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Report

American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

APhA Moves into New Headquarters: APhA has moved back into our historic headquarters on the National Mall.

Professional Practice:

Looking to develop patient care services? APhA has extensive resources including information on medication therapy management services. Go to [APhA Medication Therapy Management Central](#) for more information.

APhA Publishes 16th Edition of Handbook on Nonprescription Drugs

Public Policy:

Share your federal pharmacy experience with President Obama and help to include pharmacists in the health care reform process at the [Health Care Reform Web site](#) formed by the President's healthcare advisory team.

News:

FDA warns consumers to stop using hydroxycut products: Dietary supplements linked to one death; Pose risk of liver injury.

FDA, FTC warn public of fraudulent 2009 H1N1 influenza products: Offending web sites and illegal activity targeted for action.

American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)

No Report

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP): Website: www.amcp.org

AMCP's mission is to empower its members to serve society by using sound medication management principles and strategies to improve health care for all. Managed care pharmacy principles are based upon the use of scientific evidence to achieve healthy outcomes while making the best use of money spent on medications and their management.

Professional Practice (Events that affect the practice of pharmacy)

Potential New Diabetes Treatment - The AP reports, "Biotechnology company Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc. said Tuesday it asked the Food and Drug Administration to approve its highly anticipated once-weekly injectable [type 2] diabetes treatment exenatide LAR." The treatment "is an extended version of the twice-daily injectable drug Byetta [exenatide], a version of a protein found in Gila monster saliva, and is being viewed by Wall Street as a way for Amylin to reinvigorate sales." The drug would likely compete with "Novo Nordisk's once-daily injection liraglutide, which is currently under FDA review."

Possible Antiviral Resistance - "Fear of swine flu in the early days of the outbreak sent people racing to grab up antiviral drugs just to feel safe, and that has caused concern among experts who worry about the virus developing drug resistance" to two antivirals -- Tamiflu (oseltamivir) and Relenza (zanamivir). Following the first CDC's confirmed cases, "new antiviral prescriptions at retail pharmacies were 19 times higher than in the previous week," according to healthcare information company SDI. Harvard researchers are now warning "that widespread use of one of the antivirals would risk creating a resistant strain of the flu and make it difficult to halt its spread." Therefore, "experts say the medications should be reserved for only the very ill or people with severe immune deficiencies." Also, though the outbreak appears to be winding down, "officials caution that there is a lot to learn about the strain, and no one can predict what might happen if it returns in the fall and how severe it might be if it does."

FDA orders stringent warning labels for botulin-based drugs. - On Apr. 30, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a requirement that Botox [botulinum toxin type A] "and other similar anti-wrinkle drugs," such as Dysport [botulinum toxin type A], "must now carry the most stringent kind of warning label," the "so-called black-box warning." The agency "said such drugs must carry warning labels explaining that the material has the potential to spread from the injection site to distant parts of the body -- with the risk of

serious difficulties, like problems with swallowing or breathing." In addition, "the FDA said it would...require makers of injectable toxins to send doctors letters warning of their risks and to produce a medication guide to be given to patients at the time of injection." According to an FDA official, "problems had occurred mainly in patients who received overdoses of the drug for unapproved treatments, like limb spasticity in children with cerebral palsy."

- Public Policy (pending laws, regulations that affect pharmacy practice)

Florida Legislature passes bill to create statewide database tracking drug purchases - In Florida...the state Legislature took steps to deal with a problem that is often overlooked, prescription drug abuse." Lawmakers "passed a bill to monitor the state's pain clinics because officials say the state has become this country's biggest supplier of a powerful type of painkiller, and that is attracting addicts and drug dealers from all over

- News

Survey indicates 47 percent of Americans believe FDA does a poor job on drug safety - Although the American public feels a little better about the job the US Food and Drug Administration is doing now than a year ago, about half still believes the agency isn't doing enough to safeguard the country's food and drugs, a new Harris Interactive/HealthDay poll finds." The survey of "2,495 adults aged 18 and over" revealed that "47 percent of respondents believe the agency does a poor job" on "monitoring the safety and effectiveness of new prescription drugs." In addition, 49 percent said they "have a negative view of the job the FDA is doing, while 48 percent have a positive assessment." Meanwhile, "only six percent of respondents" indicated that "the FDA's oversight of imported foods is 'excellent' and 21 percent saying it is 'poor.'" The survey also revealed that "only eight percent of poll respondents feel the agency is doing an 'excellent' job of making sure new prescription drugs are safe and effective, or monitoring the safety of prescription drugs after they arrive on the market."

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

NEW: SenioRx Solutions on Pain Management

Read about senior care pharmacist services in "Is Your Parent Over-Medicated?"

Download ASCP 40th Anniversary logos

New Education Programs Available For Free!

Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity to gain a unique understanding of geriatric care by clicking below.

