ASHP Board of Directors Announces 2013 Awards

The Board of Directors of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) will acknowledge the contributions of a diverse group of health care practitioners with the Society’s 2013 recognition awards. The following awards will be given during ceremonies at ASHP’s national continuing education meetings:

Award of Excellence (ASHP Summer Meeting, June 2013) The ASHP Award of Excellence is given to an individual or group of individuals in recognition of a specific recent contribution or achievement that has advanced the ability of hospital and health-system pharmacists in the United States to serve the needs of patients.

Recipient:

Rear Admiral Scott Giberson, RPh, PhC, NCPS-PP, MPH, U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA, and the Primary Editors of "Improving Patient and Health-System Outcomes Through Advanced Pharmacy Practice- A Report to the Surgeon General 2011,” Rockville, Md. CEO's Award for Courageous Service (ASHP Summer Meeting, June 2013) The ASHP Chief Executive Officer’s Award for Courageous Service recognizes individuals or groups of individuals in health-system pharmacy who go beyond the call or assignment of duty to serve patients or assist pharmacists in serving patients, such as under emergency conditions or in times of natural disaster or other cataclysmic events. The award is for specific incidents of inspiring, unselfish
service under adverse conditions.

Recipients:

David W. Fuhs, PharmD, MS, FASHP, Senior Medical Science Liaison, GlaxoSmithKline, Woodbury, Minn. Bellevue Hospital Center Department of Pharmacy, New York, New York Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center Department of Pharmacy, Brooklyn, N.Y. NYU Langone Medical Center Department of Pharmacy, New York, New York New York Presbyterian Hospital Department of Pharmacy, New York, New York U.S. Public Health Service Pharmacists and Brookdale Hospital Department of Pharmacy, Brooklyn, N.Y. AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center Department of Pharmacy, Atlantic City, N.J. Honorary Membership (ASHP Summer Meeting, June 2013) Honorary membership in ASHP is bestowed upon individuals who are or have been especially interested in or have made outstanding contributions to pharmacy practice in health systems.

Recipient:

Harold N. Godwin, MS, FASHP, FAPhA, Professor and Associate Dean, University of Kansas, Overland Park. Award for Distinguished Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy Practice (48th Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2013) The Award for Distinguished Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy Practice recognizes the contributions of practitioners who have achieved excellence in health-system pharmacy practice leadership.

Recipient:

James G. Stevenson, PharmD, FASHP, Director of Pharmacy Services, University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers, Ann Arbor. Board of Directors Award of Honor (48th Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2013) The ASHP organizations, long-term care facilities, home care, and other components of health care systems. ASHP is the only national organization of hospital and health-system pharmacists and has a long history of improving medication use and enhancing patient safety.

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NYSCHP Calendar of Events
NYSCHP Oncology Practice Based Program & NYSCHP Pain Management Practice Based Program
4/05/13 - 4/06/13
2 practice based certificate program: Oncology Pain Management St. John's University, Bartilucci Center
web link

NYSCHP Annual Assembly: Medication Safety
5/03/13 - 5/05/13
Turning Stone Verona, NY
web link

NYSCHP Cardiology Practice Based Program
5/31/13 - 6/01/13
St. John Fisher Rochester, NY
web link

ASHP 2013 Summer Meeting and Exhibition [ASHP]
6/01/13 - 6/05/13
Board of Directors Award of Honor is given to individuals outside the pharmacy discipline who have made significant contributions to the health field.

Recipient:


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Dr. Eduardo Osvaldo Savio Quevedo, Assistant Professor, Universidad do la Republica Uruguay, Montevideo.

The new and improved Summer Meeting raises the bar for pharmacy meetings and offers the specific, applicable, and timely educational and networking opportunities you need to succeed in the New Horizons of pharmacy.

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**NYSCHP News**

**2013 Diabetes Practice Based Program**

May 2-3 Turning Stone Verona, NY

Diabetes is a disease on the rise and requires all health care providers to have a working knowledge of management. This certificate program is a comprehensive program designed to provide pharmacists with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to care for diabetic patients. Certification in diabetes is necessary to ensure appropriate patient care and therapy with the goal of improving patient satisfaction, optimizing patient care, safety and minimizing adverse drug effects.

