

# WMSHP Newsletter



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Happy Holidays to all WMSHP members! Please enjoy this addition of the Winter Newsletter. We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the years and the upcoming ones. Also, please welcome and congratulate our new Board members at the upcoming 2016 meeting in January. We always encourage and welcome those who wish to join our numerous committees as a member or in a leadership capacity. Lastly, Happy New Year to come and wishing all a safe end to 2015 and an exciting and challenging 2016 to come!



*Monique, ASHP Delegate  
2014 - 2016*



## President's Message

November 27, 2015

Dear Members,

The end of my tenure as President of the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health Systems Pharmacists fast approaches. It has been a very busy and rewarding year. It has been an honor working with the various committees to continue providing educational and social activities to the membership. We value our continued affiliation with the Association of Health Systems Pharmacists.

Our continuing education offerings continue to be of the highest quality. We have been honored with guest speakers who are experts in the fields of drug information, medication errors, cardiology, infectious diseases, regulatory topics, drugs and breast feeding, and a plethora of topics in disease states and pharmacotherapy. The programming committee has been diligent in recruiting top notch speakers. We already have a list of invited guest speakers for 2016. In addition to our own Spring and Fall 6 CE events, we collaborated with the National Institutes of Health to provide the membership with an additional 4 CEs. We plan to collaborate in future years. Our members also received 1 CE for a Symposium titled, "Avoiding the Perfect Storm". On November 14, 2015 under the leadership of President-elect Vaiyapuri Subramaniam a successful student event took place at the University of Maryland, Shady Grove. WMSHP collaborated with the Student Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (SSHP) at the universities of Maryland and Howard in the event. Shenandoah University Students were also in attendance. I would like to thank the programming and membership committees for collaborating to provide our educational activities. Thank you Kampanart Panasethaned for being our liaison with our CE provider.

The legislative committee under the leadership of committee chair, Dominic Solimando updated governing documents of WMSHP. Dominic will discuss the results with the Board at the 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting on December 3, 2015. I thank Dominic and the legislative committee for revising the documents.

Thanks to Minhee Kang our Treasurer for keeping our financial documents in order and for providing updates during Board meetings. Thank you Monique Bonhomme for continuing to work on the WMSHP Newsletter for the past four years. You have done a superb job. Thank you Sarah Kelly, Secretary for keeping the membership updated with educational and social events. Thank you John Quinn for taking charge of voting via Qualtrics for our new officers. Thank you Vicki Ly and Leon Vandenberg for your valuable advice throughout the year. Thank you Kim Berry and Beverly Black for your continued support. We value your sound advice.

I wish the 2016 Board under Vaiyapuri as President optimum success in 2016. I will continue to work diligently in a supporting role. Wishing all Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year with provider status.

I thank the membership for your continued support throughout the year. It is an honor to be a part of the same Society.

Sincerely,  
Wafaa Al-Awar Abou-Zeineddine, PharmD, BCPS  
Clinical Pharmacist Specialist  
Medstar Washington Hospital Center

**2016 Washington Metropolitan Society of  
Health-System Pharmacists (WMSHP) Kick-Off  
Meeting, Officer Installation and Pharmacy  
Educational Program**



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016  
6 PM AT POSITANO RISTORANTE  
4948 FAIRMONT AVENUE, BETHESDA, MD 20814**

**PROGRAM**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM REGISTRATION**

**6:30 – 6:35 PM Welcome Address**

Wafaa Abou-Zeineddine, PharmD, BCPS  
President, WMSHP 2015  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Medstar Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC.

**6:35 – 6:50 PM INSTALLATION OF WMSHP OFFICERS**

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**6:50 – 7:00 PM INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS**

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD, MS, FCP, FASHP, FASCP President, WMSHP 2016  
Associate Chief Consultant  
Pharmacy Benefits Management, VHA/VA, Washington DC

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Presentation: Leadership and Pharmacy Practice Advancement

Speakers:

Stephen Allen, RPh, MS, FASHP  
Chief Executive Officer, ASHP Research and Education Foundation

David Chen, RPh, MBA  
Senior Director, Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers, ASHP

**8:00 – 8:15 PM CLOSING REMARKS**

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD, MS, FCP, FASHP, FASCP President, WMSHP 2016

**8:15 – 8:30 PM CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES**

Sarah Kelly, PharmD, Major USAF, BSC; WMSHP Secretary, & WMSHP Program Committee Member

