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## President's Message

### Broken but on the Mend

**Kent Quickstad on behalf of Debbie Rothstein**

ISHP President Debbie Rothstein is in the process of recovering from a fractured hip. She reports that she is doing well and is a self-proclaimed "model patient" – but hey, aren't all pharmacists? Debbie apologizes to the membership that she has let some of her duties as President slip, and has asked me to convey this message to you. Don't worry about it Debbie – concentrate on getting better!

The Spring meeting was a tremendous success. As Teri Ottens notes in her Executive Director's message, attendance was at a record of nearly 100 pharmacists, including many from out of state and with over 15 technicians. In addition to the outstanding CE sessions, the Jimmie John's sandwiches were reported to be a hit and at a cost saving to the Society. Our appreciation to Lindsay Kaster, Brandon Griffiths and their committee as they did a great job planning this event.

Speaking of Lindsay, she has recently agreed to serve as the APCE Coordinator for ISHP through this September. In April she attended an APCE workshop and has brought back many ideas on how we can improve our APCE processes. For those of you who have attended an ASHP meeting, you are familiar with the electronic validation process for obtaining CE credits and having that information posted on your CPE Monitor. Using the "Learning Express" software we are working towards a similar process for recording your CE obtained through the ISHP meetings. ISHP will benefit from more immediate feedback on meeting evaluations and needs assessments and you will be able to print your CE certificates and see the postings of your ISHP obtained CE on your CPE Monitor in a more timely fashion. This will bring a new level of the educational process to ISHP. Say goodbye to the numerous evaluation forms and colored pieces of paper passed out at our meetings! Be watching for these changes as we hope to have this program up and running by the time you register for the fall meeting Sun Valley.

Debbie has also asked me to convey to you that whether you attend an ISHP meeting in the next year or not, you are encouraged to continue to support ISHP. Join a committee, volunteer to present a talk or do a poster, renew your membership, encourage a colleague to become a member. Your support keeps ISHP moving forward.

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**ISHP Fall Meeting September 25 – 26 – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Broadening Our Pharmacy Horizons**

Tentative plans include:

- Panel discussion Collaborative Practice/MTM
- Preceptor Development Workshop
- New Drug Update
- Pharmacy Law
- Hemophilia
- ACS Management Review
- Sterile Compounding
- And more.....

**Nominations open!!**

Don't forget that ISHP is accepting nominations for Board of Director positions through June 1, 2015. The best way to get maximum value from your membership is to be involved and to give back. Service on the board can provide some really great experience, not to mention lifetime friendships!

Contact the ISHP office if you are interested.

***The mission of ISHP  
is to promote the highest levels  
of pharmacy practice by our members***



**ISHP Fall Meeting**

**September 25, 26, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Sun Valley, Idaho**



# Legal and Public Affairs Update – Provider Status

## John Sullivan

I wanted to use this opportunity to talk about provider status. This has been the hot topic on the monthly legislative affairs call for the state affiliates. To recap last year H.R. 4190 was introduced in the House of Representatives. On January 28<sup>th</sup> of 2015 this bill was reintroduced by Representatives Brett Guthrie (R-KY.), G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), Todd Young (R-IN.), and Ron Kind (D-WI) as H.R. 592 which is now known as the “Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act”. Here is the language:

114th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. R. 592

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 28, 2015

Mr. Guthrie (for himself, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Young of Indiana, and Mr. Kind) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

### A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act.

2. Medicare coverage of pharmacist services

(a) Coverage—

Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking and at the end of subparagraph (EE);

(2) by adding and at the end of subparagraph (FF); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (FF) the following new subparagraph:

(GG) pharmacist services furnished by a pharmacist, as licensed by State law, individually or on behalf of a pharmacy provider—

(i) which the pharmacist is legally authorized to perform in the State in which the individual performs such services;

(ii) as would otherwise be covered under this part if furnished by a physician, or as an incident to a physician’s service; and

(iii) in a setting located in a health professional shortage area (as defined in section 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act), medically underserved area, or medically underserved population (as defined in section 330(b)(3) of such Act);

