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Mark your Calendar

Poison Prevention Week
March 20th-26th, 2005
For local information go to
www.oklahomapoison.org

ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course
Myrtle Beach, SC
April 10th-13th, 2005

OSHP Annual Meeting
Coles Garden
OKC, OK
April 21st-22nd, 2005
Vendors Showcase:
April 22nd, 2005

National Hospital Week
May 8th-14th, 2005

ASHP Annual Meeting
June 11th-15th, 2005
Boston, MA

From the President...

Edna Patatanian, 2004-2005

What a busy and great year it has been! I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one for their continued support. To have a successful and productive year, my first major project was the organization of core committees. Let me tell you, I could not have asked for a better group of dedicated members to work with. Everyone I contacted was willing to help and support OSHP.



The first major event was the Committee Retreat scheduled August 22nd, 2004, at Integris Baptist Medical Center. Thanks to Dick (Immediate Past-President) for initiating this during his term. The purpose of the retreat was to meet with all the committee chairs and/or members to discuss their goals and objectives for the upcoming year. What a dedicated and committed group! Thanks for all your hard work.

In September, Phil Woodward, the Executive Director of OPhA invited us to participate in a press conference. The conference was titled "Looks Can Be Deceiving". This was a campaign to discuss safety issues relating to Canadian Drugs. Tracey Hagemann (President-Elect) and I attended this conference on September 9th, 2004, held at the State Capital of Oklahoma City. It was a great experience for both of us. Thanks to Phil for the invitation.

OSHP held a very successful and well-attended Fall Meeting on October 15th, 2004, at the Coles Garden. Mark Gales chaired this program, with his committee members Holly Hoffman and Toni Ripley. This committee worked very hard to make this event a great success. Also, thanks to the members who took time out of their busy personal and professional lives to attend the meeting in support of OSHP.

This year during Pharmacy Week, we visited several area hospital pharmacy departments, leaving membership applications and treats as a token of appreciation. It was so nice to meet and greet some of our fellow pharmacists.

In November, Tracey and I attended the 2004 ASHP-sponsored Presidential Officer Retreat. There were three main "sections" on the agenda:

1. Leadership development workshop
2. An open discussion of affiliate issues (topics submitted by affiliates prior to the meeting)
3. A discussion of strategic issues in national and state affiliate relationships

In December, I attended the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando. On Sunday, December 5th, I attended the Affiliated State Chapter Legislative Meeting. The following items were discussed: Growing and Maintaining your Grassroots; The Changing Role of Technicians; Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) and the State Medical Pharmacy Benefit; ASHP Resources; and 2005 Legislative Sessions. Once again this year, The Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists, SWOSU College of Pharmacy, and the OU College of Pharmacy hosted the Oklahoma Reception in conjunction with the 2004 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Yvette Morrison of Norman Regional Hospital organized this major event. Yvette, thanks for your outstanding job. Special thanks to our Leslie Patatanian (WD) and Greg Clack (ED) who have worked very hard to bring CE programs to their respective districts. Keep up the good work!

Effective January 1st, 2005, the OSHP Board will sadly accept the resignation of Vickie Korreect as OSHP staff secretary. We want to thank Vickie for her hard work.

OSHP MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN HURRICANE DISASTER EFFORTS