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**ACPE Accreditation: 1.0 Contact Hour (0.1 CEU)**

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

**RSVPs by January 5, 2016:**

**WMSHP Members: Free**

**Non-Member: \$95 (Includes WMSHP Membership)**

**RSVP To:**

**RSVPs after January 5, 2016:**

**WMSHP Member: \$40.00**

**Non-Member: \$135.00 (Includes WMSHP Membership)**

**Students: \$20**

**Technicians: \$30**

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CREDIT CARD BILLING AVAILABLE ON-SITE ON

JANUARY 12, 2016, OR VIA THE WEBSITE WMSHP WEBSITE: [www.wmshp.org](http://www.wmshp.org)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

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## ASHP Recommends Greater Clarity and Consistency in FDA Communications on REMS

10/7/2015

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) could alleviate some of the communications challenges associated with REMS through targeted outreach to healthcare providers, ASHP told an agency panel yesterday.

ASHP spoke at a hearing called by the FDA in an attempt to understand the impact of the use of REMS on the healthcare system and to identify improved approaches for minimizing their burden on patients and providers.

ASHP encouraged FDA officials to work toward a centralized electronic means for all REMS, including registration, provider education, and patient documentation requirements. Click here to view the statement submitted by ASHP. - See more at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/News/NewsCapsules/Article.aspx?id=1588#sthash.8egOLWxv.dpuf>

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## Four Cosponsors Needed to Push Provider Status Legislation to Next Phase

10/26/2015

Provider status legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act (H.R. 592), needs just four additional cosponsors to trigger the next step of the legislative process.

Rep. Fred Upton, Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, has indicated that he would like the bill to have at least 230 cosponsors before he would hold a hearing. A new wave of support last week brought the legislation's cosponsors to 226. Time is of the essence to garner additional support, as there is less than a month left in the first part of this congressional session and representatives will soon be debating extending the debt ceiling.

ASHP members are strongly encouraged to ask their members of Congress to cosponsor the legislation. Personalize the email provided in ASHP's Grassroots Advocacy Center with examples from your practice that demonstrate the value you bring to the healthcare team.

- See more at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/News/NewsCapsules/Article.aspx?id=1590#sthash.ZWKYIFvy.dpuf>

## Save the Date



### WMSHP Kickoff Meeting

Positano Ristorante

January 12, 2016

Bethesda, MD

### 2016 ASHP Summer Meetings and Exhibition

June 11 - 15, 2016

Baltimore, MD



### 2016 51st ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition

December 4 - 8, 2016

Las Vegas, NV



## ASHP's 50th Midyear Lives up to Its Reputation as "World's Largest Gathering of Pharmacists"

12/17/2015

More than 22,000 pharmacists, residents, pharmacy students, and industry representatives from the U.S. and 45 other countries took advantage of the wide range of educational sessions, special events, and networking opportunities offered December 6-10 at ASHP's 50th Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition in New Orleans.

The meeting kicked off with a capacity crowd at the Opening General Session, which featured a special video celebrating the history of the Midyear; a tribute to ASHP CEO Emeritus Joseph A. Oddis, Sc.D.; and ASHP awards. The session also featured keynote speakers former President George W. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush. The pair's daughter, Jenna Bush Hager, served as a surprise moderator for the keynote.

Sessions such as "Individualizing Therapy for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes," "Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Emergency Department," and "Safety and Quality Pearls 2015" proved extremely popular. More than 2,500 pharmacists, residents, and student pharmacists presented posters, and the Exhibit Hall featured more than 350 industry representatives. Thousands of attendees also took advantage of ASHP's popular Residency Showcase and Personnel Placement Service.



The Spotlight on Science session featured D. Tyler McQuade, Ph.D., program manager with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); John J. Lewin, III, Pharm.D., M.B.A., FCCM, FNCS, FASHP, division director of critical care and surgery pharmacy at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; and Klavs Jensen, Ph.D., head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. The trio spoke about innovative new technologies that will enable miniaturized and mobile drug manufacture. Next December, the Midyear Clinical Meeting heads to Las Vegas.

See more at: <http://www.ashp.org/menu/News/NewsCapsules/Article.aspx?id=1591#sthash.ISCSc9zm.dpuf>

## CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

MedStar: Drug Information Specialist - accountable for analysis of current formulary and drug utilization, the development of evidence-based reviews necessary for the evaluation of medications, and the dissemination of medication use-related information across the system.