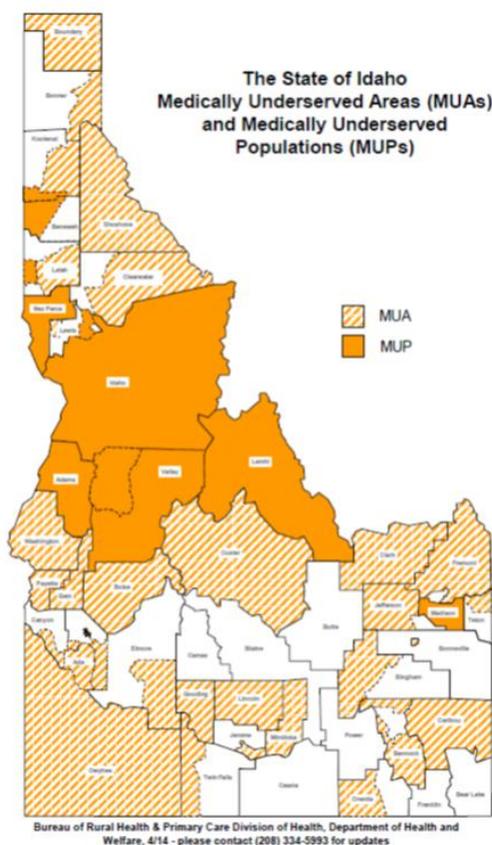
- (b) Payment  
 Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—
- (1) by striking and (Z) and inserting (Z); and
  - (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: , and (AA) with respect to pharmacist services (as defined in section 1861(s)(2)(GG)), the amounts paid shall be equal to 80 percent of the lesser of the actual charge or 85 percent of the fee schedule amount provided under section 1848 if such services had been furnished by a physician.
- (c) Effective date; Pharmacist specific codes
- (1) Effective date  
 The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to services furnished on or after January 1, 2016.
  - (2) Pharmacist specific codes  
 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall develop pharmacist specific codes, as necessary, under the physician fee schedule under section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4).

A bill with the same language was introduced in the Senate on January 29<sup>th</sup> of 2015 as S. 314 by Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA.), Robert P. Casey Jr. (D-PA.), Mark Kirk (R-IL.), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH.). Both bills can be viewed at:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/592/text>

**Currently there are 113 co-sponsors for H. R. 592 and 13 co-sponsors for S. 314. Idaho is not on this list.**

Please show your support by writing to Idaho’s Senators (Crapo and Risch) and Representatives (Labrador and Simpson). This can be accomplished by visiting the ASHP website ([www.ASHP.org](http://www.ASHP.org)) or using the following link, which is through the ASHP website: <http://www.cqrcengage.com/ashp/>. You will see a button with “Take Action”, click this and follow the steps. Idaho has many areas that qualify as being “underserved”.



## ASHP House of Delegates



**Elizabeth Thompson** and **Michael Dickens** are the elected Idaho representatives to the 2015 ASHP House of Delegates. The House of Delegates serves as the policy making body of ASHP. Mike and Elizabeth recently returned from Phoenix, AZ, which was one of four sites of the Regional Delegate Conferences. At this meeting they joined 22 other state delegates representing Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Wyoming. All of the national delegates will meet when the House convenes in June during the

ASHP Summer Meeting in Denver.

Each state representative **read** and **reviewed 33 new or revised policies** that will be voted on June 9<sup>th</sup> to be included in ASHP policies that the organization lobbies for on Capitol Hill. For more information on the ASHP House of Delegates activities, please go to the [ASHP Delegate Webpage](#)

Some of the more controversial topics before the House of Delegates this year include:

### Council on Public Policy

- Pharmacist Recognition as a Healthcare Provider
- Funding, Expertise, and Oversight of State Boards of Pharmacy
- Approval of Biosimilar Medications

### Council on Therapeutics

- Pharmacist Oversight of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries - House of Delegate Report of the Committee on Resolutions

### Council on Pharmacy Management

- Disposition of Illicit Substances

### Council on Pharmacy Practice

- Pharmacist Participation in Capital Punishment

**If you would like to comment or have any specific questions** as to any of these issues, please contact either Elizabeth at [thompsonel@slhs.org](mailto:thompsonel@slhs.org) or Mike at [dickensm@slhs.org](mailto:dickensm@slhs.org) by **May 31**.

*ISHP would like to express its appreciation to Mike and Elizabeth for volunteering their time and efforts in support of us and ISHP at the national level.*

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Kevin Cleveland from the **ISU College of Pharmacy** wanted to mention that the College graduated **71 students this May** and that the **incoming P1 class will be starting in the next few weeks**. Congratulations to the new graduates and welcome to the new pharmacy students.