New Audio Conference:

Maintaining the Continuum of Care After Major Orthopedic Surgery: Preventing Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in Older Adults After Discharge

Virtual Clinic: Evaluation and Management of Chronic Constipation in the Elderly

American Society of Health System-Pharmacists (ASHP) www.ashp.org

ASHP Meets With White House Health Care Reform Team

H1N1 Resource Center Features Most Current Drug Information

ASHP Provides Online Hub for Swine Influenza Updates

ASHP Honors Members for Practice Excellence and Leadership

ASHP Survey Reveals Impact of Economy on Hospital Pharmacy Services

ASHP Publishes New Statement on Benefits of Bar-Code-Enabled Medication Administration

ASHP Publishes New Statement on Criteria for Intermediate Drug Products Category

ASHP Publishes New Statement on Responsibilities of Pharmacy Executive

ASHP Publishes New Therapeutic Position Statement on Cessation of Tobacco Use

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

Founded in 1900, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) is the national organization representing pharmacy education in the United States.

The mission of the Association is to both represent and be an advocate for all segments of the academic community in the profession of pharmacy.

News:

University of Florida

The Department of Health and Human Services, FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and the Office of Management is supporting a professional scholarship program in collaboration with the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps at the University of Florida (UF) College of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy. The college is launching a Master's program in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy Research to increase research capacity among pharmacists and other health professionals. To apply online, visit the UF College of Pharmacy's Web site. For more information, e-mail Dr. Almut G. Winterstein, associate professor, or call 352-273-6258.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

Professional Practice

- Tamiflu –Resistant Flu getting more common People who turned to fight their flu last year may have found it are increasingly resistant to the drug , which is also oseltamivir
- New Guidelines on aspirin- Patients and health care providers should consider risk factors such as age, gender, diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, smoking and risk of gastrointestinal bleeding before deciding whether to use aspirin to prevent heart attacks or strokes, according to new recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Published in the March 17th issue of Annals of Internal Medicine, the recommendations said the more risk factors people have more likely they benefit from aspirin. The task forces did not find clear evidence that the benefit of using aspirin outweigh the risks in people 80 years and older because the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding increases with age.
- Inmates with HIV lack treatment after release. Once released from prisons , most inmates with HIV do not receive adequate medical care when it comes to prescription medication

News

- The American Public Health Association (APHA) urges the public to use the current swine flu outbreak as an opportunity to ensure that they and their families are prepared for potentials pandemics, disasters or any other health emergencies that may arise.
- May is National Health Vision Month
- National Public Health Week a success
- The American Public Health released its Agenda for Health Reform
 - APHA calls on the administration and Congress to think broadly about how to improve health in this nation by:
 - Supporting population based services that improve
 - Reform health care coverage and delivery
- Public Health community advising Hollywood's writers
- APHA: U.S. needs food safety overhaul
- APHA calls on CBS to uphold liquor ad ban
- APHA urges focus on heart disease in women
- APHA lauds House for vote to give tobacco regulation to FDA
- Health officials : D.C. home to HIV epidemic
- Most state laws agree with CDC HIV guides
- Health reform gains momentum , policy-makers seek public's input
- Obama says science will lead health, environmental decisions
- Few U.S. states improves grades on mental health report card
- GOA report outlines challenges facing U.S. veterinary work force
- CDC offers public health law course

- Iowa lab has safer birth defect screening

Awards

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is now accepting nominations for its 2009 awards. These awards recognize individuals for their achievements in support for and contributions to public health. These awards will be presented at 137th APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia, PA. Nominations must be received by May 22nd, 2009.

Contact Deborah Dillard, awards staff liaison at (202) 777-2442 or Deborah.dillard@apha.org for more information.

More about Awards

New -2009 Student Assembly Public Health Mentoring Award

Sidel-Levy Award for Peace

Sedgwick Memorial Medal

APHA Award for Excellence

David P. Rall Award for Advocacy

Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize

Martha May Eliot Award

Helen Rodriguez-Trias Award

Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

AMSUS, the Society of the Federal Health Agencies, which supports and represents the military and other federal health care professionals.

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Commissioned Officer Association (COA)

Commissioned Officers Association - COA is dedicated to improving and protecting the public health of the United States by addressing unmet health needs and providing support for more than 7,000 members.

News

- Post 9-11 GI Bill Sign-Up: Beginning 1 May 2009, the VA Education Service will begin taking applications to determine service members' eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill program, which commences on 1 August 2009. A copy of VA's 'timeline' slide and other info is at the link below. The VA's website has additional information and a link to the application at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Calendar of Events:

APhA

Meetings:

Mark your calendar NOW for the 2010 APhA Annual Meeting to be held March 12-15, 2010 in Washington, DC.

