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## **October is American Pharmacists Month!**

- National Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week October 16-22, 2016.
- National Pharmacy Technician Day is Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Are you planning anything special to celebrate with your co-workers? Share your ideas, and your pictures – we will post them on Facebook for all ICHP members!

## Legislative and Regulatory Update

There's not much to report on the legislative side but there is something coming on the regulatory side, i.e. the Pharmacy Practice Act Rules. ICHP had the opportunity to review an initial draft of the new Pharmaceutical Compounding Standards that will be published shortly in the Illinois Register. The newly proposed Rules will contain the requirement for all compounders, large or small, to comply with USP compounding standards. That will mean compliance with USP Chapters 795, 797, and 800. This will have a significant impact on the practice of pharmacy in Illinois hospitals and health-systems. We will keep you informed when these rules are published and how you can provide comments to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the ICHP Pharmacy Action Fund Auction With A Twist. The Auction raised over \$3,500 for the PAC and provided some great prizes to more than 25 winners.

**New Ambulatory Care Network** – ICHP has established a new Ambulatory Care Network. The Network meets monthly via conference call the first week of the month. Please visit ichpnet.org > Members > Networks > <u>Ambulatory Care Network</u> for more detail. If you are interested in participating in this network, please contact Trish Wegner, PharmD at <u>trishw@ichpnet.org</u>.

Upcoming Champion Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) Live Webinars

November Champion CPE for Pharmacists: November 9 at 12:00pm - One Live Presentation Only! Topic: How to Be a Guide on the Side

Speaker: Michael Fotis, BS Pharm

*Go to the Champions web page for full information and materials for the webinar: <u>ichpnet.org/events/champion\_webinars</u>. Upcoming Meetings* 

• Clinical Practice and Research Network (CPRN): October 20, 2016 CPRN meeting on How to Submit a Manuscript for Journal Publication, UIC College of Pharmacy, Chicago. Watch your email for details.

**Champion webinars available as Home Study on CESally.com** – Champion webinars will now be webcast once at noon during the month of a webinar. All Champion webinars are recorded and available as home study on CESally.com. You can use the home study to schedule a showing to your staff at any time, any day. Members can also receive continuing education credit through this home study process.

**Champion video** – please view a video presented by Champion, Don Ferrill, and SSHP President, Amy Boblitt. Don describes the steps he takes as a Champion to inform staff at his institution of ICHP activities and sets up the webinars. If you have other ideas and would like to do a video, let us know! Check out the video on the Champions page at <u>ichpnet.org/events/champion\_webinars/</u>.

**Champion Incentive Program** – Any Champion who signs in for 50% or more of the Champion webinars offered during the period of August to August will receive \$35 in ICHP bucks to use toward membership or meeting registration. Other perks for being a Champion include recognition at state-wide meetings, special gifts at select meetings, and a great way to be involved in ICHP. Take advantage of the great CE offered. Member surveys indicate that folks are not aware of the free CE so let's help spread the word!

*Check out the bi-weekly CPE News Brief that lists all the CPE programs ICHP offers members. Every other Thursday – opposite the ICHP Career Center! Consider posting or sharing in your workplace.* 

For questions, please contact your ICHP Champion: \_

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