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American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

Professional Practice:

Did you know that October is [American Pharmacist Month](#)? This month-long observance is a time to recognize the significant contributions to health care and the commitment to patient care by pharmacists in ALL practice settings from around the country. **“Know Your MEDICINE, Know Your PHARMACIST”** will serve as the theme and core message of the month.

With the upcoming influenza season approaching, be sure your [immunization skills](#) are sharpened and ready to meet the challenges ahead.

The APhA Awards and Honors Program is the profession’s most comprehensive recognition program. APhA offers several ways to recognize practitioners, scientists, and student pharmacists through its awards program. [Nominate](#) a colleague today!

Public Policy:

Read [APhA Summary](#) of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (P.L. 111-31) and find out where you can go to [make comments](#) on tobacco regulations.

To keep up on the pharmacy related provisions in the current version of health care reform and to read APhA's position, click [here](#).

News:

A study published in Journal of the American Medical Association shows elevated lipoprotein (a) levels associated with increased risk of a myocardial infarction. What do you and your patients need to know? Click [here](#) to find out.

Community Pharmacists Positioned to Make a Difference in Recognition and Management of People with Depression: [read](#) this white paper released by American Pharmacist Association Foundation for more information.

Plan now to present at APhA 2010-[Contributed Papers Call for Abstracts](#) is now open and is due October 5, 2009.

American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)

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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.

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American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

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

News

- 1) Ginsburg Elected ASHP President
- 2) How You can Help Ensure Health Care Reform Success for Pharmacy
- 3) House and Senate Health Care Reform Bill Keeps Pharmacist-Friendly MTM Provisions
- 4) Ask Congress to Restore Funding for PGY2 Residencies in Health Care Reform Bills
- 5) ASHP is on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube join the online meetings to discuss meeting, etc.

ASHP Foundation

9/15/2009 – Deadline for Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy Traineeship Session II applications

10/23/2009 – Deadline for Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Research Grant applications

11/6/2009 – Deadline for Research Boot Camp applications

Events:

9/20/2009 – 2009 Walter Jones Golf Classic

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.

Professional Practice (Events that affect the practice of pharmacy)

Be sure to watch the Is Pharmacy For You? Video Competition award-winning videos on [http://www.youtube.com/user/AACPVideo!](http://www.youtube.com/user/AACPVideo) Pharmacy faculty and students from The University of Oklahoma and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill answered the question, *Is Pharmacy For You?* in their winning videos. Please contact jathay@aacp.org, director of student affairs, with any questions or comments.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

Overview

The American Public Health Association is the oldest, largest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve Public Health since 1872.

Professional Practice

- TB Vaccine too risky for HIV positive babies: A tuberculosis vaccine that is give to about 75 percent of newborns worldwide puts HIV positive babies at risk of contracting a deadly strain of TB according to a study in the July Bulletin of the World Health Organization

News

- Cell Phone Popularity a barrier for public health data collection
- Public Health benefiting from-private sector partnership
- APHA meeting program , personal scheduler available now on web
- U.S. obesity trends are growing worse, adding to health costs
- CDC proposes lifting travel, immigration ban for HIV
- New HHS action plan taking aim at health care-acquired infections
- Millions lose health coverage due to recession

- Indigenous people vulnerable to H1N1
- Mixed marks on state local H1N1 response
- Public Health leaders using social media to convey emergencies: New tools a boon
- Health workers gearing up for H1N1 cases in fall: Departments running practice drills
- U.S. surgeon general launches new dialogue calling for healthy homes
- Mobile health program illustrates cost-effectiveness of prevention
- Volunteers sought for project on preparedness core competencies
- APHA campaign calls on members to advocate on health reform
- CDC Coalition members discuss budget outlook for health agency
- Survey finds six in 10 Americans believe serious outbreak of H1N1 likely in fall or winter
- WHO recommends global use of rotavirus vaccines
- New study finds fewer families can afford health insurance

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

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

To become a member go to www.amsus.org/membership starting rate is from \$60/year to a full time life membership of \$1200. The following are some of the benefits offered for members:

- Members receive *Military Medicine* the Association's official journal, each month.
- Members receive the quarterly *AMSUS Newsletter*.
- Members may attend the AMSUS Annual Meeting at substantially reduced rates.
- Members may participate in the Annual Awards Program, with awards presented by the Surgeons General of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Public Health Service, and the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Annual Meeting.
- Members are eligible to join one of the AMSUS Chapters.
- The Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. WorldPoints MasterCard Credit Card: Earn points and get the rewards.
- AMSUS Online Resource Library Upgraded.
(*Can find out more details about benefits under membership*)

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.

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Calendar of Events:

APhA

Meetings:

Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar in Reno, NV: October 26-29, 2009.

APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington D.C.: March 12-15, 2010.

AMCP

AMCP's 2009 Educational Conference, October 7-9, 2009, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center San Antonio, Texas

ASCP

Clinical Update for the Geriatric Pharmacist Workshop

ASCP's 21st Annual Midwest Regional Conference for Consultant Pharmacist

November 17, 2009 Anaheim CA

Senior Care Pharmacy '09
November 18-22, 2009
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

ASHP

2009 Leadership Conference
The Westin O'Hare, Chicago, IL
October 19-20, 2009

2009 Midyear Meeting
Venetian Resort and the Sands Expo Center, Las Vegas, Nevada
December 6-10, 2009

AACP

Meetings (Regional, and national meetings):

In 2007, the AACP Educating Clinical Scientist Task Force proposed a policy (<http://www.ajpe.org/view.asp?art=aj7105S05&pdf=yes>) encouraging colleges and schools of pharmacy associated with Academic Health Centers (AHC) to offer an interdisciplinary Ph.D. education/training program for clinical scientists in experimental therapeutics. To assist existing programs and those colleges and schools that are planning such programs, AACP will convene a Graduate Education/Training in Experimental Pharmacotherapeutics Summit on Sunday, Nov. 8,

2009 in Los Angeles, Calif. at the University of Southern California. Registration for the summit is \$75 and registration forms will be available from AACP in mid-September. The number of conference registrants is limited to 100 so register early

ACCP

2009 Annual Meeting

Location: Anaheim, California

Dates: Sunday, October 18-Wednesday, October 21

AMSUS

The next AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Army and held in St. Louis, Missouri from November 14-20, 2009, the theme will be: Lewis and Clark and Federal Healthcare: Teams Charting New Frontiers.

- Registration is now open and preliminary program is available online:
 - For questions regarding registration call: (508) 743-8533
 - General meeting questions email : meeting@amsus.org
 - Register before October 14, 2009, and get a discounted rate.

Drug Topics:

- Out of every 250 prescriptions written in a day, four result in medication errors.
- Patents set to expire soon on many brand-name drugs
- Rogue Internet pharmacies face new penalties