The annual Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar (JFPS) event that brings the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard pharmacy community together is scheduled for October 26-29, 2009 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada

ASCP

Senior Care Pharmacy '09

November 18-22

Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

ASHP

ASHP Foundation: <http://www.ashpfoundation.org/>

Programs Calendar by Category

Awards

- 6/1/2009 – Deadline for **ASHP Foundation Literature Awards** applications
- 7/1/2009 – Deadline for **Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards** applications

Leadership Programs

- 5/13/2009 – Applications available for **Pharmacy Leadership Academy**

Meetings & Events

- 6/14-17/2009 – **ASHP 2009 Summer Meeting, Village of Rosemont, IL**
- 9/20/2009 – **2009 Walter Jones Golf Classic**

Research Grants

- 5/15/2009 – Extended deadline for **Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant** applications
- 6/16/2009 – Deadline for **Hospital Pharmacist-Emergency Physician Collaborations: Improving the Care of Patients with Infectious Diseases through Collaborative Health Services Research** applications

Traineeships

- 6/10/2009 – Deadline for **Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship** Session I applications
- 6/15/2009 – Applications available for Session II of **Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship**
- 8/1/2009 – Deadline for **Oncology Patient Care Traineeship** applications
- 9/15/2009 – Deadline for **Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship** Session II applications

For more information Visit:

www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/ProgramNews/OpenPrograms.aspx

AACP Meetings (Regional, and national meetings):

The world's pharmacy educators will convene at the 2009 AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars in Boston (July 18 - July 22) eager to shape the future of global healthcare. Online registration is open April 20 to June 26

(<http://www.aacp.org/meetingsandevents/AM/2009AM/Pages/default.aspx>).

ACCP

2009 Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Dates: Thursday, May 14-Saturday, May 16

2009 Annual Meeting

Location: Anaheim, California

Dates: Sunday, October 18-Wednesday, October 21

AMSUS

The next AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from November 15-20, 2009, the theme will be: Lewis and Clark and Federal Healthcare: Teams Charting New Frontiers. All information regarding the 2009 Annual Meeting will be available in Spring 2009.

COA

Annual Meeting

- The 2009 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium will be held June 1-4, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. The 44th edition of this annual meeting will feature 3 1/2 days of general and tracked sessions. The theme for the 2009 Symposium is "Leading a Strong Public Health Workforce for a Healthy America." The conference will address a broad range of emerging trends, research breakthrough and critical issues in public health. Registration is available for the conference. Here is a link to the conference website:
<http://www.phscofevents.org/>
- Hotel Registration for the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta-through the above website or call 800-266-9432
- Category day will be Tuesday, June 2nd
- Surgeon General's run/walk will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd
- Recruiting Information – Getting the Word Out on the Best Kept Secret this Nation Has to Offer: The USPHS will be held Thursday, June 4
- Uniform for Symposium - Service Khaki is the prescribed uniform of the day for Symposium attendees. The uniform for the Anchor & Caduceus Dinner on Monday evening 1 June is Dinner Dress Blue Jacket for 0-5 and above (Mess

Dress Blue); and Dinner Dress Blue (Service Dress Blue w/miniature medals and bow tie) for O4 and below. Prescribed uniforms for PHS officers are not intended to discourage attendance at this celebration of the Public Health Service's and Commissioned Corps' birthdays. Service Dress Blue is an appropriate alternate uniform for officers who have not yet acquired the prescribed uniform. Uniformed officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard are to wear their equivalent uniform.

- Retirement Seminar- A free 1-day seminar for officers retiring from the USPHS will be held on Friday, June 5 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis from approximately 8 am to 5 pm. To register send an email to info@phscofevents.org with "Retirement Seminar" in the subject line and indicate your name and that you would like to reserve a spot.
- **The early bird deadline for the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium has been extended to May 8 at 11:59 PM. There will be no additional extensions. Visit, www.phscofevents.org/registration.cfm to register.**
- Surgeon General's 5K Run/Walk- which will be held in conjunction with the Symposium at 7 PM on Wednesday June 3. Participation in the Run/Walk is free for conference attendees. Access the signup link from the Run/Walk page on the conference web site. Last but not least a limited number of hotel rooms have been added to the block at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis at the federal per diem rate. These rooms will be available through May 9.
- Available Pre-Conference Workshops:

Two-Day

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) training course, (May 30-31). \$100 registration fee

Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) ,(May 30-31), free for the first 50 registrants through the generous support of CDC, \$100 after

Full-Day

Fundamentals of Leadership, (May 31, \$100 registration fee (includes lunch)

Lean Six Sigma Management Technique, (May 31), \$100 registration fee (includes lunch)

Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency and Response (CASPER), (May 31), free to first 40 pre-registered attendees through the generous support of CDC

The Guts and Glory of Running a Federal Medical Station (FMS), (May 31), free, pre-registration required

A Day with OCCO – Managing Your Corps Career: Promotions, COERS and More, (May 31), free, although class size may be capped.. Pre-registration required

Half-Day

Connected for Good: Social Marketing and Social Media for Public Health Preparedness and Response (May 31 in the morning), \$75 registration fee (includes breakfast)

American Red Cross Psychological First Aid Course: Helping Others in Times of Crises (May 31 in the afternoon), \$25 registration fee.

Disaster Surveillance, (May 31 in the afternoon), Free for the first 50 pre-registered attendees through the generous support of CDC, \$25 after

Drug Topics:

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drugtopics/Modern+Medicine+Now/Salary-Survey-Pharmacist-salaries-continue-to-clim/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/585679>

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drugtopics/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=596065&sk=&date=&pageID=3>