MSHP Purpose and Goals

The Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) was founded in 1945 to foster the professional growth of hospital pharmacy in Massachusetts. In the 1960’s, MSHP became affiliated with the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP) now known as the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

In 1997, we changed our name and developed a new mission statement reflecting pharmacy as a part of an integrated health-system. Today, MSHP represents over 1,900 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in organized health-systems throughout the Commonwealth. For over fifty years, the members of MSHP have worked together in the achievement of common professional goals.

These goals include the following: advancement of rational drug therapy in organized healthcare settings through the provision of pharmaceutical care; advancement and encouragement of professional excellence by providing leadership, direction, education and communication among its members practicing in healthcare systems; fostering of closer relationships between health-system pharmacy, other pharmaceutical disciplines and health care providers.
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MSHP Committees

Programming Committee:

Responsible for ensuring consistent and efficient continuing education (CE) programming, including the annual conference, as well as overseeing non-CE programming.

Committee Chair: Monica Mahoney, PharmD, BCPS-AQ ID MGolik@bidmc.harvard.edu

Annual Meeting Subcommittee:

Designs and coordinates programming and events for the second day of the annual meeting event. Responsible for the planning and coordination of the Annual Meeting event, including the leadership forum, the Honors & Awards reception, the membership open session.

Committee Co-Chairs Nicole Clark, PharmD, BCPS NClark@hallmarkhealth.org Erin Taylor, PharmD Erin.Taylor@baystatehealth.org

Honors & Awards Subcommittee

Develops awards, selects recipients, and coordinates the Installation & Awards Banquet.

Committee Chair: Anne Selig, a.selig@ebsco.com

Early Careerist Network Committee:

Coordinates mentoring program and networking events.

Committee Chair: Lindsey M. Smith, PharmD, MS LSmith56@mgh.harvard.edu

Corporate Sponsorship Committee:

Develops proposals with business to support MSHP and its continuing education programs.

Committee Chair: Gary J. Kerr, MBA, PharmD Gary.Kerr@BaystateHealth.org
Legislative Committee:

Monitors current legislative and regulatory activities in Massachusetts, provides testimony on bills and regulation as appropriate and liaise with other state Pharmacy professional organizations.

Committee Chair: David Seaver, RPh, JD  
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Membership Committee:

Determines membership needs, welcomes new members, and plans recruitment strategies.

Committee Chair: Antonia DeQuevedo, PharmD, CACP  
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Co-Chair Communications (Newsletter):

Coordinates quarterly newsletter

Committee Chair: Barbara T. Irby, MS, RPh  
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Co-Chair Communications(Social Media):

Coordinates all MSHP Communications, oversees website updates, assures web content remains current and relevant, manages social media sites.

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Pharmacy Technician Committee:

Plans society activities, including continuing education, focused on technicians.

Committee Chair: Jean Beach  
Jbeach2@bidmc.harvard.edu

Residency Program Committee:

Develops strategies to encourage the development of best practices in residency training with Massachusetts pharmacy residency programs. Plans and provides opportunities for networking and contributes to preceptor development and pharmacy resident programming.

Committee Chair: Kathleen Kopcza  
Kathleen.Kopcza@baystatehealth.org
Resources available for members

**Advocacy:**

Regular updates on the latest news and legislation that affects your profession or your work environment including testimony submitted by MSHP and calls to action from our state and national Legislative Committees available on the website. Regulatory updates also sent to director of pharmacy for each member institution.

**MSHP Delegates to ASHP:**

MSHP delegates are appointed to the ASHP House of Delegates which is responsible for the approval of professional policies and represent the Society's stance on important issues related to health-system pharmacy practice and medication use.

**Continuing Education Opportunities:**

Continuing Education Opportunities are available throughout the year at a reduced rate for MSHP members. Some examples of past CE activities that MSHP has hosted include:

- Sterile and Non-Sterile Compounding Program
- Novel Treatment Options for Multi-drug Resistant Gram-negative Infections
- Clinical Update: Addiction, DEA Compliance, Diabetes & Pharmacy Law
- The New Big Shots in Town: 2018 Vaccination Update
- 10th Northeast Regional Hematology / Oncology Pharmacist Symposium
- Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality Improvement 2016
- Meeting the Unmet Need: Creating New and Expanding Current Residency Programs
- On-Demand Webinar: Preparing for the Massachusetts MPJE
- On-Demand Webinar: Rapid Diagnostic Testing: The Fast and the Susceptible
- MSHP Annual Meeting

**Hospital Liaison:**

Hospital liaison appointed at each member institution to facilitate communication between MSHP and each member institution. For a list of liaisons, please contact MSHP.
**Pharmacist Resources:**

Links to DEA advisories, notices about changes in pharmacy regulations, and helpful toolkits are conveniently located and readily accessible on the MSHP website.

**Resident/Student Resources:**

Early Careerist Network provides an opportunity for current pharmacy students, pharmacy residents, and recent graduates to network and participate in MSHP. Resources for residency application and interviews are also available on the MSHP website.

**Technician Resources:**

Information on certification and recertification for technicians is available on the MSHP website as well as links to the ASHP Pharmacy Technician Resource Center which provides information and resources for pharmacy technicians such as information on training and education, professional resources for career advancement, and more. Information is also provided about the Connect Community which is a platform for pharmacy technicians to discuss professional issues and to connect with other pharmacy colleagues across the country.

**Helpful Links:**

Helpful links are located on the MSHP website for easy access to pharmacy resources on regulatory practices and changes such as the Board of Registration in Pharmacy, Department of Public Health, etc.

**Career Center:**

MSHP Career Center provides a forum for pharmacy employers to recruit pharmacy candidates by posting employment opportunities on Career Center and for pharmacists seeking new career opportunities to review available positions and even upload their resumes on the website for review by potential employers.