

Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners

MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

May 5, 2021

ORGANIZATION: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

- **Action Plan Implementation Activity**

- **Value of Pharmacists' Patient Care Services**

- ASCP Chief Executive Chad Worz has chaired weekly calls of the pharmacy organizations concerning the ongoing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, monoclonal antibody treatments and other timely topics for the profession during this healthcare emergency.
 - ASCP holds a weekly meeting for any pharmacy/LTCF interested in policy updates related to COVID-19 on Thursdays at 3:00pm
- Continued work with the DEA -
 - ASCP has continued to work closely with the DEA to address issues that affect patient access to pain management in long-term care facilities. These include nurse agency, chart orders, EPCS, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders and other issues impacting LTC pharmacy. ASCP is working with the DEA on the intersection of EPCS and chart orders in order to provide background for rule-making.
- ASCP is working along with the pharmacy organizations on finalizing a letter to HHS Secretary Becerra requesting an extension of flexibilities allowed during the COVID-19 pandemic beyond the end of the current emergency period.
- New quality measure(s) for antipsychotic use in LTC
 - ASCP is leading a working coalition of associations to reform antipsychotic appropriateness measures in LTC. The *Project PAUSE "Psychoactive Appropriate Use for Safety and Effectiveness"* coalition effort, co-led in partnership with The Alliance for Aging Research, is an ad hoc coalition of national patient and professional organizations collectively advocating on clinical care regulatory issues in long-term care and the community. The group holds quarterly meetings with CMS, as well as meeting with congressional offices and patient advocacy groups on this issue.
- **Provider Status Efforts**
 - Grassroots Letter-writing Campaign: ASCP shared an action alert with members to support H.R. 2759/S. 1362 – bipartisan and bicameral legislation that would allow for pharmacists to be reimbursed by Medicare for services allowed within a specific state's scope of practice and provided in underserved communities.

- **Organizational Update**

- ASCP has hosted two successful APhA/ASCP Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Certificate Programs
 - ASCP has hosted 23 free COVID-19 webinars and weekly OWS calls since the New Year
 - ASCP is hosting a [Summer Book Club](#) focused on being a Cultural Ally
 - ASCP is a partnering organization for the #GetVaccinated campaign
 - To help our members deal with the stresses of COVID, ASCP has hosted [free monthly lectures](#) on topics ranging from guided meditation to life after loss to holistic forms of stress management.
 - ASCP will present the [Collaborative Approach to Falls Prevention Certificate Program](#) again this month, May 11 & 13, 2021. It features an interactive panel of interprofessional fall prevention experts and includes comprehensive on-line pre-work. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will earn a certificate in Falls Prevention. This training is based on The National Council on Aging (NCOA) and ASCP Falls Risk Reduction Toolkit and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries (STEADI) Toolkit and interventions based on the American and British Geriatrics Societies Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention of Falls in Older Persons.
 - The Home Study edition of the “2021 ASCP Geriatric Pharmacist Boot Camp” will be available in early May
 - ASCP has released the updated Antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit and a new product, the Opioid Stewardship Toolkit: A Pharmacist’s Guide for Older Adults.
 - Board-Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP) recertification webinars, and medication/patient safety CPE series – ongoing through 2021.
- Some regional meetings to be held this summer include:
- 2021 Annual Florida Consultant Pharmacist Conference | June 18-19 & July 10, Tampa, Florida
 - 2021 Northeast Senior Symposium | June 25, 2021, Virtual
 - 2021 Midwest Regional Meeting | July 29-31, 2021, South Bend, Indiana
 - 2021 MidAtlantic Regional Meeting | August 13-15, 2021, Ellicott City, Maryland
 - ASCP 2021 Annual Meeting & Exhibition, November 4-7, 2021, San Diego, CA

- **Ongoing diversity, equity, and inclusion activities:**

The ASCP Task Force on Racial Equity and Cross Cultural Education, chaired by Dr. Jerrica Dodd and ASCP Chief Executive Chad Worz, was established to enable dialogue and provide educational opportunities and resources to members to foster personal and professional development and clinical competency related to cultural or ethnic differences in health care. This task force welcomes members with a variety of interests and perspectives, as three subgroups have been established to carry out a range of activities:

1. **Engagement** – work in tandem with the National Pharmaceutical Association (NPhA); encourage more Black pharmacists to pursue consultant pharmacist and senior care career pathways.
2. **Research/Policy** – Work on projects, such as research and policies, around health inequity
3. **Education** – Develop programming designed to improve cross cultural competency for members and improve patient-centered care for Black seniors and families.