



# Oklahoma Society of Health-System Pharmacists

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### Mark your Calendar

**OSHP Fall Meeting**  
OKC, OK  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**ACCP Annual Meeting**  
Dallas, TX  
October 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**National Pharmacy Week**  
October 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting**  
Orlando, FL  
December 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**Oklahoma Reception at the ASHP Midyear**  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Orlando, FL  
December, 2004  
*(see page 2 for more details)*

## ***From the Outgoing President...***

**Dick Abrahamson, 2003-2004**

The society is well and the membership is strong. Sounds like a political greeting, but it really is just a statement of fact. In May 2003, when I conducted my first board meeting following the annual meeting, a membership report was presented. The membership status report was not very good. We had a total of 236 members. Eastern District...93, Western District 137, and student membership of 26.

At the time I am leaving office, I am pleased to say we have 425 members. That's an increase of 188 members or nearly 80%. Eastern District membership is 178, Western District membership is 279, and student membership is 136. Thanks to everyone for spreading the word about OSHP and increasing our awareness of quality patient care through education and participation in your society.

This will be my last contribution as President to the newsletter. Where does the time go? I cannot thank the Board enough for their dedication to service of the Society during my term. Mark Gales has done a super job as secretary; he will be retiring from that position at the end of his term in April. Our treasurer, Brian Maves, has diligently served us well with a superb job of keeping the financial matters in order. Brian's term is for one more year and we are fortunate to have him on the board. The Eastern chair, Jenean Young and our Western chair, Leslie Patatanian have brought excellent programs to us all year. Thanks for your hard work. Anetta Harrell will retire from the Board as immediate past president, but she has agreed to serve on the house of delegates to ASHP so we can continue to receive her expertise and contribution to the Society. And last, but not least, President elect Edna Patatanian has been super ambitious all year and chaired the nominations committee, served on the program committee, and also helped me with many duties of leadership. Thank you Edna, it has been my pleasure to work with you, and I hope to assist you whenever I can in the next OSHP year.

And then how can I forget all the committees. Membership, Newsletter, The web master, Legislative committee, Program committee, Public Relations, Scholarship and Awards, and Nominations committees. Have I forgotten anyone? If so, accept my apology. Please check the website [www.OSHP.net](http://www.OSHP.net) to see who these people are. Thank them next time you see them for a job well done.

Until I see you at the next District meeting or at the Annual meeting, KEEP UP YOUR DEDICATION TO SERVE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS VALUED.



## ***From the Incoming President...***

**Edna Patatanian, 2004-2005**

As I take the office of President, I would like to thank the membership for many opportunities to represent OSHP. Looking back at my 15 years of pharmacy practice and involvement with our organization, I have had the honor of working with great leaders and mentors. I am proud and honored to be a part of an organization that is dedicated to the development and promotion of health-system pharmacists.  
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## ***Incoming President*** (continued)

### **Edna Patatanian, 2004-2005**

Often times members may feel that more could be done or should be done to represent the profession of pharmacy in its struggle for better patient care. As health-system pharmacists within the organization we are incredibly diverse in our areas of practice. We can represent the professions goal of improving patient care in a variety of ways through many activities. In the hospital environment, it may be staffing, JCAHO, HIPPA, and Medical Staff/Nursing relations. In the retail sector, it may be working third party payers, long hours, tired legs, weekends and holidays, professional membership, Board of Pharmacy activities, and HIPPA. In academia, it may be funding, student involvement, faculty appointments, and scholarship. For those in industry it may be product promotion, research, patent expiration, importation or re-importation of pharmaceuticals, PHARMA compliance. For those practicing in legal environments, it may be legislative, product liability, client safety, malpractice, Board of Pharmacy, and client substance abuse. The one area we all have in common is striving to improve pharmaceutical care for our patients.

Each of us has special gifts, perspectives, and experiences that can benefit someone else. As your president, I ask you, the very foundation of our society, to give and share your time, knowledge, energy, and commitment to OSHP so that your society will become even more effective than it has ever been. The success of OSHP requires your participation and input. I encourage you: 1) to join or renew your membership in OSHP; 2) to volunteer and serve on the Board of Directors; and 3) to sign up for one or more committees.