*These individuals are the future of pharmacy in Idaho and the future of ISHP!*

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Scott Milner and his volunteers with the **Council on Administrative Affairs** continue to work on updating the **ISHP Policies and Procedures**. These are the guidelines on how our organization is run. If you are one of those folks who live for P&P development, updating and renewal or have an interest in helping Scott out, he can be contacted at [Scott.Milner@gmail.org](mailto:Scott.Milner@gmail.org)



From the ISHP Office

Teri Ottens

Executive Director's Message



Well we had a **great Spring Meeting** on April 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> here in Boise. Thanks to St Luke's for hosting the event at the always wonderful Anderson Center.

We had a **record attendance** this year with almost 100 pharmacists and over 15 pharmacy technicians. Every single one of the presentations received high marks for excellence and lunch from Jimmie Johns was a treat (according to our meeting evaluations!!). Lindsay Kaster, Brandon Griffiths and their committee did a great job planning this bi-annual event.

We were happy for the first time in Boise to offer **Technician ACPE** credits for their education. It is encouraging to see so many technicians at the meeting. And I understand several who attended have committed to getting more involved in ISHP including running for the Board of Directors position as the technician representative. Thanks to Megan Echevarria for pulling all of this together.

We also had **a high number of exhibitors supporting ISHP** at the meeting. When you see their reps, be sure and thank them for their support. I know you are tired of hearing it – but these reps are the main reason we have been able to keep the cost of registration so low. They are:

<b>Actavis</b> Lisa Andrews	<b>American Regent</b> Brett Christofferson	<b>AstraZeneca</b> Amber Spica
<b>Bristol-Myers Briggs</b> Mark Spaulding	<b>CSL Behring</b> Kent Piinter	<b>Cubist/Merck</b> Domenic Puppolo
<b>Daiichi Sankyo, Inc</b> Vicki Lord	<b>Grifols</b> Michael Santiago	<b>Hospira World Wide Inc</b> Jody Phillips
<b>Nephron Phamaceuticals</b> Whitney Hahn	<b>Omnicell</b> Guy Cazire	<b>Sanofi</b> Mike Jacobus

Be sure and plan for attending the **Fall Conference, September 25-27 in Sun Valley**. The same crew is in charge of planning it and so far it looks like lots of great CE and fun will be had by all.

Now on a different note – **It is with regret that I have decided to leave ISHP**. For five years we have worked together to grow this organization stronger and better and I have enjoyed every minute (although I have had to google almost every term you guys have used in that time – drug names, pharmacy terms, you name it, I had to google it!!). As many of you know I am not a pharmacist, but operate an association management service for small non-profits and I am happy (and sad) to say ISHP has out grown us! I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, learning all about hospital pharmacy and the issues you all face on a day to day basis. While my last day will be around July 31<sup>st</sup>, please feel free to contact me if you ever have a question or need help finding something.

*Teri*

## Results of the Spring Poster Competition

The results are in and ISHP is happy to announce the following winners from the Spring Poster Competition held at the Boise meeting on April 11 – 12<sup>th</sup>:

1st Place – Resident - Andrew Tyrrell  
Implementation of Analgo-sedation

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Resident - Eric Okazaki  
Impact of Pharmacist Driven Medication Therapy Management

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Resident - Kati Kroll  
Role of Ambulatory Care Pharmacists in Implementation and Education of CDC Pneumococcal Vaccination Guidelines

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Student – Alyssa Shanklin  
Comparing Number Opioid-Related Deaths

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Student – Rachel Warila  
Expanding Pharmacist's Knowledge of Prescription and OTC Drugs



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## Technician's Corner

Hello, fellow technicians!

First of all, I'd like to thank those of you who joined us at the ISHP Spring Conference at St. Luke's earlier this month. I heard a lot of positive feedback about the topics and instructors that presented to the technicians at the spring meeting. If you have further feedback please feel free to contact me.

Secondly, as I had time to chat with many of you at the spring conference, I was thrilled to hear that so many of you are interested in becoming more involved with ISHP! Many of you have already submitted nominations to be placed on the ballot to elect our next ISHP technician representative. If there are additional nominations please have them submitted to me by June 1.

For those of you who expressed interest in joining ISHP's Education Committee, please contact me and I will get you in touch with the Committee's Chairs, Lindsay and Brandon. They will contact you about how to participate in planning future ISHP conferences and events.

Finally, I would like to form a committee of pharmacy technicians in ISHP, not only to choose topics for future meetings, but as a forum to discuss any other technician issues. Being able to network with technicians at other facilities across the state will allow us to share our concerns, as well as our ideas, and will make us stronger as a group of medical professionals.