Submitted by Dick Abrahamson, Immediate Past President

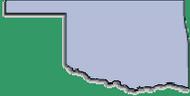
It was the first time in my professional career where I participated in offering my services during a national disaster. After Hurricane Charlie, Florida was faced with another threat of Hurricane Ivan. Thousands of people had been displaced from their homes because of flooding, lack of power, structural damage or a combination of all of the above. The VA Medical Center received a call from VISN headquarters to solicit help from volunteers that would be willing to go to Florida for a two week commitment to assist in offering assistance to people during their struggle to obtain food, shelter and medical care. As a pharmacist, I was not sure where I would fit in but immediately responded to the Chief of Pharmacy that I was willing to go. On September, 7, 2004, I was deployed to Miami, Florida, to receive my assignment. My only instructions were to bring \$200 in cash, bug repellent and comfortable clothes since heat and high humidity were expected. I also brought my hospital ID. After arriving in Miami, I contacted the Miami VA Medical Center officer-of-the-day who gave me instructions to catch a shuttle bus to the Wyndam Hotel where a command post was in place to assign teams to shelters in various communities hard struck by Hurricane Charlie. I was assigned to a team at 6 am the following morning. The team consisted of many nurses, drivers, administrative support, and myself. We were immediately transported to a shelter in Port St. Lucie. I was relieved to know the shelter wasn't a tent, but rather a community center that had been converted into a dormitory housing approximately 100 plus victims, mostly elderly people, many on oxygen support and physically fragile. While the nurses immediately were assigned patients, I was sent to a DMAT/FEMA team from Ohio, which had a temporary pharmacy set up that consisted of pharmaceuticals and supplies. Two physicians were also on this team, and they made rounds and returned with prescriptions to be filled for immediate need. Many patients had some medications with them; some had none. Unfortunately, the next day the DMAT team departed, and I was left with no pharmaceuticals, only supplies which the department of health had brought. I managed to visit a local hospital, which generously donated some pharmaceuticals that would help patients who were low or out of their own supply. While it would be too lengthy to describe the whole experience, I would say that it was rewarding, confusing, tiring, and demanding, and yet one which I was pleased to be a part of. My role as a pharmacist changed daily. The shelter at St. Lucie was closing, and we had to relocate to Fort Pierce Convention Center. This center was much larger and could accommodate all of our patients in addition to those patients that were already there. All of the St. Lucie patients were transported there by bus or van. I helped load trucks and assist patients in the move. Another DMAT pharmacy was set up there, so once again, pharmaceuticals were available. That very evening, it was announced that all patients and supplies would be moved the following morning to the Orlando Convention Center, which would be a safer structure, much larger, and centrally located. Many of these decisions were necessary because of the changing pattern of the hurricane. After again loading trucks and helping patients to buses, a three hour trip concluded in Orlando. A pharmacy was there, provided by the US Public Health Service. Several physicians and pharmacists were present. Again my role changed. I visited every patient I could, assessing his or her immediate needs for pharmaceuticals. Notes were written, and the public health physicians allowed me to write prescriptions for their signature. Prescriptions of immediate need for a 3-day supply would suffice until patients were returned to their homes or relatives, where their needs could be safely addressed. The problems of coordination with many government agencies were evident. It was some times difficult to know which group was really in charge, but I think it is fair to say that all worked for the common good of those affected by the disaster. Luckily, the hurricane changed directions and missed the western coast of Florida, and I was able to return home a week early. I just wanted to share a little of my experience and say to all of you, yes, you can go outside the comfort zone and offer your services. I know many of you do this now by helping at neighborhood free clinics and other settings. Keep doing what you are doing, volunteer when your schedule permits, and take pride in being true "professional" health care providers.

Of Note:
OSHP Welcomes New Staff Secretary Patti Massuci-Cassidy...

Patti has been a legal secretary for 20 years and has worked the past 17 ½ years at the Municipal Counselor's Office for Oklahoma City. She is assuming the responsibilities of Vickie Korrect as of January 1st, 2005. OSHP is excited to have her as part of our organization.

Of Note:
Revised OSHP Policies and Bylaws have been drafted and will be reviewed at the next OSHP Board Meeting (Feb 23rd, 2004). All changes will be voted on by the membership in the near future. Information will also be available soon at www.OSHP.net.

OSHP District Update



Western District

Recent Meeting: January 27th, 2005

Overview of Cystic Fibrosis and Gastrointestinal Complications

Speaker: Brian A. Hemstreet, Pharm.D., BCPS

Location: Mickey Mantle's Steakhouse, OKC

Upcoming Meeting: February 24th, 2005

Update on Alzheimer's Disease

Speaker: Wayne Wasemiller, MD

Location: Ted's Escandido Café, 2836 NW 68th, OKC, OK, 6:30 PM

Eastern District

Recent Meeting: February 17th, 2004

Update on the 7th ACCP Conference on Antithrombotic and Thrombolytic Therapy

Speaker: Susan Fugate, Pharm.D.

