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NVSHHP News

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Message From The President

As NVSHHP enters its 6th year of existence, the Board members and various committees have been working diligently to meet the needs and expectations of our members. We continue to grow as the Membership Committee provides networking opportunities for current and potential members. May has become our membership drive month, so we hope many of you were able to take advantage of the social evenings in both the North and the South on May 5th. An added feature to this year's social event was a poster session provided by some of our residents. Many thanks to Julie Rodgers, Loida Nguyen Tracey Jackson, David Zhang, Jenna Carmichael, and the Residents for their efforts during our May gathering. Watch for other upcoming events on our website (www.nvshp.com) and Facebook. Other ongoing activities include NVSHHP participation in March of Dimes Walk, participation at State Board of Pharmacy meetings, local antimicrobial stewardship planning, and pharmacy leadership quarterly meetings. Contact us to get more information and get involved!

I am happy to say that NVSHHP offers learning opportunities not only for Pharmacists, but Pharmacy technicians and Students.

Our second annual Pharmacy Technician Program took place in Reno on April 14th providing Pearls in Pharmacy and Law CE to participants. A fall program is being planned for September in the South.

A student chapter of NVSHHP has been created at Roseman University. We look forward to working more closely with our Pharmacy students.

It has been our tradition to conduct an Annual meeting in the fall. This year we have the opportunity to work with another affiliate organization, CSHP, for this meeting. CSHP selected Nevada as their meeting site and we are joining forces with them to provide a 3 day event at Paris/Bally's in Las Vegas. NVSHHP hopes to utilize this opportunity to learn and

grow in our event planning in order to provide the best for our members. Just a few of the highlights of the upcoming meeting: over 75 CE programs, a poster session, Exhibitor Theatre, and Residency Showcase. Mark your calendars for October 18-21, 2012 and watch for the official announcement and registration information in July.

As we move forward, we want to make sure we are meeting our membership needs. To that end, we recently circulated a survey to find out what our members hope to obtain from their NVSHHP membership. Please make sure to fill out the survey. If for some reason you did not receive the link, contact us at nvshpinfo@gmail.com and one will be provided. We look forward to reviewing the results and continuing our progress in 2012.

NVSHHP continues to go paperless and utilize email, website postings, and Facebook to communicate upcoming events and information. Don't forget to check the website periodically for new updates and our Calendar of events. Feel free to contact me or any NVSHHP Board member if you have questions or suggestions. We value your thoughts and opinions.

It is membership renewal month, so don't forget to renew your membership to NVSHHP. NVSHHP offers many networking opportunities, along with continuing education, and involvement in legislative issues impacting our profession and the State of Nevada. Looking forward to seeing you at future events!

In closing, I would like to say that NVSHHP would not be viable without the tireless efforts and volunteer time of the Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee members, and NVSHHP members. Thank you to all of you and all you do.

Sincerely,

Sandy Sierawski

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CMS 30 Minute Rule Revised

Sital Patel, Roseman University PharmD/MBA Candidate

The Centers of the Medicare and Medicaid Services issued the 30 minute rule with the intentions to help improved health care services by requiring hospital administration of necessary medications to occur in a timely manner. To administer the next dose of medication within 30 minutes of its due time would maintain an appropriate level of medication in the patients system allowing for a quicker recovery time. However, over time, as hospital compliance to the 30 minute rule was observed, it was found that physical administration of the patients medications were not actually being administered in a timely manner. According to the Infectious Disease Special Edition article 'CMS 30-Minute Rule On Drug Administration Seen as Risk to Patients', Nurses would often bypass the Pharmacy review of orders, verify patient health status and allergy information and skip the bar code scanning process all together. All of these measures are in place to ensure the patient receives the correct medication needed and reduce the risk of incorrect dosing or causing and allergic reaction from the patient (IDSE.net). According to the same article, nurses are often calling the Pharmacy to ask to have the medication re-scheduled, causing the Pharmacist to have to recalculate all factors of administration and thus increasing the risk of error.

