

Upcoming Events:

September:

Sept 22nd: Intertribal Powwow Health Fair

Buffalo Wild Wings Social: Time and Date to be announced.

October:

Oct 14th: Diabetes walk/run



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Creighton Recognized by NPA

Our chapter of APhA-ASP was presented the "Public Relations Award" by the Nebraska Pharmacist Association. We received the award for our commitment to the community through our patient care projects. We are particularly proud of the award because it represents our commitment to the APhA-ASP national focus for the past year which was "improving the image of pharmacy."

Intertribal Powwow Health Fair and Diabetes Walk

Intertribal Powwow on September 22nd:

We will be providing information on heartburn, diabetes, and hypertension in shifts from 1:00 – 7:30. For information or to help out contact: Amanda Pasche at amandapasche@creighton.edu or

Ann Foede at annfoede@creighton.edu.

Training Session:

There will be a training session prior to the intertribal powwow to go over information important to providing information on diabetes and heartburn. Training on taking a person's blood pressure will also be provided at that time.

Diabetes Walk/Run:

On October 14th there will be a Diabetes walk/run. APhA will be forming a team for the event. We are also looking for people to help out during the walk/run. For more information contact Grace Pestinger at gracepestinger@creighton.edu.

ILAC Medical History Card Project

By Jocelyn Frey and Anthony Allee

Over the past several months ASP Pharm Care Committee was involved in a project in conjunction with Creighton's ILAC (Institute for Latin American Concern) Program. The ILAC Program sends health care students to the Dominican Republic on an annual basis to provide medical care to the underserved. It came to the attention of Dr. Linda Ohri that there was a lack of continuity of care among these patients because they infrequently had access to medical care and it was rarely with the same provider. In an attempt to help with this problem, she approached the ASP Pharm Care Committee to come up with medical history cards which the patient could carry on his or her person, enabling their health care providers to have a history of their conditions and treatments.

The focus was on patients with chronic conditions, specifically hypertension, diabetes, and asthma. In collaboration with ILAC, the ASP Pharm Care Committee came up with a medical history card to keep track of the date of appointment, vitals, generic name of medications prescribed, instructions, and recommendations. Cards are printed on cardstock, folded, and stored in ziplock bags to protect against wear and tear and the humid conditions in the Dominican Republic.

Over the past summer, students traveling to the Dominican Republic were able to use the cards in the clinic setting. This summer, approximately one-third of the 1000 cards printed were used, leaving the rest for use next summer. The ILAC administration was enthusiastic about the endeavor. It is the hope of the ASP Pharm Care Committee and ILAC that having a record of patient care accessible to other doctors treating these patients will have a positive effect on the long term treatment of their chronic conditions.



Fourth year pharmacy student Lance Reding, counseling a patient with her new medical history card.

Seeking P1 and P2 to help Chair the following Committees:

Katy's Kids/Drug Education: This committee sets up all the Katy's Kids and Drug Information Presentations throughout the Omaha community. For more information, contact Cara Walkup at carawalkup@creighton.edu

Laura Peitzmeier at laurapeitzmeier@creighton.edu or

Katherine Carter at katherinecarter@creighton.edu

Community Service: This committee organizes service projects for our chapter. Past projects have been with Habitat for Humanity or the Sienna Francis House. For more information contact: Sheana Gupta at sheanagupta@creighton.edu

Social: This committee helps plan social activities for our chapter, usually an outing in the fall and the annual spring picnic at Dr. Hamilton's house. For more information contact Patrick Mogbo at patrickmogbo@creighton.edu

Fundraising: This committee provides money-making opportunities for our chapter. Projects typically include selling drug card binders and business cards. For more information contact: Danielle Robley at daniellerobley@creighton.edu

Legislative Update

Starting October 1, prescribers are required to use tamper-resistant proof prescription pads for all Medicaid patient prescriptions in order for pharmacies to receive Medicaid reimbursements. This is a three month transition since the law was signed. In the 15 states that are using tamper-resistant pads, the transition was much longer. APhA is advocating that the date be pushed back to allow for adequate time for prescriber education as well as guidance to pharmacists on which types of tamper-resistant prescription pads will be acceptable, how to provide critical patient care to those without the required tamper-resistant prescriptions and what exemptions are and are not allowed under the new law.

For more information on this issue, see the letter that APhA wrote in support of delaying the implementation, available at: <http://www.aphanet.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&CONTENTID=8196&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm>

Member of the Month

Our first Member of the Month award went to Jocelyn Frey for her work with the ILAC program's distribution of medical history cards in the Dominican Republic. Jocelyn spearheaded this new project with the help of her Pharm Care committee and sent 1,000 medical history cards to the D.R.

MRM: Midwest Regional Meeting

This year, the Midwest Regional Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota October 26-28. The weekend will be packed with patient counseling workshops, leadership workshops and an expo of local employers. Registration is currently open and the cost is \$80. The stipend for attending MRM is \$150.

My Delegate Experience

By Arshdeep Pooni

Hi my name is Arshdeep Pooni and I've been the APhA-ASP delegate for the past year now. I would like to take a moment to give you an idea of the type of experience I've had representing our chapter and hopefully this will encourage you to run for the position.

- I gained a broader understanding of the issues that students are most concerned about and was therefore at the forefront of policies shaping our profession. For example, one of the policies I voted for last year dealt with requiring pharmacies to have an AED on site.

- I got an in depth look at the APhA policy making process. Serving as a chapter delegate is a *great starting point if you wish to become involved at the regional or national level of APhA.*

- I got to travel to different parts of the country (Atlanta, Iowa City). Next year the lucky delegate gets to travel to San Diego.

-The responsibility and leadership gained through such an experience is important to employers when looking for a job or residency after graduation and therefore is an important element of a resume and CV.

The time commitment is not too substantial. You need to send out emails and perhaps hold one meeting in order to generate policies to present at MRM. At MRM you'll spend about a total of 6 hours at meetings and policy sessions and at the National Convention you'll spend about 8 to 10 hours. This is spread over 3 days so you still have plenty of time at the convention to participate in socials, educational programming, or site seeing.

Please consider running for this position. Anyone is eligible no matter what level - P1, P2, P3. No experience is necessary.

Thanks for your time and please feel free to send me any questions you have about the position.

For more information about the APhA-ASP delegate position contact Arshdeep Pooni at arshdeppooni@creighton.edu