

Practice Management Division Report ACPE Progress Report-September 2004 (inception)- August 2005

The Practice Management Division is home to many of the faculty engaged in contractual patient care services for the School of Pharmacy or who have broad interests or training in the behavioral, public health, administrative, and information management sciences.

Our mission is to develop pharmacy practitioners that are both capable of delivering patient care services and succeeding within the business model that is contemporary pharmacy practice.

We are comprised of interdisciplinary faculty committed to the tripartite mission of teaching, scholarship, and service.

Focus areas range from the provision of pharmaceutical care to teaching and research in core areas of management, economics, health informatics, drug information and drug policy, law and ethics, public health and behavioral sciences. Practice management links business applications and clinical practices.

Personnel Changes

The Division welcomed Casey Lee, Pharm.D., who is a consultant in Managed Health Care Pharmacy Services with a clinical practice at the J.O. Montford facility. She also provides pharmacy consultant services to prison facilities in the southern region of TTUHSC Managed Health Care.

Mr. Gary Collins resigned his position as Associate Dean for Experiential Programs to become Director of Pharmacy Services at the VA Medical Center, Dallas.

Division Member Major Accomplishments:

Grants submitted:

Veronin, M (PI), Youan, B, **Patry RA**. Quality Assessment of Statins Obtained from the Internet. NIH, Health Services Organization and Delivery Study Section (R-15), \$220,569 (January 2005)

Grants Received:

Veronin, M (PI), Youan, C (CI), **Patry, RA** (CI): Quality Assessment of Statins

Obtained from the Internet. American Heart Association, \$124,000 (2-years). July 2005

Scholarship:

Patry, R.A., MacLaughlin, E., Young, R., **Veronin, M.**, Nixon-Lewis, B and Zoller, D.: Tech Car_xe: Implementation of a novel drug plan for seniors. ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting, Orlando, FL, December 2004. Abstract Published.

Patry, R.A., MacLaughlin, E., Young, R., **Veronin, M.**, Nixon-Lewis, B and Zoller, D., Rowland, A., Chung, T: Implementation & Analysis of a Pharmacy School-Based Drug Plan for Low-Income Patients. TSHP Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. April 2005. Abstract Published.

Patry, R.A., MacLaughlin, E., Young, R., **Veronin, M.**, Nixon-Lewis, B and Zoller, D., Easterday, L.: Tech Car_xe: Assistance for the Medicare Part D Donut Hole.. 4nd Annual TTUHSC School of Pharmacy Research Days, Amarillo, TX July 2005. Abstract Published.

Contracts Awarded:

Patry, RA: Bureau of Primary Health Care. Pharmacy Service Expansion, Community Health Centers of Lubbock, \$150,000 (for each year). Pharmacy renewed at \$27,500.

Awards:

Dr. Roland Patry is principal investigator of a collaborative research team that includes division member, **Dr. Michael Veronin**, which received the TSHP Research and Education Foundation Award for the best original administrative research: "Implementation & Analysis of a Pharmacy School-Based Drug Plan for Low-Income Elderly".

Dr. Michael Veronin was awarded the Frances Larson Memorial Award for excellence in medical writing by the American Medical Writers Association.

Division Goals For 2005-2007

1. Create an electronic classroom model for 2 courses using asynchronous delivery of content.
2. Devise and implement plans for further integration of law and business principles into relevant laboratory experiences.
3. Expand funding of the Center for Health Informatics and Pharmacy Systems through grants and contracts
4. Increase the visibility and recognition of the Center for Drug Information and Drug Policy as well as the Texas Panhandle Poison Center
5. Increase extramural funding (grants or contracts) by 10% each year.
6. Increase collaboration with faculty in other divisions

Division Self-Analysis

Accomplishments/Strengths:

1. Division faculty have longevity with Texas Tech and a stable curriculum that offers ample teaching opportunities for all members. Division members teach in each year of the curriculum and efforts are underway to further integrate content in other areas of the curriculum.
2. The faculty have created a curriculum that is very focused on linking business and management principals to patient care services.
3. The faculty are very interdisciplinary, which provides for a richness in approaches to the curriculum and practice.
4. Many members hold leadership positions within the School of Pharmacy.
5. Many members of the division have a high level of computer and technology literacy and often lead the faculty in use of novel teaching and practice technologies.
6. The division is home for faculty that manage three operational centers: Health Informatics, Drug Information and Drug Policy, and Texas Panhandle Poison Center. Faculty in this division also direct SOP Pharmacy Operations, Managed Health Care Pharmacy Services, TTUHSC Drug Purchasing program, and the Texas Pharmacy Museum.

Opportunities for Improvement:

1. Many members are part-time thereby limiting the amount of time that can be focused on research. However, this acknowledgement means that the remaining members must use increased collaboration for their research and scholarship.
2. Many members of the division hold administrative positions within the School of Pharmacy, which limits the amount of time to be devoted to scholarship and other faculty pursuits.
3. The Center for Health Informatics and Pharmacy Systems has the potential for significant extramural funding but is currently limited by personnel resources.
4. The Texas Pharmacy Museum has the potential of providing an interface between the SOP and the general public. This would increase the School's visibility and improve its image in the community, which might then translate into additional financial support for its programs and progress.