This is the road to make new friends, to stay in touch with old friends, and learn from other practitioners. I look forward to the coming year as your president. I will do my best to keep you informed of your society's activities through the OSHP web site and the newsletter.

Last, but certainly not least, it is my sincere appreciation to you, the OSHP membership, for the opportunity to represent and lead your professional society the upcoming year.

## **OSHP District Update**

### ***Western District***

Upcoming Meeting:

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Growth Factor Receptors and Angiogenesis: An Evolving Therapeutic Target in Cancer

Speaker: Patrick Medina, Pharm.D., BCOP

Location: County Line BBQ, 1226 NE 63<sup>rd</sup>, OKC, OK, 6:30 PM

RSVP by 5 PM on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to Leslie Patatanian (405) 951-2159

### ***Eastern District***

Recent Meeting:

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Challenging the Heparin Paradigm in VTE: The Evidence-Based Roles of LMWHs

Speaker: James R. Clem, Pharm.D.

Location: Flavors Restaurant, 6014 E 71<sup>st</sup>, St., Tulsa, OK, 6:00 PM

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### ***OKLAHOMA RECEPTION AT THE ASHP MIDYEAR 2004***

For all those planning to attend the ASHP Midyear, please join the festivities at the Oklahoma Reception which will be held Sunday night, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Centre Hotel (Salon 18). Those attending are asked to RSVP to Yvette Morrison on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 (Phone 405-307-1955). This event is co-sponsored by OSHP, the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, and the OU College of Pharmacy.

# ASHP SUMMER MEETING SUMMARY

*Submitted by Yvette Morrison, Barbara Poe and Annetta Harrell  
Oklahoma Delegates to the 2004 ASHP House of Delegates*

“Making Community Connections Under One Roof” was the theme for the 2004 ASHP Summer Meeting held in Las Vegas, NV June 19-23, 2004. The meeting provided a wide array of continuing education opportunities for pharmacists through Learning Community topics, traditional continuing education programming and poster presentations. Topics of special interest included the USP 797 regulations and medication importation and counterfeiting.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) was also conducted in conjunction with the Summer Meeting. The Oklahoma delegates to this year’s HOD included Anetta Harrell, Yvette Morrison and Barbara Poe. The HOD voted to adopt policies from the ASHP Councils pertaining to the following issues:

## **Council on Administrative Affairs**

- ✓ Scope and Hours of Pharmacy Services
- ✓ Standardization, Automation and Expansion of Manufacturer—Sponsored Patient-Assistance Programs
- ✓ Electronic Information Systems
- ✓ Workload Monitoring and Reporting
- ✓ Documentation of Pharmacist Patient Care Services

## **Council on Education Affairs**

- ✓ Continuing Professional Development
- ✓ Cultural Diversity among Health Care Providers

## **Council on Legal and Public Affairs**

- ✓ Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit
- ✓ Compounding by Health Professionals
- ✓ Uniform State Laws and Regulations Regarding Pharmacy Technicians
- ✓ Importation of Pharmaceuticals
- ✓ Home Intravenous therapy Benefit

## **Council on Organizational Affairs**

- ✓ No policy recommendations were presented

## **Council on Professional Affairs**

- ✓ Pharmaceutical Counterfeiting
- ✓ Ready-to-Use Packaging for All Settings
- ✓ ASHP Statement on the Use of Dietary Supplements

Two items of new business were voted to be referred to the ASHP Board for further action: 1) a motion that ASHP adopt a policy advocating for all patients having equal access to health care and health care providers; 2) a motion to encourage professionalism in pharmacy among all practitioners, faculty members, administrators and students.

OSHP members interested in further details pertaining to the Summer Meeting are encouraged to contact one of the delegates. Members are also encouraged to consider participation in the ASHP policy making process by running for a delegate position in the election to be held later this year.

The OSHP Newsletter Committee would appreciate any and all member submissions of news items or articles for future publication. Please contact one of the following Newsletter Committee members:

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## 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.

*The following information from the Oklahoma Poison Control Center (OKPCC) was submitted by Kim Stanton.*

### Unusual Antidotes

Pharmacists practicing in institutional environments are very familiar with the “antidotes” used almost daily in routine therapy (i.e. Naloxone, Flumazenil, Physostigmine...) and are aware of the indications and techniques of administration for the medications (Digoxin-Fab, Crotalidae Antivenins, Bal and others) that are used infrequently.