Topics: Foundational Evidence & Complications Medications Applications and Synthesis

Registration is now open at [www.nyschp.org](http://www.nyschp.org).
**NYSCHP President Visits D’Youville College of Pharmacy**
Mark Sinnett, PharmD, President, NYSCHP had the honor of presenting to the D’Youville College of Pharmacy on February 12, 2013 on Professionalism, Leadership and Change within our profession. Overall, Dr. Sinnett has presented these topics to over 500 students at 6 out of 7 NYS pharmacy schools. Caption under photo Mark Sinnett, PharmD, President, NYSCHP following his presentation on leadership to the D’Youville College of Pharmacy (left to right, Teresa E. Donegan, PhD, Assistant Professor; Rebecca Waite, PharmD, Assistant Professor; Mark Sinnett, PharmD and Gary Stoehr, PharmD, Dean, School of Pharmacy)

**2013 NYSCHP Annual Assembly: Medication Safety**
May 3-5, 2013 Turning Stone, Verona, NY Medication Safety

- Topics ISMP medication safety
- Jerry Foundation Keynote
- REMS/Opioids Biostatistics
- Diabetes Certification Program
- Multidose Medication Dispensing for Discharge
- NYS Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement Update
- NYS Board of Pharmacy Update

**Chapter Spotlight: Northeastern**

Despite losing our former chapter president, Sal Bottiglieri, to an outstanding position at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center – Orlando, the Northeast Chapter had a productive year. We want to acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Bottiglieri to our chapter and thank him for his dedicated efforts. Our chapter wishes him the best in all of his future endeavors. While this is an unfortunate loss for New York, Florida is acquiring a great pharmacy practitioner.
The NE-NYSCHP is continuing to provide its members with continuing education programs. This year, we have invested time engaging pharmacy departments at local hospitals by having residents present some of our CE programs. By involving residents in our program, we are able to recruit new members who are most likely to take advantage of NYSCHP’s development programs. In the Fall, we had Sarah Hale, PGY2 Critical Care Resident at Albany Medical Center, provide a program on hyponatremia. Additionally, we had two PGY1 residents, Amanda Engle and Carissa Flick, provide 2 CE hours on medication errors for our members. In addition to involving residents in our programs, we continue to have invited speakers. We teamed up with Paradigm Medical Communications and had Neil Davis from Virginia Commonwealth University provide a program on the Management of Community-acquired Bacterial Pneumonia: The Pivotal Role of the Pharmacist from Admission through Discharge. We have also invited Michael Bottorff, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at School of Pharmacy- South College in Knoxville, TN present “Essential Guidelines for Hospital Pharmacists in Acute Coronary Syndrome.” We are very enthused that we have had a wide variety of speakers and programs for our members. We are preparing for the NYSCHP Annual Meeting and House of Delegates. We have announced this at several of our meetings and anticipate members from the NE chapter will attend the meeting. Additionally, we are looking to conduct elections and new officer installation at our final meeting of the year. As the year comes to a close, the officers are planning for CE programming and initiatives to recruit new members into the organization. We are also applying for more grant funding and hope that our upcoming year is fruitful.
At St. John’s University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, a group of students are working with faculty members and administrators to form a Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP). A membership drive on February 21, 2013 attracted almost 90 interested pharmacy students. The members of the student society seek to educate their peers regarding the future of pharmacy practice and the role health-system pharmacists play as vital healthcare experts. By fostering professional and personal development and encouraging membership in both American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists, the society hopes to promote student awareness and understanding of the ongoing advancement of pharmacy practice.

The members of the student society hope to soon collaborate with pharmacist leaders of NYSCHP to continue inspiring students and opening new doors for those interested in pursuing careers in health-systems and/or post-graduate opportunities.

New Diagnostic Agent Approved for Lymphatic Mapping
Cheryl A. Thompson

BETHESDA, MD 14 March 2013—FDA and Navidea Biopharmaceuticals Inc. on Wednesday announced the approval of technetium Tc 99m tilmanocept injection, or Lymphoseek, as an aid in identifying the first lymph node that drains the primary tumor site in patients with breast cancer or melanoma.

The radiopharmaceutical, according to FDA, is the first new drug the agency has approved for use in
lymphatic mapping since 1981, when isosulfan blue became available.

Examination of the lymph nodes that drain a tumor may be helpful in determining whether a cancer has spread to a site distant from the primary site, FDA said. Lymphatic mapping helps physicians find those lymph nodes so they can be removed and examined for cancer cells.

Carmichael to Receive 2013 Whitney Award
3/11/2013

Jannet M. Carmichael, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCP, FAPhA, VISN Pharmacy Executive for the Veterans Integrated Service Network 21 (VISN 21) is the recipient of ASHP’s 2013 Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award.