Location: TiAmo's Italian Ristorante, Tulsa, OK, 7:00 PM

SCENES FROM THE OKLAHOMA RECEPTION AT THE ASHP MIDYEAR

Special thanks to Yvette Morrison for coordinating the event and to Alex Park for his photography skills.

Great Food, Great Fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





OSHP Clinical Pearls

The intention of clinical pearls is to highlight information compiled in response to recent therapeutic questions or problems pertinent to health system pharmacy practice. If you or your institution has information, protocols, etc... and are willing to share please contact the OSHP Newsletter Committee.

VACCINE UPDATE

Submitted by Tracey Hagemann, Pharm.D., Associate Professor-OU College of Pharmacy, OSHP-President Elect

Composition of 2005-2006 Flu Vaccine Announced:

The strains to be included in the composition of next season's influenza vaccine have been announced by the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee. This season's (2004-2005) strains included: A/Fijian, A/New Caledonia, B/Shanghai. For next season (2005-2006) the strains for the United States will include: A/New Caledonia, A/California and B/Shanghai. The change from A/Fijian to A/California was made due to the increased numbers of the California strain isolated on the West Coast. The influenza vaccine is typically composed of 2 "A" and 1 "B" strains. Influenza A infections lead to increased morbidity and mortality while influenza B typically leads to more mild symptoms.

New Meningococcal Vaccine Approved:

The FDA has approved Menactra™, the first quadrivalent conjugate vaccine in the US for the prevention of meningococcal disease. The vaccine will offer protection against 4 serotypes of *Neisseria meningitides* (A, C, Y, W-135) and can be administered to adolescents and adults aged 11-55 years. Adolescents and young adults are at high risk for contracting meningococcal disease, with a fatality rate over 22%, more than five times the rate seen in infants, who are at the highest risk of meningococcal disease. In one report, up to 83% of cases seen in the adolescent and young adult age groups were caused by the serotypes covered in this vaccine. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is currently updating the recommendations for use of the vaccine and should have a report out by March. It is anticipated that the vaccine will be recommended for most adolescents and selected college students. Side effects associated with the vaccine were mild: pain, redness and induration at the injection site, headache, fatigue and malaise.

Flu Vaccine: Doesn't Prevent Elderly Deaths?

In a recent study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*, the authors concluded that although immunization rates in persons over age 65 have increased by 50% during the past 20 years, there was no decline in influenza related deaths. The study did not compare vaccinated seniors to unvaccinated seniors, and did not account for the general health status of the seniors, which could have changed the findings. The study also only looked at death rates, not at the rates of illness or the numbers of hospitalizations. The CDC issued a briefing stating that while the influenza vaccine could be improved, it still is the most effective intervention for reducing death from influenza and significantly decreases morbidity associated with the flu.

For up-to-date vaccine and immunization information:

The CDC Vaccine and Immunization Web Site:
<http://www.cdc.gov/node.do/id/0900f3ec8000e2f3>

National Network for Immunization Information:
<http://www.immunizationinfo.org/>

ADVANCED HAZMAT LIFE SUPPORT FOR TOXIC TERRORISM

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center is pleased to announce the presentation of AHLS Toxic Terrorism classes. Due to the generous sponsorship of the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Bio-Terrorism Division, this course is being offered free of charge to Oklahoma healthcare professionals.

In today's busy world, many people have little time to spare for continuing education courses. With this in mind, AHLS created the Toxic Terrorism course. This 5 hour CME course is taken directly from the current Office of Domestic Preparedness approved **Advanced Hazmat Life Support Provider Course**. The focus of the AHLS Toxic Terrorism course is on the essentials needed for treating patients exposed to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents and is the only toxic terrorism course in the state to be taught solely by clinical toxicologists.