Contact Bonnie Levin, PharmD, MBA and [Bonnie.levin@medstar.net](mailto:Bonnie.levin@medstar.net)

## **WMSHP is pleased to announce the newly elected officers for 2016:**

### **President-elect: Frank Nice**



Frank J. Nice, RPh, DPA, CPHP

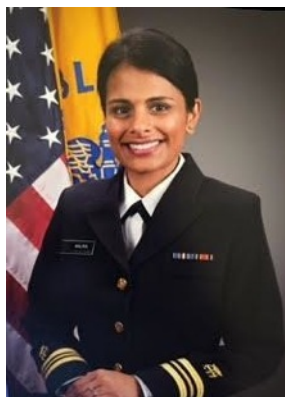
Dr. Frank J. Nice has practiced as a consultant, lecturer, and author on medications and breastfeeding. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy, a Masters Degree in Pharmacy Administration, Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Public Administration, and Certification in Public Health Pharmacy. He retired from the US Public Health Service after 30 years of distinguished service. He is currently self-employed as a consultant.

Dr. Nice has published *Nonprescription Drugs for the Breastfeeding Mother* and *The Galactagogue Recipe Book*. Dr. Nice has also authored over 50 peer-reviewed articles. He has organized and participated in over a 50 medical missions to Haiti.

**WMSHP is pleased to announce the newly elected officers for 2016:****Secretary: Roberta Taylor**

My name is Roberta Taylor, and I am a 2007 graduate from Hampton University School of Pharmacy. I completed my Post-Graduate Year 1 at Medstar Washington Hospital Center in 2008. In 2014, I obtained my Masters degree in Health Care Administration from Simmons College and completed the Pharmacy Leadership Academy by the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacist. I am currently a clinical pharmacist practicing at Medstar Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C.

When I am not working, I am busy being an active participant in my sorority Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc and The Order of the Eastern Stars.

**Board Member: Dipti Kalra**

My name is Lieutenant Commander Dipti Kalra, and I would like to be considered for the Board Member position for the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WMSHP). I am a graduate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. I have worked in hospital, retail, and home infusion pharmacies. I currently work at the Food and Drug Administration as a safety evaluator in the Division of Pharmacovigilance. I have represented our division and the FDA in a number of outreach programs, communicating with a number of internal and external groups, and giving presentations about our work. I became actively involved with WMSHP by joining the Membership Committee and actively recruited pharmacists to join the organization. I have also mentored pharmacy students and coordinated the successful WMSHP picnic. If elected to the position of Board member, I would like to continue the great work done by previous leaders to enhance the clinical and leadership skills of our members.



## 2015 - 50TH ASHP Clinical Midyear Meeting and Exhibition New Orleans, LA - December 6th to 10th



from L to R: pharmacy resident; Maureen Muthoni, Pharm.D., pharmacy resident; Rachel Lim, Pharm.D., director of pharmacy and WMSHP member; Jo Ann Neuffer, R.Ph., residency program director and ASHP Delegate; Monique Bonhomme, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS



from L to R: WMSHP president; Wafaa Abou-Zeineddine, Pharm.D., BCPS, ASHP Delegate; Monique Bonhomme, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS

## 2015 WMSHP FALL MEETING: September 19th- PAPARAZZI PICS



**“SHARPENING UP YOUR CLINICAL SKILLS: UPDATE ON CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE”** at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD

Pictured: WMSHP president; Wafaa Abou-Zeineddine, Pharm.D., BCPS, WMSHP President-elect; Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD, MS, FCP, FASHP, FASCP, WMSHP Secretary; Sarah Kelly, PharmD, Major USAF, BSC; past WMSHP president Victoria Ly, Pharm.D., past WMSHP president and current Board member; Leon Vandenberg, R.Ph

## WMSHP Pharmacy Student Leadership Scholarship Initiative:

WMSHP is proud to announce that it will be offering for the first time ever a Student Leadership Scholarship yearly to an outstanding pharmacy student member who has shown exceptional services and sustained excellence in furthering and promoting WMSHP purposes and goals

**More details to follow!**



### WMSHP Committees

**Interested in becoming actively involved in WMSHP?**

**Join and participate in one or more of our Committees**

Finance	Legislative
Membership	Programming (monthly meetings)
Nominations	Publications (newsletters, website)

**\*\*Send email with interest to Committee Chairs posted on [www.wmshp.org](http://www.wmshp.org)\*\***

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