



ALSHP News

President's Message

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ALSHP Calendar

2017

April 14:

Alabama Residency Conference (ARC)
1:00p- 4:00p
*UAB Hospital- West Pavilion
Conference Center*

April 20:

Birmingham-area social
6:30pm
Gianmarco's

April 19:

ALBOP Open Meeting
9:00a

April 28:

Deadline for submissions for the
Summer Meeting Poster Presentation
or New Practitioner Research Forum
See Update in Text for More Info

May 10:

ALBOP Open Meeting
9:00a

May 17:

Birmingham-area social
Time and place TBD

June 11-13:

ALSHP Summer Meeting
*The Henderson Hotel
Destin, Florida*

Whitney White, PharmD, BCPS

Happy Spring!

With warmer weather ahead, it's the perfect time to register for our Summer Meeting coming up June 11-13th in sunny Destin, Florida! We have a great list of presenters and topics at this year's meeting, and the schedule also allows for some networking opportunities! Book your room and register today at <https://alshp.wildapricot.org/2017-ALSHP-Summer-meeting>



Advocacy is the theme for Spring! ALSHP joined representatives from the Board of Pharmacy and the Alabama Pharmacists Association for an advocacy event at Samford University on February 24th. This forum served to educate pharmacy students on legislative initiatives like Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) and Provider Status as well as other advocacy measures across our state. Buddy Bunch, Donna Yeatman, Louise Jones, and myself participated in a panel discussion, answering advocacy-related questions from students. It was exciting to educate and engage our students in efforts to move our profession forward!

Additionally, ALSHP recently hosted the Alabama Pharmacy Stakeholders meeting on March 1st. We had a great discussion with many pharmacists and students in attendance. The primary focus was collaborative practice legislation in Alabama. The national Provider Status legislation is gaining momentum, and we want to be ready to implement it in our state. Along those lines, we have some exciting news to share! HB 170 passed the AL House of Representatives last week and is headed to the Senate! This bill includes several changes to the state practice act:

- Pharmacists will be recognized at the state level as **"HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS"**
- Requires Track and Trace (counterfeit drug deterrent)
- Change Board's inspectors to investigators (name change only)
- Charges technicians \$10 fee for late registration

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Pharmacists are uniquely educated and skilled to help provide access to healthcare in communities across the state, and being recognized as health care providers is the first step towards bridging the gap in access. The next step will be to introduce collaborative practice legislation, which several of our members are helping to draft. We encourage each of you to get involved and educate yourself on the pending legislation, contact your legislators, and help promote our profession statewide! We will keep the membership up to date on the latest, but if you want more information, please feel free to contact me directly (cwwall@samford.edu). The next Alabama Pharmacy Stakeholders meeting will be in early May at Samford University. More details to come!

Thanks for all you do to serve patients and the profession!

All the best,

Whitney

Pharmacy News

Stakeholder's Meeting

This quarter the Stakeholder's Meeting was held March 1 at Samford University at the College of Health Sciences Building.

This session, APA has worked with Representative Ron Johnson and Senator William Beasley to introduce HB58 and SB31 in Montgomery. The purpose of this legislation is to remove prescription sales prices from the calculation used to determine pharmacy license fees in Alabama.

On behalf of ALSHP and the Alabama Pharmacy Stakeholders, we support this legislation and ask our members to support it as well.

Please see the [attached PDF](#) addressing the talking points. Feel free to contact your representatives and ask them to support this legislation as well.

Social Events

Come join us for professional networking, dinner, and education!



The next Birmingham area social will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 20th at **Gianmarco's** (721 Broadway Street, Birmingham, AL 35209). This event is sponsored by Janssen Biotech, Inc.

Scott Willett will provide a lecture for us entitled "*Biosimilars*".

- Please reserve your seat before April 14th by emailing the sponsor at: jvarin@its.jnj.com
- Directors: If you have any starving residents, please forward this message to them and remind them that residents can join ALSHP for FREE!!

Member Announcements/Committee Updates

Fall Programming Committee:

Fall Programming Committee is continuing to work hard to develop excellent programming for our Fall Meeting. The committee is meeting this Friday from 11:30 to 12:00 to discuss our list of objectives and speakers. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4 from 8:30 to 9:00.

