From MSHP President Karl Gumpper:

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the next year. I am very excited to begin my term. I would like to thank Nicole Clark for keeping the Society in such great shape over the past year. We are truly in uncharted territory as an organization as we search for the “new normal”. Nicole and the rest of the Society’s leadership kept things stable during the rapidly changing time that started this past March. Nicole has been a great example of how to lead an organization over the past few months.

It’s not my first time being a State Affiliate President; I was elected as the President for the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists some years back. I am happy to serve in this role again for a state that I call home. I may be from Connecticut, but I have strong ties to Massachusetts from pharmacy school at Northeastern to annual Red Sox games through the years. I am serving again because I care about the professional advancement of Pharmacists in the Commonwealth. We have many opportunities to move practice forward.

I hope to meet the expectations of the organization, and I think we all can say that 2020 has been a difficult time for us… Personally and Professionally. We are living with much uncertainty and our lives are on hold with social distancing, masks, and no travel.

As pharmacists we have an opportunity during this crazy time. Pharmacists will and should be involved in providing care to our patients. We can administer immunizations under most circumstances right now. This could be a boost to provider status for pharmacists. The Board has met and discussed the need to have pharmacists available for administering vaccinations to our patients. The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) took the critical step of allowing qualified licensed pharmacists and qualified licensed pharmacy interns, under the supervision of a pharmacist, to provide pediatric immunizations. The MSHP Board will be working with members to coordinate efforts on this exciting news. Neil Gilchrist will be working closely with the members to determine the Society’s next best steps. Please support our Legislative Committee with their asks. Melissa Ortega will be taking over for Dave Seaver, who has done a stellar job over the years.

You should be receiving information about our delayed, but exciting, content for the 2020 MSHP Virtual Annual Meeting. The Board also met and determined that, with the uncertainty of the upcoming months, our Annual Meeting for 2021 will be virtual as well. Feel free to let us know if you have attended any virtual sessions or platforms that enhanced your learning. We are excited to get our Annual Meeting back on track and being relevant to you.

I’m looking forward to a more stable and productive 2020-2021, but I know we will need to stay smart and observe what is happening in our state and country. As always, we are looking at how to best serve you, our members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at president@mashp.org or to any officer of the MSHP Board or a committee chair with any comments, questions, concerns or opportunities to get more involved.
MSHP Officers' Virtual Installation

The 2020-2021 MSHP Officers were installed virtually on July 23, 2020 by Hannah Vanderpool, Vice President, Office of Member Relations at ASHP.

Outgoing President Nicole Clark

Hannah Vanderpool of ASHP

Incoming President Karl Gumpper

President-Elect Russel Roberts

Secretary Antonia DeQuevedo

Director Erin Taylor

Nicole "passing the gavel" to Karl
Virtual Annual Meeting Update

We missed seeing everyone in May, but we are excited to share our Annual Meeting programming with our members and regional affiliates virtually this fall! We invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings (5-6pm) and Thursday afternoons (12-1p) in September and October to earn up to 9 hours of LIVE CE credit, including 2 hours of non-sterile compounding CE credit (on Saturday, October 10)! Join us on the days you can, or register for the whole bundle for a discounted rate! Look out for more information on the MSHP website!

Anticipated Programming:

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*Accredited for Technicians in addition to Pharmacists
MSHP Awards
(Social Distancing Edition)

Since the Honors and Awards Banquet was not able to be held in person this year, the Award recipients shared photos of themselves with their awards.

Congratulations!

Pharmacy Health-System of the Year:
Boston Medical Center
Kevin Horbowicz, Joy Vreeland, William Vincent

Pharmacist of the Year:
Natalija Farrell
Kevin Horbowicz, Natalija Farrell

Technician of the Year:
Erin Smith
Kevin Horbowicz, Erin Smith, Natalija Farrell

Boston Medical Center Group Photo
Kevin Horbowicz, Natalija Farrell, Joy Vreeland, Erin Smith, William Vincent

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William A Gouveia Outstanding Service Award:
Erin Taylor

Student of the Year:
Jenny Nguyen

Preceptor of the Year:
David Schnee
IDSA Centers of Excellence Awards Include 2 Massachusetts Hospitals

Two Massachusetts hospitals were recently awarded the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) Center of Excellence (CoE) designations for their antimicrobial stewardship programs. For 2020, Boston Children’s Hospital (Boston, MA) and MelroseWakefield Hospital (Melrose, MA) achieved this prestigious designation.

They join 3 other Massachusetts hospitals that have previously received this designation: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Boston, MA) and Charlton Memorial Hospital (Fall River, MA) in 2019 and Tufts Medical Center (Boston, MA) in 2018.

The CoE program recognizes institutions that have created stewardship programs led by infectious diseases physicians and infectious diseases-trained pharmacists that are of the highest quality and have achieved standards aligned with evidence-based national guidelines. A total of 101 programs have received the designation since inception.

Link to website: https://www.idsociety.org/clinical-practice/antimicrobial-stewardship/centers-of-excellence/

Residency Spotlight:
Lowell General Hospital

Lowell General Hospital’s Pharmacy Department provides pharmacy services to 400+ hospital beds across two inpatient campuses, multiple urgent care centers, a surgery center and an integrated physician practice organization.

To keep up with the needs of the hospital and its health system, the pharmacy department employs over 70 pharmacists and technicians and offers many robust services that can be found at the largest academic medical centers, including pediatrics, oncology, pharmacokinetic dosing service, and a complement of clinical pharmacy services. Additionally, we have adopted an integrated unit-based pharmacy practice model where our pharmacists play a pivotal role in the interdisciplinary care of our patients.

The ASHP-accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Lowell General Hospital (LGH) is a full-year, immersive experience that challenges our two residents to practice at the top of their licenses. Our program provides a well-balanced selection of required rotations, including critical care, internal medicine, oncology, transitions of care, management, and several electives, including infectious diseases, informatics, emergency medicine, pediatrics, and advanced oncology. These experiences, combined with caring for a diverse patient population, prepare the residents for whichever career path they choose.

Residents also participate in longitudinal experiences and multidisciplinary committee work throughout the year, which provides project management experience at both the department and institution level. Through our partnership with MCPHS University, our residents gain teaching experience in the classroom and at the bedside. Our program prepares them for a career of educating not only pharmacy students, but also patients and other healthcare professionals.
What are some unique experiences your residency offers?

As a new residency program in its third year, Lowell General has the flexibility to tailor the experience to each resident. At biweekly Resident Advisory Council meetings, residents provide feedback to optimize the program and collaborate with leadership to make changes in real time. Another unique feature of LGH’s residency is that residents staff evenings every fifth week in central pharmacy, which allows them to hone their skills in managing operations, better understand the workflow of the department, and continue to develop such clinical skills as vancomycin and warfarin dosing and TPN verification. Furthermore, residents have the privilege of following their patients from admission through discharge and then in an outpatient setting as well. During the transitions of care rotation, residents conduct home visits to educate patients on such key topics as medication adherence, inhaler technique, and insulin storage.

The myriad opportunities provided by the Lowell General Hospital PGY-1 residency allow residents to become well-rounded pharmacists upon completion of the program.
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