During her 30 year career with the VA Healthcare System, Dr. Carmichael has made significant contributions to the system’s progressive pharmacy practice model, including the use of quality metrics to improve patient care and patient safety while lowering health care costs. She saw patients as a clinical pharmacy specialist for over 20 years and oversaw the development of several pharmacist-run primary care clinics at the Sierra Nevada VA Healthcare System, a program that received ASHP’s Best Practices in Health-System Pharmacy Award in 2002. She also developed and implemented parenteral nutrition support, antibiotic monitoring, pharmacokinetic dosing services, and a low molecular weight heparin DVT protocol at Sierra Nevada. She started the PGY1 pharmacy residency at Reno and was the program director from 1994-2003 and has trained over 30 pharmacy residents.
ASHP Supports Legislation to Repay Pharmacy Grad Loans
3/8/2013

ASHP recently expressed its support for the Access to Frontline Health Care Act of 2013, a bill that would provide for loan repayment for pharmacy graduates’ in exchange for a commitment to practice in underserved areas.

The legislation is an important first step forward in addressing pharmacy workforce challenges, the Society noted in a letter to the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Bruce Braley, (D-Iowa).

Still Chance to Stop Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae, CDC Says
Cheryl A. Thompson

BETHESDA, MD 05 March 2013—Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae infections are on the rise, can kill, but are still controllable if hospitals and other health care facilities act now, the head of the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) stated today.

"There is now a critical window of opportunity to control [these] lethal bacteria," CDC Director Tom Frieden declared during a media briefing.

"And that window is open but not for long."

Arjun Srinivasan, associate director for CDC’s health-care-associated infection prevention programs, said the agency has "some good evidence" that carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae are not yet present in the community.
CPOE Cuts Medication Errors, Study Shows

*Healthcare IT News* (02/22/13) Miliard, Mike

A new study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* shows that computerized provider order entry reduces drug order errors by 48 percent and could prevent 17.4 million adverse events per year. The study used a systematic literature review and applied random-effects meta-analytic techniques, combined with data from the 2006 American Society of Health System Pharmacists Annual Survey, the 2007 American Hospital Association Survey and the 2008 AHA Electronic Health Record Adoption Database supplement, to estimate the impact of CPOE on medical errors. The researchers from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Abt Associates and Johns Hopkins University note, "[While the upshot is that CPOE] can substantially reduce the frequency of medication errors in inpatient acute-care settings, [it's still unclear] whether this translates into reduced harm for patients. ... There also is some evidence that CPOE may cause errors."

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FDA Warns of Arrhythmias With Azithromycin

*MedPage Today* (03/12/13) Gever, John

The Food and Drug Administration is warning about the risks associated with the drug azithromycin. The FDA noted that patients with existing QT prolongation could see their condition worsen while taking azithromycin, and that the presence of QT prolongation and other factors in patients taking the drug is also associated with a higher risk of a potentially deadly form of arrhythmia called torsades de pointes. The agency is in the process of including new warnings about the risk of QT prolongation and torsades de pointes on azithromycin's label.

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Hospital Claims a First - IV Prep and EHR Integration

*Anesthesiology News* (03/01/13) Parks, Liz
WellSpan York Hospital became the first health system in the world in July 2010 to implement an integrated automated infusion management system, selecting infusion pumps that connected with patients' electronic health record (EHR). The system is being used by a coronary care unit, a trauma surgery ICU, and a 60-bed step down area for cardiac patients, and covers a total of 90 beds. Previously, nurses, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians had to keep infusions going, with nurses monitoring the status of titrated infusions and reordering the infusions from the pharmacy on an "as needed" basis. "In our ICU setting, the reorder process often broke down and we would receive frantic phone calls that the medications were running out in five minutes, or worse, had already run out and the medication was needed immediately," Chip Gerhart, RPh, the medication safety officer at WellSpan York Hospital, said. "That meant dropping everything to make and deliver the infusion to the ICU." By contrast, the new integrated infusion management system employs a variety of connected technologies -- including Cerner's infusion management product, Hospira's Symbiq infusion devices, and MedNet safety software -- to create transparency surrounding the reorder process for both pharmacy and nursing. Gerhart noted during a recent Webinar that these components "provide bidirectional, wireless communication between the smart pump and the electronic medical record, resulting in a closed-loop, integrated infusion management system." From July 2011 to January 2012, WellSpan documented 90 near-miss medication errors involved in the administration of IV infusions that were caught by the updated system, according to hospital officials. This resulted in an estimated cost savings of $77,000 for that time period and $132,000 annually for just the 10-bed ICU.
The Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a report on Feb. 13 calling for greater international cooperation to combat the problem of counterfeit and substandard prescription drugs. The report noted that over 124 countries reported problems with fake or substandard drugs in 2011, meaning that they had reports of contaminated drugs, medicines that did not have their active ingredients, and pharmaceuticals that were so diluted that they were ineffective. While the problem is most prevalent in developing countries, the report said, it has also been seen in the U.S. A statement released with the report called on the World Health Organization and regulators to develop a global code of practice regarding the production of drugs and to take other steps to crack down on the problem of fraudulent or substandard medicines. The full text of the report can be found here.

