REPORT OF THE APhA-ASP HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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The APhA-ASP House of Delegates debated and passed the following resolutions during the APhA-ASP House of Delegates on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the APhA2015 Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Diego, CA.

2015.1 – Medication Synchronization
1. APhA-ASP supports stakeholders’ implementation of medication synchronization as a standard of practice.

2. APhA-ASP supports state and federal legislation encouraging third-party payers to cover the alignment of refills without the patient incurring additional out of pocket expenses.

3. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to provide education to all health care providers regarding medication synchronization.

4. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to promote patient awareness of the benefits and accessibility of medication synchronization programs.

5. APhA-ASP encourages all schools and colleges of pharmacy to incorporate medication synchronization education in the curriculum.

2015.2 – Labeling and Measurement of Oral Liquid Medications
1. APhA-ASP supports mandatory inclusion of a precision measuring device, such as an oral syringe, with all prescription and non-prescription oral liquid medications.

2. APhA-ASP encourages student pharmacists and pharmacists to educate patients and caregivers on accurate oral liquid medication administration.

3. APhA-ASP supports the use of metric units (versus teaspoons and tablespoons) as the standard measurement on all oral liquid medications and precision measuring devices.

2015.3 – Point of Care Testing
1. APhA-ASP supports state and federal legislation that allows pharmacists and student pharmacists to provide point of care tests and related clinical services—through appropriate protocol and in collaboration with other members of the health care team—to increase patient access to care and screen or monitor for indications requiring care follow-up, referral, or therapy adjustment.

2. APhA-ASP supports the incorporation of point of care testing education and training throughout the pharmacy curriculum to train student pharmacists on appropriate administration of tests and management of results, including but not limited to, relevant counseling, documentation, reporting, and follow-up.

3. APhA-ASP encourages the development of continuing education and training programs to enhance existing practitioner understanding and utilization of point of care testing.
4. APhA-ASP encourages all stakeholders, including but not limited to, employers, patients, pharmacists, community pharmacies, health-systems, and third party payers to develop a compensation model recognizing the value and cost of pharmacist–provided point of care testing and the provision of related clinical services that is both financially viable and in the best interest of patients.

5. APhA-ASP encourages all public health stakeholders and agencies to promote patient awareness of pharmacist–provided point of care testing and related clinical services for the purpose of improving community surveillance of disease prevalence and incidence.

2015.4 – Increased Access to Opioid Reversal Agents
1. APhA-ASP supports state and federal legislation to increase access to opioid reversal agents.
2. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to provide public education about opioid reversal agents, including proper administration in situations of opioid-related drug overdose.

APhA-ASP NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items submitted during the APhA-ASP House of Delegates Session at the APhA2015 Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Diego, CA.

APhA-ASP NATIONAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

The APhA-ASP House of Delegates elected the following individuals to serve with incoming 2015-2016 APhA-ASP National President-elect, Lucianne West from Northeastern University, as the APhA-ASP National Executive Committee on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the APhA2015 Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Diego, CA.

Office of 2015-2016 APhA-ASP National President-elect: Kelsea Gallegos, The University of New Mexico

Office of 2015-2016 APhA-ASP National Member-at-large: Stephanie Garza, University of Texas at Austin
Jeffrey Van Liew, University of the Incarnate Word

Office of 2015-2016 APhA-ASP Speaker of the House: Lauren Bode, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center