Those of you interested in forming a technician committee, please contact me at [echevarm@sarmc.org](mailto:echevarm@sarmc.org). And, please feel free to contact me with any other of your questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

*Megan*



## Operation Haiti

*(Editor's note: Last spring ISHP members Whitney Hurt and Tyler Osgood traveled to Haiti on a medical mission with Humanitize Expeditions. They graciously agreed to share their story with ISHP)*



Humanitize Expeditions is a humanitarian organization that coordinates a number of projects each year focusing on teaching, building homes, and providing medical care in both Haiti and Guatemala. Through our traveling medical clinics we were able to treat hundreds of Haitian natives with a large variety of different medical conditions ranging from poor vision fixed with something as simple as a pair of glasses to complicated and potentially life threatening infections.

So what was it that pharmacy brought to the table? The first level of pharmacy involvement began months prior to our trip with our participation in our formulary development. With limited funds and a broad and atypical array of anticipated diseases this was a particularly difficult task. Upon arrival in Haiti pharmacy was able to assist in medication organization and therapeutic planning as it related to specific anticipated clinical scenarios. During clinics we were able to offer consultation as it related to pediatric dosing, medication selection in complicated disease states, assistance with differential diagnosis, and alternative therapies in light of diminishing supplies. We all supported each other in the clinic and worked collaboratively to ensure best patient care.



“Haiti. A word and place that brings back so many memories. Memories of an entirely different place full of people just like you and I. Memories of a group of people who came together, made an impact on so many lives through their knowledge in healthcare and were also impacted by the gratitude of families dealing with simple muscle pain to festering skin infections. Travelling to Haiti with the team opened my eyes to the difference a pharmacist can make alongside others to give care to those who might not ever see it otherwise. The biggest impression left on me was the children who when first approached appeared to be alone and sick, but then became so animated and full of laughter. They had so “little” but showed me how much we truly have in life when we just take the time to experience it with each other. I will forever take this experienced enthusiasm into my future practice as a pharmacist whether interacting with other healthcare professionals, young children, or my middle aged patient with hypertension. If presented with the opportunity to be part of something like this, I whole-heartedly encourage you to seize it!”

Whitney Hurt Pharm.D. Candidate

“Looking back at the hundreds of families we were able to treat and children we cleared of infection, the first thing I think about when asked about my trip to Haiti is simply this: I left Boise for this mission accompanied by a handful of strangers that I had met merely in passing and in a matter of just 10 days through all of the challenges, successes, and failures we shared together; I feel closer to this group of individuals than many people I’ve known for years. With a new group of lifelong friends and long list of rewarding memories I recommend this experience to any pharmacist willing to take on the challenge.”

Tyler Osgood Pharm.D. PGY1 Resident St. Luke’s Boise Regional Medical Center



# IDAHO PHARMACY RESEARCH and EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Angela Melbihess  
ISHP Immediate-Past President

What is the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation (IPREF)? The board of IPREF has been contemplating this question. How can we get information out to members regarding our purpose and be a useful resource? Currently, we are looking at new ways to “freshen” up the IPREF image. Be on the lookout for more information to come on this subject.

The two ways to participate with the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation are to apply for a research grant, or support the foundation with your donations. IPREF will be doing a call for research and educational grants before the fall meeting. If you are looking for funding for a project, be sure to apply. We are currently in the process of developing an application form to ease the process. By supporting the Foundation financially, you will help ensure that Idaho patients enjoy optimal drug therapy and know that their pharmacists are a vital part of quality health care in Idaho. For more information about IPREF or to make a tax-deductible donation to the foundation, visit the "Donate to IPREF" tab on the website homepage. You can also contact me or Teri Ottens, ISHP Executive Director.

*Angela*

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## 2015 POISON PREVENTION WEEK (PPW) SUMMARY



As in years past, Idaho pharmacists, students, and technicians collaborated with personnel from the State of Idaho to help educate the public about poison prevention and celebrate National Poison Prevention Week (March 15-21). The recurring theme for this important event is *“Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons!”* Our partners this year were **2-1-1 Idaho CareLine** and Idaho Injury Prevention, Division of Public Health, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, and The Nebraska Regional Poison Center, Omaha, Nebraska.