The course consists of didactic lecture and a scenario session, and includes a 393-page manual and continuing education credits for physicians and paramedics. All other professions will receive a certificate indicating the course is approved for 5 hours of Category I credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. This certificate can be presented to the proper agencies for consideration of credit.

Register early, as total enrollment is limited to the first 100 qualified applicants. Choice of course dates: 05/20/05, 06/10/05 or 07/29/05
Visit <http://www.oklahomapoison.org/> for further information.



CHAPTER NEWS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OSHP AWARDS AND OFFICES

Contact Dick Abrahamson, Chair, Nominations Committee for further information at (405) 270-0501 ext-3705 or dickabe@aol.com.

- ❖ OSHP members interested in serving the society as an officer should note that nominations are being accepted for the offices of President-Elect (three year term), Western District Chair (2 year term) and Treasurer (2 year term). The OSHP Board of Directors is actively seeking individuals interested in serving.
- ❖ OSHP members are encouraged to apply for the Society's **Continuing Excellence Award**. This award consists of a plaque acknowledging the recipient's accomplishments and free registration to the OSHP Annual Meeting at which the award is presented. Applications are evaluated based on attainment of a required level of activity in three categories of service. Information and application forms will be sent to all active OSHP members.
- ❖ The **Sylvia J. Martin Outstanding Technician Award** was created in 1998 to honor the memory of Sylvia J. Martin, a pharmacy technician at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City. The award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions to health-system pharmacy by technicians. This award may or may not be given annually depending on the qualifications of applicants. All applicants will be reviewed and voted upon by the Scholarship and Awards Committee with final approval by the Board of Directors.

PHARMACIST RECEIVES QUALITY PROFESSIONAL AWARD FROM OHA

Congratulations to Darin Smith, Pharm.D., for receiving the Quality Professional Award during the Oklahoma Hospital Association's (OHA) Annual Convention and Trade Show in November 2004. The award recognizes professionals in the field of quality management who have demonstrated accomplishments and contributions in the area of quality improvement, total quality management and/or continuous quality improvement. Three healthcare providers were recognized with the other two awards going to nurses who work specifically in quality improvement/quality management departments. Darin received the award for the category of hospitals with more than 300 beds. The fact that a pharmacist received this award emphasizes the importance that Health-System Pharmacists have on the overall quality of patient care. Nominations were accepted and evaluated by a blinded selection committee made up of staff members from three other state hospital associations. Darin completed his training at the OUCOP where he earned a BS in 1991 and a Doctor of Pharmacy in 1993. He went on to complete a Specialty Residency in Pharmacokinetics in 1994 and has worked at Norman Regional Hospital in the role of Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the last 10 years.

OUCOP STUDENT RECEIVES ASHP STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Debbie Poland, a student at the OUCOP for receiving the ASHP Student Leadership Award. This award recognizes students with an interest in pharmacy practice in health-systems who have demonstrated leadership ability. This program recognizes and celebrates the contributions of students who represent the very best attributes and accomplishments of ASHP student members. ASHP offers twelve awards annually, four to students in each professional year of pharmacy school, beginning with the second professional year. The award consists of a plaque, an ASHP drug information reference library, and a \$2500 cash award provided by the ASHP Research and Education Foundation. Over 80 award applications were received. Debbie is completing her final year of the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at OU and is currently pursuing residency training opportunities.

OSHP ELECTS DELEGATES TO THE ASHP HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Elections were held in the fall for the two open Oklahoma Delegate positions to the ASHP House of Delegates. Congratulations to Barbara Poe, M.S., DPh. (Director of Pharmacy, Norman Regional Hospital) and Dennis Thompson, Pharm.D. (Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice/Associate Dean for Clinical Programs, SWOSU) who were elected to serve 2-year delegate terms. Darin Smith, Pharm.D., will serve as the alternate delegate. Oklahoma's third delegate position is currently held by Annetta Harrell (CEC, Pfizer pharmaceuticals) who is currently entering the second year of her 2-year term. This spot will be up for re-election in the fall of this year. If you are interested in running for delegate, please contact the Nominations Committee Chair or any OSHP Board Member for further information.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL

Please remember to renew your OSHP membership if you haven't already done so. OSHP membership application and renewal information are available on the OSHP website. Beginning last year, online membership renewal was made possible. Additionally, you now have the opportunity to "subscribe" to OSHP and have your yearly dues automatically billed to your credit card or deducted from your checking account via Pay Pal. There is also the ability to change and update your information with the renewal/application process. For details, see the OSHP website (www.oshp.net) or contact Yvette Morrison, current Chair of the Membership Committee (ymorrison@nrh-ok.com).



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OUCOP Student OSHP Chapter (sOSHP)

Submitted by: Kenneth Utz, sOSHP President

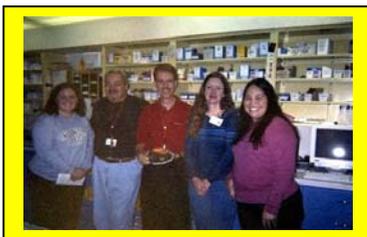
The year kicked off in September when we invited Chris May to speak to the students about the many opportunities that are available for pharmacists in the hospital setting. Chris May supervises the ambulatory clinics and clinical pharmacy services at St. Anthony's Hospital in OKC. Many of our members are early in their student careers and are unaware of employment options that exist outside of retail pharmacy. As a student organization, the officers feel it is important to open the eyes of member students to what opportunities are available in order to get the most satisfaction out of a career in pharmacy. Additionally, sOSHP arranged a residency panel composed of both current and former residents to allow students to understand the importance of residencies and how they are structured. Residencies are not discussed very much in class

and many of the students are very eager to find out more about them. The meeting was an informal question and answer session in which the students could pick the collective brain of the panel. The panel consisted of Doctors Dana Carroll, Michele Splinter, Deidra Payne, Keith Swanson, Debra Stevens, Andrea Phillips, Dena Stout, Teresa Lewis, and Tamara Mlekoday. Just a short week following the panel discussion, the chapter held its Annual Clinical Skills Competition. Six teams of two students competed for a chance to represent OU in the national competition at the Midyear meeting in Orlando, Florida. Clay Denison and Debbie Poland repeated their victory from last year and once again claimed the title of champions of the clinic at the OU College of Pharmacy. Finally, we rapped up 2004 with a meeting in November in which Dr. Chris Rathbun (I guess we had a thing for speakers named Chris) spoke to the chapter about how he and his colleagues advance HIV pharmacotherapy at their clinic. It has truly been an exciting semester for the student chapter of OSHP and we are greatly looking forward to the spring.

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Student OSHP Chapter (sOSHP)

Submitted by: Christina Hernandez, sOSHP President

The SWOSU student chapter continues to have bimonthly meetings with guest speakers. The following speakers/topics were presented: 1) Dr. Teresa Lewis spoke about her general practice and her specialty residencies; 2) Dr. Mark Gales gave a presentation about the Clinical Skills Competition; 3) Dr. Kristin Harrison presented tips on preparing a CV; and 4) a pharmacist from the Indian Health Services in Clinton spoke about IHS. During National Pharmacy Week students went out to the area hospital pharmacies and gave them cookies, cakes, and muffins. We hosted our 8th Annual Clinical Skills Competition in which 14 teams competed. Derek McCarver and Heath Denney were the local winners and represented the school at the ASHP MCM in Orlando. The SWOSU chapter participated in various blood glucose and blood pressure screenings sponsored by the Southwestern Pharmacy Association student chapter throughout the fall 2004 semester. We had a very successful semester and are preparing for our spring projects.



National Pharmacy Week 2004
Integris Hospital - Clinton



Andrea Clem, Christina Hernandez,
Genny Holman at the MCM, Orlando FL.



OSHP Residency Showcase

WATCH FOR UPCOMING ISSUES OF THE OSHP NEWSLETTER
April-June 2005, July-Sept 2005