

# How to get started with PAI

as a Student Society

1. Explore the goals of PAI and resources available on the [website](#)
  - a. Understand the role student pharmacists play in the initiative:
    - i. **“The use of students in essential patient care activities can enable pharmacists to allocate their time to patients with complex medication-use needs” 2015-2019 Pharmacy Forecast**
    - ii. Don’t downplay your role as a student pharmacist; be excited about your ability to contribute to patient care!
2. Provide a presentation to your membership about PAI
  - a. Check out the resources available in the PAI student pharmacist resources webpage.
3. Invite speakers from health-systems, ambulatory care practices, and/or your state affiliate to discuss what steps they’ve taken to complete the self-assessments, identify gaps, and advance practice
4. Create a PAI task force within your SSHP and/or umbrella organization. This group can focus on educating fellow student pharmacists about PAI principles and completing projects to advance pharmacy practice, such as organizing PAI events for your society
5. Create a video to submit for the annual [ASHP PAI video competition](#)
6. Participate in ASHP’s PAI week
  - a. Check out the PAI Week Flyer, PAI Week events database, and PAI resources document for ideas to get you started
  - b. Plan one or more events, such as
    - i. Educational speakers for SSHP members
    - ii. Round table discussions on each of the pillars
    - iii. Advocacy/policy sessions
7. Partner with your state affiliate
  - a. Ask how you can support state efforts
  - b. Invite health-system leaders to complete the [HSA survey](#)
  - c. Invite ambulatory care practitioners to complete the [ACSA survey](#)
8. On rotations:
  - a. Ask if the site has completed a self-assessment survey, and if so, when the last time they did it was
  - b. Ask to be involved in completion of self-assessment surveys
  - c. Ask questions about what the site/practitioner is doing in regards to PAI (see “Questions to ask about PAI”)
  - d. If the site has already completed the self-assessment surveys, ask to help with an aspect of the action plan
9. On interviews:
  - a. Find out how the practice site had been/is planning to advance practice
10. Share ideas and experiences with other SSHPs, both within your state and across the country. Maybe you have an innovative role as an intern that you can describe for other students or you’ll hear about an interesting practice model or speaker to bring back to your chapter. Consider writing blogs and starting discussions on [Connect](#). You can inspire others and learn things that you may be able to adapt to your chapter.