



Special Edition: 2018 MSHP Committee Updates

Pharmacy Technician Committee Update

The Pharmacy Technician committee has been busy engaging pharmacy technicians in the metropolitan area. Representatives visited multiple hospitals to share the mission of MSHP, to survey pharmacy technicians on how to best serve our pharmacy technician members, and to describe the perks of MSHP membership. The results of the survey are promising as many pharmacy technicians want to become more involved in the profession, participate in continuing education events, and mentor newer pharmacy technicians. The committee is planning a Continuing Education and Professional Development Workshop to take place on Saturday June 2 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Maryland. More information about the event will be available on the MSHP website soon!

Membership Committee Update

The membership committee is charged to foster engagement of MSHP new and current members within the organization, including organizing networking opportunities for our members.

We just held a community service event on March 24th 2018 which volunteers from MSHP spent the morning at Our Daily Bread Employment Center's Hot Meal Program. The program has become a mainstay for downtown Baltimore as it has served 500 to 900 people daily for the past 37 years, many of whom were once patients of the local pharmacies and hospitals. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and the University of Maryland Medical Center both organized a food drive and collected donations to the program. After orientation to the program, MSHP members worked with 30+ volunteers from other organizations in greeting guests, taking orders, serving food, providing beverages, and manning the kitchens. As guests lined up for admission, volunteers diligently worked to provide a home-feel lunch for two hours.

The event provided an opportunity for MSHP members from Notre Dame of Maryland University School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, FDA, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and the University of Maryland Medical Center to network and also give back to the same community we serve.

For members interested in volunteering or donating may contact Our Daily Bread at volunteerodbec@cc-md.org for more information.

We will be organizing another social event for our members in June 2018. Stay tuned for more information in future e-mail communications.

If you are interested to get involved in the membership committee, please contact Amy Yeung (syeung@umm.edu) and Ashley Martinelli (Ashley.Martinelli@umm.edu).

Medication Safety Committee Update

MSHP Medication Safety Committee had a successful cardiology focused Medication Safety Webinar in January as part of the quarterly series. Upcoming webinars are scheduled for April 24, 2018 (Oncology) and tentatively June 27, 2018 (Pediatrics). ISMP updates are now being presented differently during our meetings to get more involvement from the members working at different hospitals and are updating everyone on their respective institutions practices. Members also helped with the UMB Wellness Fair in conjunction with the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy SSHP chapter on March 26th, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. The quarterly medication safety column in *Pharmascript* continues to be written by fellow members. The Medication Safety committee will begin to advertise and accept submissions for the annual MSHP Medication Safety Award. The deadline is July 1st, 2018; send submissions to aduffy@rx.umaryland.edu or okishk@umm.edu.



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Pharmascript Committee Update

The Pharmascript Committee had a successful year in 2017 with an abundance of article submissions by members. The publication was expanded with the addition of a supplement, which started in July 2017. The first supplement featured resident abstracts and was continued in January with a second supplement featuring abstract submissions from pharmacist members. Most recently MSHP members have asked to know more about committee plans and events. To help increase member awareness, committee updates will now be added to *Pharmascript* with April and October publications. If you are interested in becoming a committee chair or member for 2018-2019 or have an article submission, contact victorialeiman@umm.edu or michaelarmahizer@umm.edu.

Legislative Committee Update

The MSHP Legislative Committee focuses on legislation and policy that affects the practice of health-system pharmacy on the state and national level. Every year the committee represents MSHP on the Maryland Pharmacist Coalition (MPC). MPC coordinates and organizes the pharmacy response to proposed bills for the Maryland Pharmacy Legislative Day. In addition, the committee reviews and provides feedback on proposed policy and regulations from organizations such as The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. Recently, the committee reviewed the proposed regulations for COMAR 10.34.10- "Requirements for Pharmacists Prescribing Contraceptives" on behalf of MSHP. The committee meets on an as needed basis in response to new legislation, policies, or regulations.