In early March, postcards were mailed to all Idaho Registered Pharmacists and Certified Pharmacy Technicians and ISU Pharmacy students were e-mailed with the same information. These groups were encouraged to provide poison prevention lectures to third graders statewide. In addition, postcards were mailed to daycares, elementary schools (third grade), WIC clinics, and Head Start programs alerting them that poison prevention information was available from the 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine website.

The 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine website and selected documents available on the website were updated to simplify ordering and downloading poison prevention materials. The 2015 National Poison Prevention Week poster contest guidelines and artwork release form were also posted on the 2-1-1 website. We are hopeful that Idaho students will submit their artwork to be considered for a future National Poison Prevention Week poster. Idaho Injury Prevention (via Maternal and Child Health Programs) and the Nebraska Regional Poison Center worked more closely this year and they were able to send out press releases and various materials to all interested parties.

Thank you to all the people who once again made this a very successful campaign.

Les Gieselman, Pharm. D.  
ISHP Poison Prevention Week Coordinator

## Student's Corner

Justin Bell

### Health-Systems Speakers

On April 20, 2015 we heard from a local residency director (Dr. Paul Black) and PGY2 resident (Dr. Elaine Nguyen). Dr. Black spoke to the SSHP on the future of postgraduate training and what students can expect when they move into a PGY1 position. Dr. Nguyen discussed CVs and showed a few examples of her own that scored high when she was applying for residency. Soup, salad and sandwiches were provided for all in attendance with the grant money. At another meeting we heard from a member of the ISHP Board on the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative and its status among Idaho hospitals.



### ASHP Strategic Plan Project

As the ISU-SSHP president saw the need to incorporate medication reconciliation in the emergency department of his hospital, the executive committee chose to pursue a project that would allow the students to have a clinical impact upon the community. A relationship was started with the Boise Senior Center and a Medication List form was created to fit our patients' needs. Money from the grant was used to print flyers announcing the event, as well as 50 copies of the Medication List form. Four students and our ASHP pharmacist mentor signed up to represent ISU-SSHP at the event. Each student met with patients and reviewed their medications in order to create a "Home Health List". By helping these people better understand the details of their medications, hopefully we are able to help prevent some adverse drug events. However, in the case that the patient does have to enter the healthcare system now they will be prepared to deliver a complete list of conditions and medications to help inform their provider.



### Golf Tournament & Picnic

The ISU-Meridian College of Pharmacy End of the Year celebrations included the Bowl of Hygeia Golf Tournament held May 6, 2015 at Falcon Crest Golf Club in Kuna. Eleven teams competed with a total of 45 golfers. The lowest scoring team with a -2 under par was Restless Dogleg Syndrome (Dr. Tom Wadsworth, Priyal Patel, Andrew Hibbard and Andrew Harmon). Other awards were handed out at the picnic held later that evening. These included:

Closest to the Pin: Men's-Dane Gonzales, Women's--Priyal Patel.

Longest Drive: Men's--Jared Muai, Women's--Manny Mooney

The golf team with the highest score with a +11 over par was: Swing-a-licious (Travis Richins, Jeffrey Rasmussen, Michelle Wilkin and Whitney Hurt). Craziest Outfit was awarded to Emir Kovic.

The End of the year picnic was held at Julius M. Kleiner Park on May 6, 2015 and was sponsored by Rite-Aid. Over 100 students, faculty and family members enjoyed pork, beef and chicken sliders as well as a variety of picnic sides including fruit, potato and macaroni salads. There was volleyball, basketball and a playground area for everyone. A raffle was held and over 14 prizes were given away.



# ISU College of Pharmacy Students and American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Activities



## Annual Meeting

The ISU College of Pharmacy students were destined for sunny San Diego over spring break for the APhA Annual meeting this past March. While attending, students attempted to enjoy the beautiful San Diego weather while fitting in full days of meetings about leadership, operational management, professional networking, and advocacy. After the long days had ended the students enjoyed the San Diego night life in the nearby downtown Gaslamp district. Overall, the students took away a lot of useful information for the upcoming year and hope to implement many of these new ideas into their operation outreach projects.

## Midyear Meeting

The APhA-ASP region 7 midyear meeting is coming up this year in October in Portland, Oregon. The ISU APhA-ASP chapter will be attending this event to hopefully be recognized for the hard work our students and faculty put into our operation outreach programs. Last year we were recognized for our work with Operation Immunization. The committee putting this event together is currently looking for sponsors and donations to help make the event as great as possible for the students and pharmacists attending. More info will be available at a later date.

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**And finally...on the lighter side:**

## Tech help