Fatal Drug Overdoses in U.S. Increase for 11th Consecutive Year

The National Center for Health Statistics has released a new report indicating that 38,329 people died of drug overdoses in 2010, with 57 percent of those overdoses attributed to abuse or misuse of prescription medications. Of those overdoses, three-quarters were related to prescription opioid painkillers, including oxycodone HCI (Oxycontin) and acetaminophen and oxycodone (Percocet). More than 74 percent of all deaths associated with prescription drugs were accidental, while 17 percent were suicides. Opioids were also found in 77 percent of overdoses involving benzodiazepines as well as 65 percent of overdoses associated with antiepileptic or anti-Parkinsonian drugs; 57 percent of overdoses involving antidepressants; and 56 percent of overdoses involving anti-inflammatory or fever-reducing drugs. The full results of the study can be found in the Journal of the American Medical Association.
Government officials, pharmacists, and the waste management industry are warning that the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) plan to expand the number of drop-off sites for unwanted prescription medicine could clash with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) hazardous waste policies. Some officials praised the DEA's plan on unwanted drug disposal arguing it increases diversion of drugs. Despite the criticism, some state agencies say the goal of increasing diversion will help keep medications out of water supplies. However, critics of the plan are calling for more clarity. Waste management officials contend that mixing drugs could be cause for alarm at some locations. For long term care facilities that currently deal with little hazardous waste, they may run into problems if they must handle drugs that are considered hazardous waste. Additionally, locations with drop boxes would be considered waste generators and would require state permits.

The FDA has notified the public about new actions being taken to address a known safety concern with codeine use in certain children after tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy. A new boxed warning will be added to the drug label of codeine-containing products about the risk of codeine in post-operative pain management in children following tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy. A contraindication will be added to restrict codeine from being used in this setting. The warnings/precautions, pediatric use, and patient counseling information sections of the drug label will also be updated. These changes are based on an FDA review of adverse event
reports indicating children suffered life-threatening respiratory depression or died after taking codeine for pain following these procedures.

Providers Say They Need HIT to Conquer Miscommunication and Health Errors
Medical Economics (03/04/13)
Health information technology (IT) is widely believed to enhance communication among care providers. However, a 2013 iHIT study conducted by the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) and HIMSS Analytics has found that pharmacists are far more likely than physicians or nurses to say they benefit from the use of health IT. Despite these differences, the study also showed that 70 percent of respondents said health IT benefited their overall ability to provide care efficiently, including the ability to have the information needed to understand their daily caseload. With regard to workflow, 83 percent said IT can play a key role in supporting clinical processes. Regarding information provided by HIT, 80 percent of respondents indicated that the information provided through the health IT tools available at their organization helped clinicians process data.

Cidofovir Injection (Vistide) by Gilead: Recall - Presence Of Particulate Matter
Medwatch (02/16/2013)
Gilead Sciences, Inc. is voluntarily recalling lot B120217A of cidofovir injection (Vistide) to the user level due to the presence of particulate matter found in some vials of this lot. Gilead is not currently aware of any complaint attributable to the particles. However, the company has asked all healthcare providers to inspect cidofovir injection before use and discard any vials found with this lot number.

Painkiller Abuse Hits New States
Wall Street Journal (03/11/13) Martin, Timothy
Western states that are experiencing an increase in prescription painkiller abuse are taking steps to combat the problem. Arizona, which has the nation's sixth-highest rate of prescription drug abuse, has implemented pilot programs to educate doctors in three countries about how to safely prescribe painkillers. Oregon, which has experienced a significant increase in the number of prescription overdose deaths and has one of the highest rates of prescription drug abuse in the country, has implemented a program to track painkiller prescriptions. Meanwhile, efforts to combat the problem of prescription drug abuse appear to have paid off in several Southern states, where abuse rates have fallen in recent years after reaching levels that were the highest in the country in the mid-2000s.