

# Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners

## MEMBER ORGANIZATION UPDATES

February 1, 2022

ORGANIZATION: American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

- **Action Plan Implementation Activity**

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

- **COVID Response**

- ASCP Chief Executive Chad Worz has continued to chair weekly calls of the pharmacy organizations concerning the ongoing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, monoclonal antibody and antiviral 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.
- ASCP continues working with White House and ASPR leaders to establish a federal allocation of oral antivirals for long term care.
- Along with NCPA, APhA, ASHP, and NASPA, we submitted a statement in response to the FDA's decision to authorize the oral antiviral but specifically prevent pharmacists from writing the prescriptions. We continue to constructively engage FDA on this matter.

- **Provider Status Efforts**

- ASCP continues to support the pharmacy-wide effort on provider status.

- **DEA**

- ASCP submitted [comments](#) on two DEA proposals, one related to telepharmacy and another on the electronic transfer of CII prescriptions for initial filling.

- **Project Pause**

- ASCP is leading a working coalition of associations dedicated to CMS' antipsychotic measures in skilled nursing facilities. The *Project PAUSE "Psychoactive Appropriate Use for Safety and Effectiveness"* coalition is co-led as an ASCP/Alliance for Aging Research partnership and represents national patient and professional organizations.
- The group holds quarterly meetings with CMS.
- At present, the coalition is focused on a Congressional education and engagement campaign seeking to build political support for amending the current metric.

- **Education**

- APEX Event: Lifting the Burden: Practical Decisions in Managing Anticholinergic Medications in Older Adults (September 2021)

- Two-hour live discussion where front line experts discussed practical approaches to lifting the burden of anticholinergic medications that translate to everyday practice
- Starting this New Year, ASCP's very own Career Coach, Brooke Griffin is hosting monthly, virtual coaching sessions on topics ranging from imposter syndrome to leadership skill assessment, to CV advice.
- APEX Event: Diabetes Care and Management (March 2022)
- **Meetings**
  - 2021 ASCP Annual Meeting & Exhibition: November 4-7, San Diego, CA
    - Meeting was live and attended by over 900 registered
    - ASCP honored 14 award winners for contributions to the profession
    - 2021 Annual Meeting Home-Study packages are available for BCGP/CPE, CPE and technicians
  - Geriatric Pharmacist Boot Camp (March 16-17)
    - This year's in-person option will lead off APhA's Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
    - The Home Study edition of the "2022 ASCP Geriatric Pharmacist Boot Camp" will be available in early May
  - Northeast Regional: April 8-9, Newport, RI
  - South Central Regional: June 10-11, Dallas, TX
  - Midwest Regional: July 22-24, Cincinnati, OH
  - MidAtlantic Regional: August 5-7, Gettysburg, PA
  - 2022 ASCP Annual Meeting & Exhibition: November 3-6, Hill Country, Texas
- **Organizational Update**
  - **Ongoing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) activities**
    - The 2021 ASCP Ally Book Club explored different races, cultures, and minority groups through reading, food, drinks, and virtual discussion
    - Currently planning summer launch of 2022 Ally Book Club
    - In 2021, ASCP co-submitted comments with APhA on the OMB's health equity RFI.
    - ASCP Task Force on Racial Equity and Cross-Cultural Education
      - Uchenna Emenaha, Ph.D. and Danielle Backus, PharmD, BCGP presented *Uncovering Bias and Unlocking Student Potential: Skills Every Preceptor Should Have When Working with Pharmacy Learners* at the 2021 ASCP Annual Meeting & Exhibition
      - Currently planning 2022 Cultural Awareness & Implicit Bias series
      - Launched *The Equity Apothecary* with the first blog Pharmacy and Dentistry: A Collaboration Destined for Equity
      - Currently reaching out to pharmacy organization health equity leaders to set up quarterly meetings to collaborate and discuss JEDI, health equity, and health disparities educational efforts