As of today, the CMS 30 Minute rule is still required but hospitals across the country pushed to increase flexibility in administration of most medications. It is stated in the article put out by IDSE that some medications may require specific administration time, but most do not. To add flexibility to administration of majority of the drugs would improve good practices and reduces risk of harm to the patient. In the memo released in December 2011 by CMS, CMS stated they recognized that the 30 minute rule was no longer the standard of practice. Flexibility was granted to for every hospital to establish their own policies and procedures for timing of administration for certain medications. Administration of these medications must still be given in an appropriate time frame, but urgency to administer non urgent medications within the 30 minute window is no longer required.

Bruce Buckley and Joan Buckley. "CMS 30-Minute Rule On Drug Administration Seen as Risk to Patients." Infectious Disease Special Edition. August 2011 Volume 1 (2011). Web.

HCPPro.com. "Website Spotlight: CMS 30-minute rule: How does this affect your facility?" February 27,2012. Web.

Asthma Educators Institute

The American Lung Association's Asthma Educator Institute is being presented by UnitedHealthcare on September 13 and 14 at the Flamingo Las Vegas, in conjunction with their 27th Annual Advances in Respiratory Care Conference. The AEI is a two-day preparatory course for those qualified to take the National Asthma Educator Certification Board examination. For more information or to register, visit www.lungnevada.org or call Richard Davis at 702-431-6348 or email him at rdavis@lungnevada.org.



NVSHP Student Chapter Update

Sydney Smith, NVSHP Student Chapter President

Earlier this spring, students and faculty at Roseman University of Health Sciences came together to form a student chapter of NVSHP in order to get the students more involved with the organization. The first big push to recruit new student members and bring current student members together was the "Fall in Love with NVSHP" mixer in February. The first student meeting was held at the end of February at Roseman University, and a panel of student officers was elected to support the organization's Board of Directors and various committees. Officers of the student chapter will be promoting the organization starting this August during orientation week at Roseman University to boost membership, and will also work with the Board of Directors, as well as CSHP and Student Alliance, to help with planning and organization of the joint NVSHP-CSHP Annual Meeting in October in Las Vegas. On behalf of the student chapter, we look forward to working with the Board and meeting pharmacist members of NVSHP!



Come join NVSHP at our 5th Annual Meeting, being co-sponsored with the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The meeting will be held in Las Vegas at Bally's/Paris Hotel and Casino, October 18-21, 2012.

Early registration starts July 1, 2012. If you are interested in volunteering at the meeting, please email interest to nvshpinfo@gmail.com.

Visit www.nvshp.com for more information on the meeting.

ASHP Regional Delegates Conference

The ASHP Regional Delegates Conference (RDC) took place over May 7-8th in Atlanta, GA, Philadelphia, PA, Rosemont, IL and Phoenix, AZ. NVSHP delegates Adam Porath and Julie Rodgers attended the RDC in Phoenix, AZ. The meeting encompassed Report of the Treasurer, Report of the Committee on Nominations and of course the bulk of the meeting was discussing the Board of Directors Reports on Councils.

From the Report of the Treasurer, several ASHP staff positions had to be eliminated but the financial report was better this year than the past two years. There has been a drop in industry support and the ASHP Advantage program by 10-15% each year. The Midyear meeting continues to be successful and other sources of revenue and conversion from books to electronic resources is taking place.

From the Report of the Committee on Nominations, elections are coming up soon and members are encouraged to vote as there is historically a very low voting rate.

From the Board of Directors, there were 38 reports, including ASHP statements. There was much discussion on the Qualifications and Competencies Required to Prescribe Medications involving diagnosing and possible concern of other professions as establishing pharmacists as Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIPs). Suggestion was made to change the wording from "prescribing" to "therapeutic medication use". There was also a great deal of discussion on the Qualifications of Pharmacy Technicians in Advanced Roles as this is highly variable depending on the setting and accountability was also an issue. The ASHP Statement on Use of Social Media generated some concerns but there is definitely a need to provide guidance as social media continues to grow. To view discussion go to: <http://connect.ashp.org/>. You can also post a message to the NVSHP website forum: <http://www.nvshp.com/forum.html>. The House of Delegates will meet at the ASHP Summer Meeting in Baltimore, MD starting June 9th, so it is imperative any comments are made prior to that time.

