



# APhA-ASP CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## So what's the BIG Deal with the APhA National Meeting?

The APhA National Meeting is the end all, be all of professional pharmacy meetings. It is our opportunity to not only celebrate our amazing profession but to also learn about the cutting edge developments that are advancing the profession of pharmacy. The national meeting is also our opportunity to participate in these developments through the ASP policy process and legislation on a national level. The weekend will be packed with educational, networking and social opportunities, and enough free pens to cover you for the rest of your pharmacy career. At the Exposition every aspect of pharmacy will be represented, from community to industry. My personal experience at last years national meeting in Atlanta solidified my passion for our profession. It opened my eyes to the progressive nature of our profession and the advancements currently in progress. It was also a great time to get to know some of my fellow classmates on an entirely different level and network with Creighton alumni, staff and faculty. If these reason don't have you signed up by now, all I have left to offer is sunny, warm southern California in March (enough said). Register today at [www.pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com), and if you register before February 13<sup>th</sup> you can obtain the discounted student registration fee of \$170.

-Paul Morales

### Upcoming Events

- February 13th: Registration Deadline for San Diego
- March 14th till March 17th: National Meeting in San Diego
- February 5th: Legislative Day
- Spring Break February 29th- March 9th
- April 4th and 18th: PharmCare health fairs
- April 19th: Operation Diabetes Gala Event



YOUR TICKET TO A BRIGHTER PHARMACY FUTURE



San Diego

## Operation Immunization

The fall of 2007 was a busy semester for Creighton University's ASP chapter and one of our greatest achievements was our successful Operation Immunization Project. Thanks to the hard work and planning by our Operation Immunization committee chairs, Jocelyn Frey and Anthony Allee, Creighton's ASP members helped educate and immunize over 1,000 Omaha residents! Our P3 and P4 students administered vaccinations, while our P1 and P2 volunteers were responsible for counseling patients on the influenza vaccine as well as many other immunizations that are available for various age groups. Overall, we had 86 students and 23 faculty members participate in these projects. Our students helped administer vaccines at local churches, the Creighton Student Health clinic, and at Omaha's Open Door Mission, a local facility that provides food and shelter to those living in poverty. In November, ASP also put on an entirely student run flu shot clinic in the Pharmacy school lounge where they administered 100 flu vaccines to students, faculty, and staff of our school. There is nothing like setting a good example! Overall, our ASP members helped educate and administer vaccines to 1,369 people and we are excited to carry this energy over into 2008. See you in San Diego!

## APhA National Theme

APhA's national theme for 2007-2008 is health literacy. Health literacy about more than a patient's ability to read. It is about his or her understanding of health information such as medication labels and even verbal instructions from a pharmacist or physician. As future pharmacists we should keep this idea in mind as we begin to gain experience counseling patients and sharing our knowledge of medications.



Picture taken at Operation Immunization

### Member of the Month

**Amanda Pasche is our Member of the Month for all of her hard work on writing three tedious PharmCare reports to be judged at national convention in San Diego.**

### Legislative Update

#### Multiple CII Prescribing by Kevin Olson

Since CII drugs cannot be refilled, practitioners can now write for multiple prescriptions for a CII medication in order to give a patient a 90 day supply. The specific conditions that must be met to make this legitimate are as follows:

- Each of the prescriptions must be written by a practitioner in their realm of professional practice for an actual medical purpose.
- The practitioner must write instructions on each prescription noting the earliest date which each prescription may be filled. This isn't necessary to do for the first prescription if it is intended to be filled immediately.
- The practitioner must determine that prescribing multiple CII prescriptions to a patient won't cause abuse or diversion problems.
- State laws must allow for the writing of multiple CII prescriptions (**which Nebraska does**).
- The practitioner must act in accordance with other related regulations under this rule and any other state regulations that apply.

These new rules shouldn't be seen as required regulations to follow. They don't mean a practitioner should just write for multiple CII prescriptions and only see their patients every 90 days. They need to use their best medical judgment to deem when to write for multiple CII prescriptions and when to follow up with their patients.

**When multiple prescriptions have been written for a CII that follow these regulations, NO PHARMACIST MAY FILL THE PRESCRIPTION BEFORE THE DATE THAT WAS INDICATED BY THE PRACTITIONER.**