Legislative Committee:

Thank you to the ALSHP members who have been attending the Legislative Committee meetings! The committee has been discussing a number of exciting topics:

- Collaborative Practice Act – ALBOP has been in discussion with the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the Alabama Board of Nursing (mainly nurse practitioners) in an attempt to gain support.
- Pharmacy Technician Certification – ASHP has a position statement supporting technician certification. Several states require certification for pharmacy technicians. The Legislative Committee is drafting a position statement in support of pharmacy technician certification to present to ALSHP leadership.
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) – Alabama does not currently require that prescribers consult the PDMP database prior to writing prescriptions for controlled substances. The Legislative Committee is currently exploring options to support legislation that would require PDMP database consultation, but the committee does not want to hurt any efforts with the Collaborative Practice Act.

ALSHP's Alabama Residency Conference (ARC)

April 14, 2017 from 1pm to 3:30pm

UAB Hospital- West Pavilion Conference Center

Birmingham, Alabama

The 2017 ALSHP Alabama Residency Conference will be held on April 14, 2017 at UAB Hospital in the West Pavilion Conference Center. Presentations will start at 1pm and end around 3:30pm. There will be four rooms of simultaneous presentations. For each room, there will be two 1-hr blocks and one 0.5hr block available for CPE credit through ALSHP. The schedule of presenters is posted below. If you would like to attend as an evaluator and you have not signed up yet, please feel free to join us.

Parking for UAB Hospital is available through the visitor parking lot "4th Avenue Parking Deck" located at 401 S. 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35233. There will be a fee for exit depending on the time spent in the deck.

ALABAMA RESIDENCY CONFERENCE • APRIL 14, 2017
UAB WEST PAVILION CONFERENCE ROOMS

Room: WPCC-A

ACPE Block	Time	Resident Name	Site	Presentation Title
	1:00			Welcome
Block 1: 1.0 hour CPE	1:05	Meredith Thompson	Birmingham VA Medical Center	Use of telepharmacy in the management of hypertension and diabetes in a veteran population to improve clinical outcomes
	1:20	Courtney Beindorf	Birmingham VA Medical Center	Establishment of a pharmacist-led heart failure medication management clinic
	1:35	William Seth Edwards	Birmingham VA Medical Center	Effects of academic detailing on the treatment of urinary tract infections in a Veteran population
	1:50	Anna Curl	Children's of Alabama	Outcomes of outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy in a pediatric hospital
Block 2: 1.0 hour CPE	2:05	Anna Arthur	Children's of Alabama	Evaluation of time to maximum opioid usage during vaso-occlusive sickle cell crises in a pediatric inpatient hospital setting
	2:20	Tim Burns	DCH Regional Medical Center	Evaluation of antibiotic use in adults discharged from the emergency department for an acute respiratory infection
	2:35	Ben Hixon	DCH Regional Medical Center	The impact of pharmacist interventions on the management of delirious mechanically ventilated patients in the MICU
	2:50	Elizabeth Covington	DCH Regional Medical Center	Impact of procalcitonin monitoring on duration of antibiotics in patients with sepsis and/or pneumonia
Block 3: 0.25 hour CP	3:05	Megan Borchers	DCH Regional Medical Center	Evaluation of pharmacy resident discharge counseling on high-risk for readmission patients with heart failure or acute myocardial infarction

Room: WPCC-B				
ACPE Block	Time	Resident Name	Site	Presentation Title
	1:00			Welcome
Block 1: 1.0 hour CPE	1:05	Mary Joyce Wingler	East Alabama Medical Center	Comparison of vancomycin treatment failures for methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteremias stratified by minimum inhibitory concentrations
	1:20	Kavita Patel	East Alabama Medical Center	Piperacillin-tazobactam loading doses prior to extended infusion in critically ill patients
	1:35	Mary Katherine Stuart	Princeton Baptist Medical Center	The management of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteremia at Princeton Baptist Medical Center
	1:50	Cara Bujanowski	Princeton Baptist Medical Center	Assessment of the effectiveness of a novel vancomycin nomogram at achieving steady-state trough concentrations of 15-20 mg/L
Block 2: 1.0 hour CPE	2:05	David Carroll	St. Vincent's Birmingham	Assessment of dexmedetomidine use before and after pharmacy led education
	2:20	Bethany Brock	St. Vincent's Birmingham	Evaluation of pharmacist interventions to improve prescribing of parenteral nutrition in a community hospital
	2:35	Jamie Chambers	Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center	A quality improvement project regarding antipsychotic medications used for the treatment of PTSD symptoms in VA Healthcare Systems as part of the Psychotropic Drug Safety Initiative (PDSI)
	2:50	Haley Ervin	Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center	Comparison of insulin glargine versus insulin NPH on glycemic control and overall diabetic outcomes
Block 3: 0.25 hour CPE	3:05	Michelle Krichbaum	Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center	Quality Improvement Project: Therapeutic drug monitoring of lithium