There are also those medications in common use that have indications in toxicology that may have escaped the attention of the pharmacist. A brief overview of some of these drugs follows.

Glucagon, a polypeptide hormone, is indicated in the treatment of hypotension, bradycardia or conduction impairments that may accompany beta-blocker overdose. Bypassing the beta-receptors, glucagon enhances myocardial contractility by stimulating production of adenylyl cyclase. This increases cyclin adenosine monophosphate (CAMP) within the cell resulting in positive inotropic and chronotropic effects, vascular smooth muscle relaxation and increased serum glucose.

Glucagon may be given as titrating IV boluses of 0.05 mg/kg repeated Q 3-5 minutes until response (or a total of 10 mg) or a bolus of 3-10 mg may be given and followed with a 1-5 mg/hr infusion (children, 0.15 mg/kg bolus then 0.05 – 0.1 mg/kg/hr infusion) titrated to clinical response, hyperglycemia and/or hypokalemia may be seen as well as delayed gastric emptying with accompanying nausea’s vomiting. Epinephrine co-administered may prolong the cardiovascular and hyperglycemic effects.

Octreotide (sandostatin) is a long-acting analog of naturally occurring Somatostatin. It suppresses pancreatic function, GI motility and is useful in the management of sulfonylurea – induced hypoglycemia unresponsive to dextrose administration. It has become a first-line agent with dextrose in that it can reduce glucose requirements and prevent rebound hypoglycemia.

Dosage is 50-100 mcg (children: 4.5 mcg/kg/day divided every 6 hours) by subcutaneous or intravenous injection. Infusions of up to 125 mcg/hr have been used. Days of therapy may be necessary and patient should be monitored for recurrent hypoglycemia for 24 hours past termination of therapy.

Folic Acid is an essential B-complex vitamin that may be of some value in the removal of the metabolites of methanol. Methanol is a highly toxic alcohol metabolized in the body to formaldehyde and formic acid causing metabolic acidosis, blindness, and death. Fomepizole and ethanol are administered to block the metabolism of methanol to it’s toxic metabolites. The enzymes that assist in eliminating formic acid are folic acid dependant and some practitioner will add folic acid to the treatment to assure there is no folic acid deficiency. Pharmacist may be alarmed at the dose ordered...usually 50-70 mg (child 1 mg/kg) intravenously over 30” every 4 hours for 6 doses.

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# OSHP Members Recognized

- ❖ **Barbara Poe** was recently recognized as Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP) at the recent ASHP Summer Meeting in Las Vegas Nevada.
- ❖ **Mark Gales** was awarded Health-System Pharmacist of the Year at the OSHP Annual Meeting, April 2004.
- ❖ **Mona Kay Brimmer** was awarded the Sylvia J. Martin Outstanding Technician Award at the OSHP Annual Meeting, April 2004.
- ❖ OSHP Scholarship Recipients were awarded to **Margarite Rush** from OU and **Wendi James** from SWOSU at the OSHP Annual Meeting, April 2004.
- ❖ OSHP Senior Awards were presented to **Richard Justik** from OU and Stephanie **Schaunaman** from SWOSU. These awards were presented at the school's individual awards ceremonies in the spring.

*Please take the opportunity to congratulate the above members for their accomplishments!*

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### ***OU Student Selected to Serve on ASHP Council of Educational Affairs***

**Debbie Poland**, a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, has been selected to serve as the student representative of the Council on Educational Affairs for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The primary purpose of the council is to initiate professional policy positions concerning ASHP educational activities and development of the pharmacy work force. Agenda items for consideration this year include developing leadership and management competencies, long-range vision about the workforce for health-system pharmacy practice and access to continuing education for all pharmacists. Council meetings will be held September 20 – 23, 2004 in Bethesda, Maryland with the final

day spent speaking with key members of Congress advocating issues relating to the practice of pharmaceutical care. There are five councils that make policy recommendations: 1) Educational Affairs; 2) Administrative Affairs; 3) Legal and Public Affairs; 4) Organizational Affairs; and 5) Professional Affairs.

Each council has one student representative, the other members are practicing pharmacists. Members are appointed by the President of ASHP. Congratulations to Debbie.

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