NVSHP Membership Mixers



Northern Nevada
Membership Mixer

Southern Nevada
Membership Mixer



Pharmacy Technician Workshop

NVSHP sponsored a pharmacy technician workshop in Reno, Nevada. Mark Brunton opened the workshop with a "bingo mixer". It was a great way to meet everyone in attendance. Genna Hunt, an oncology technician at Dr Schiff and Shields office, won bingo and a \$10.00 Starbucks card.

The topics covered in our "Pearls of Wisdom" session were well received. The speakers were knowledgeable and made the topics interesting. They did a wonderful job providing valuable information that can be taken back to the workplace. Katie Jones did a great job with automation and presented various scenarios on how errors occur within automation systems. Sue Holly presented a video on the issues with drug shortages. She discussed the reasons they occur and what technicians can do to help with the challenges of drug shortages. Katie Johnson presented a discussion on how medication errors occur and gave the technicians tips on how they can help prevent them from a systems and a psychological approach. Shirley Hopkins lead a discussion on leadership and communication giving the technicians tools on how to communicate better with one another in the workplace and the qualities of a "leader".

Larry Pinson provided the law CE on prescription drug abuse. It was very informative as he provided statistics from our state and across the county on prescription drug abuse. He talked about how patients develop additions, the roles of practitioners, and how prescription medications are circulating in our communities.

Thank you to all of the presenters and attendees for making this event a huge success!



NVSHP Technician Workshop: Bingo Mixer



Shirley Hopkins on leadership and communication



Sue Holly presenting on drug shortages



2012 NVSHP Technician Workshop in Reno, NV

March Of Dimes “March for Babies”

The membership committee has been busy putting together NVSHP's participation in community events. The March of Dimes took place in both Northern and Southern Nevada on April 28th and raised close to \$200. NVSHP hopes to participate in the March of Dimes annually.



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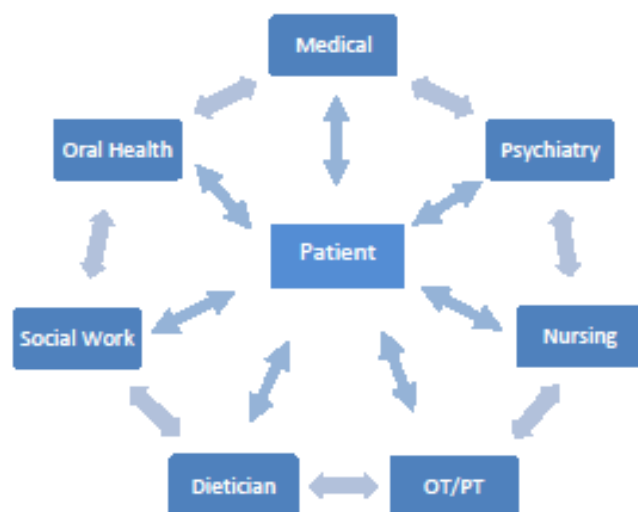




SAVE THE DATE

Geriatric Interdisciplinary Simulation Center Training Course

Friday, August 10, 2012
8:00 am - 4:30 pm



You are cordially invited to attend the Faculty Clinical Simulation Center Training hosted by UNLV School of Dental Medicine, School of Nursing, and the School of Allied Health Professions to experience collaborative inter-professional education to prepare an interdisciplinary practice ready health care workforce.

Location: UNLV Shadow Lane Campus – Clinical Simulation Center of Las Vegas
1001 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP: Irene Arakaki 702-774-2648 / irene.arakaki@unlv.edu

No registration fee with limited enrollment

All day attendance is required

Parking information will be provided once your space is reserved

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