Room: WPCC-D				
ACPE Block	Time	Resident Name	Site	Presentation Title
	1:00			Welcome
Block 1: 1.0 hour CPE	1:05	Shea Davis	Huntsville Hospital	Evaluation of pharmacist-led medication reconciliation process at the St. Jude affiliate clinic
	1:20	Brian Boyett	Huntsville Hospital	Evaluation of multimodal analgesia for total joint replacement surgeries
	1:35	Justin Meyer	Huntsville Hospital	Reevaluation of daptomycin prescribing and use-criteria in a large community hospital
	1:50	Adrienne Davis	Huntsville Hospital	Evaluation and discontinuation of acid suppression therapy in patients transitioning from an ICU to a step-down unit
Block 2: 1.0 hour CPE	2:05	Fernando Diggs	Huntsville Hospital	Evaluation of dose capping televancin at a large community hospital
	2:20	Wassamon Viriyakitja	Huntsville Hospital	Evaluation of dexmedetomidine versus midazolam as procedural sedatives prior to line placement in cardiothoracic surgery patients
	2:35	Hanna Sung	Samford University/Jefferson Co. Dept. of Health	Implementation of a pharmacist-led mental health medication therapy management clinic in the health department setting
	2:50	Marie Welch	Samford University/Christ Health Center	Impact of a community pharmacist-led, employee wellness program on health outcomes in a non-profit healthcare company
Block 3: 0.5 hour CPE	3:05	Casey Mabus	Samford University/Chad's Payless Pharmacy	Bridging the therapy gap of statin use in persons with diabetes through community pharmacist-led outreach
	3:20	Jordan Wulz	Samford University/Jefferson Co. Dept. of Health	Applying the Pharmacist Patient Care Process (PPCP) through electronic medical record simulation

Room: WPCC-G				
ACPE Block	Time	Resident Name	Site	Presentation Title
	1:00			Welcome
Block 1: 1.0 hour CPE	1:05	Rachel Simons	Mobile Infirmary	Evaluation of hospital acquired methicillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (HA-MRSA) infection rates in a surgical ICU setting
	1:20	Taylor Tran	Mobile Infirmary	Impact of structured query language (SQL)-driven pharmacist medication review on heart failure-related quality measures
	1:35	Markham P. Tuck	VIVA Health	An evaluation of process change implementation with nebulized medication payment under Part B benefits in a Medicare population
	1:50	Kameron Kelly	VIVA Health	Predictive modeling: an analysis of select oncolytic drug cost through the commercial medical and pharmacy benefits
Block 2: 1.0 hour CPE	2:05	Brendan Meyer	UAB Hospital	Insulin distribution and administration process improvement at an academic medical center
	2:20	Jana Sigmon	UAB Hospital	Incidence of acute kidney injury in neurologically injured patients receiving hypertonic sodium chloride versus hypertonic sodium acetate intravenous solutions
	2:35	Drew Raley	UAB Hospital	Admission medication histories performed by student pharmacists at a large academic hospital
	2:50	Ginny Tyler Meadows	UAB Hospital	Assessment of a medication education program among new transplant recipients at a large academic health center
Block 3: 0.5 hour CPE	3:05	Rebekah Bradford	UAB Hospital	Appropriateness of the use of adult parenteral nutrition at a university hospital
	3:20	Claire Rummage	UAB Hospital	Implementation and evaluation of a dose rounding protocol for antineoplastic agents

ALSHP's Summer Meeting Poster and Research Forum: Call for Posters and Presentations

Deadline for Submission April 28th, 2017

ALSHP will be hosting the annual Poster Presentations as well as the 3rd annual New Practitioners Research Forum (Podium Presentations) in conjunction with the ALSHP Summer Meeting in Destin, FL.

- The **Research Podium Presentations** will be held on **Sunday, June 11 from 10:00am to 12 noon** during the New Practitioners Forum.
 - Research Podium Presentations are more formal podium presentations of clinical research conducted by students, residents, fellows, and pharmacy practitioners who graduated on/after May 2012. New practitioner and resident presentations will be allotted 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions. Student presentations will be 10 minutes with 5 minutes for questions.
- The **Research Poster Session** will be held on **Monday, June 12 from 12 noon to 1:30pm**.
 - The Poster Presentations are informal discussions of current research projects performed by students, residents, fellows and practitioners in the state of Alabama.

