 1981 and recently completed his MBA in technology management from the University of Phoenix.

Mark has over three decades of medication management related experience in a variety of clinical, administrative and technology related roles. His extensive training and experience as a staff and clinical pharmacist, then as a pharmacy supervisor and clinical manager provided the necessary framework to help lead the electronic medical record initiative at Mayo Clinic Rochester.

In his current role as Assistant Director of Informatics and Technology for Pharmacy Services, Mark has provided leadership and participation both locally and nationally to ensure medication management supporting technologies are safely and effectively aligned with institutional and national quality and safety improvement initiatives including the development of system requirements for ambulatory and inpatient electronic health records and determination of medication management related interoperability standards for effective system integration. His knowledge of end-to-end medication management has provided the expertise to interpret and translate technical and functional requirements into effective operational technologies that support local and national quality initiatives, such as ambulatory and inpatient computerized physician order entry, electronic, bar code enabled medication charting, smart pumps and clinical decision support systems.

Mark's involvement with ASHP and the Section of Informatics and Technology is extensive. He has served as chair of ASHP's Section of Informatics and Technology. As one of the early chairs of this relatively new section, he helped to define the section's mission and objectives. Mark also helped lead the development of ASHP's Statement on the Pharmacist's Role in Informatics, and he is a member of the steering committee for the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative. He has served or continues to serve on a number Healthcare IT advisory committees including the National Quality Forum, Certification Commission for Health Information Technology,

Minnesota e-Health, ASHP Section of Informatics and Technology and National Council for Prescription Drug Programs.

Mark remains active in professional organizations including ASHP and HIMSS and has presented numerous times at national pharmacy and healthcare IT meetings on pharmacy informatics related topics. Over the span of his career, he has been able to successfully lead professionals to adopt and embrace health information technology by articulating its value and focusing their attention on how it may be leveraged to achieve operational, quality, safety and practice related improvements.