Both of these are fantastic opportunities to showcase your research and a medium for collaboration in the future. ALL presenters must be an ALSHP summer meeting registrant to present at the summer meeting. The registration fee will be waived for student and resident presenters only. All abstracts will undergo blinded, peer-review. Please preference whether you are submitting for either a poster or podium presentation, or if you have no preference. If you do not designate a preference, reviewers will determine if the presentation would best fit in the poster or podium category. For podium presentations, eight new practitioners, five residents, and three student projects will be selected.

To Register- Please use the following link:

https://auburn.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ezEdnq9AxFSCKqN

Congratulations to ALSHP's new ASHP Delegates:

Congratulations to:

- Pamela Stamm
and
- Tommy Cobb

SAVE THE DATE for ALSHP's Summer Meeting

The Henderson Hotel in Destin, Florida

This year's summer meeting is scheduled for June 11-13 at the Henderson Hotel in Destin, Florida. We hope you are making plans to join us. Registration is OPEN (early registration is open until May 10) and available at the following link:

<https://alshp.wildapricot.org/2017-ALSHP-Summer-meeting>

If you know someone who is interested in joining us as an exhibitor, please direct them to our website at: <https://alshp.wildapricot.org/resources/Pictures/2017%20Exhibitor%20Prospectus%20-%20ALSHP%20-%20summer2.pdf>

Here, they can find directions and the application for potential exhibitors.

A Day in the Life Of...

A section about getting to know a little about one of our fellow ALSHP pharmacists



Brittney Shippee, PharmD, BCOP
Specialty Pharmacy Ambulatory Practitioner
UAB Hospital

Where did you graduate pharmacy school and complete residency (if applicable)?

I graduated from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy in 2012. After graduation, I completed my PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Huntsville Hospital. Following my PGY-1, I completed a PGY-2 in Hematology/Oncology at the University of North Carolina Medical Center.

What is your typical schedule?

I work Monday through Friday. My general hours are from 8:30am-5pm (hours vary based on weekly patient load).

What area do you work in and how many patients do you cover?

I work in the outpatient Hematology/Oncology Clinic at UAB in the Kirklin Clinic. I currently care for 150+ patients who are actively on oral chemotherapy.

Briefly describe an average work day..

When an oncologist decides a patient needs to start oral chemotherapy, I am consulted. I assess the patient, and ensure that the medication is clinically appropriate. I then perform an insurance benefits investigation, complete the prior authorization and work to assure the medication is affordable for the patient by obtaining copay cards, grants, etc. I then counsel the patient and do thorough medication reconciliation. After the patient starts therapy, I follow up with them monthly either in clinic or via telephone. I monitor the patient's laboratory results, as well as ensure they are not having adverse reactions. If patients are having trouble, I work with the multidisciplinary team to help manage the patient's adverse effects.

Describe a medication error that you were proud to catch.

In the clinic, I strive to prevent medication errors associated with oral chemotherapy. I frequently work with the multidisciplinary team to prevent drug-interactions and improve patient compliance. One example, a patient's cardiologist started diltiazem on an oncology patient concurrently taking ibrutinib. This patient came in the clinic complaining of increased incidence of a-fib. During medication reconciliation, I noticed that the patient had been started on diltiazem which would require a decrease of the ibrutinib dose by 66%. We discussed this drug interaction with the cardiologist who changed the patient's rhythm control to another agent that did not interact with the ibrutinib.

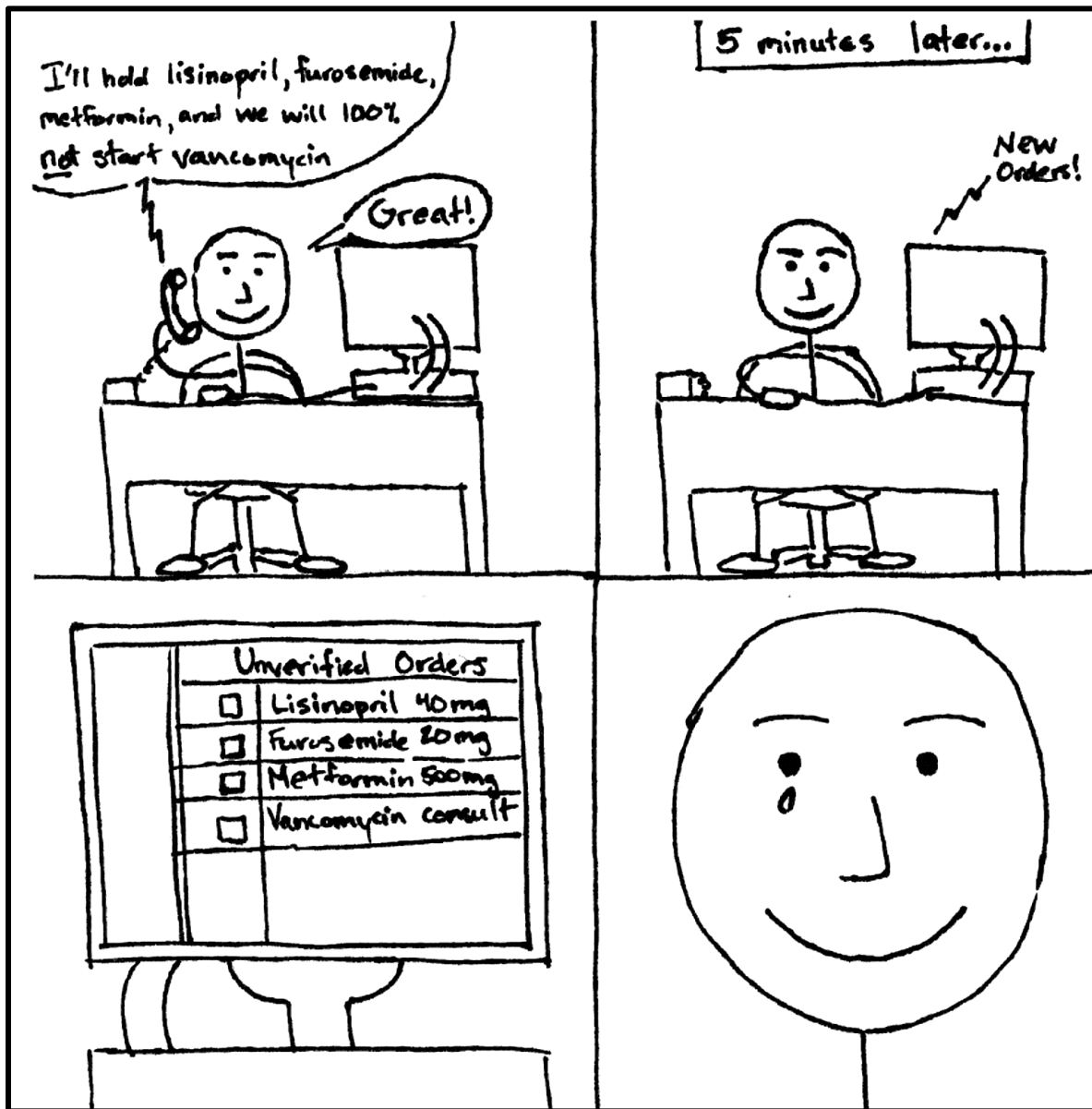
What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy working as a member of a multidisciplinary team- being able to provide direct patient care daily. I cherish the relationships I have built in the clinic and those that I have built with my patients. Additionally, I enjoy being able to have an active role in the pharmacy residency at UAB. I truly appreciate being an active member in the professional development of our residents- both PGY-1 and PGY-2. I really enjoy being able to watch them grow throughout their residency year.

What do you enjoy most about working at your institution?

The pharmacy department at UAB is a huge family, and that is what I enjoy most. While the department is large, we all work together and are there to support one another.

Comic #1: To hold, or not to hold...



Newsletter Callouts

- Would you like to have an event added to the newsletter calendar or make an announcement? Please send us your ALSHP-related events to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com
- We would love to learn about a Day in the Life Of..... YOU!!! We want to feature a wide variety of pharmacy positions and roles in this new segment to allow pharmacists, students, and residents across the state to have an opportunity to see the variety that our profession provides. Please answer the questions in the section above and send a (optional but desired) headshot to alshpnewsletter@gmail.com- you just may be our next featured member!
- ALSHP is aware that all of our scheduled socials to-date have been in the Birmingham area. If there are other areas in the state interested in organizing a social, please contact the Director of Communications, Jonathan Fowler- jafowler@samford.edu. We would love to extend these events to other member areas- we just need your help to organize!