



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Celebrates 50 Years of Advancing Medication Safety and Pharmacy Leadership

BETHESDA, MD (June 4, 2018) — The ASHP Foundation, the philanthropic arm of ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018.

Created in 1968, the ASHP Foundation’s mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients through appropriate, safe, and effective medication, and to position pharmacists as vital members of the healthcare team whose clinical skills and leadership can improve patient outcomes. Through its many programs—including awards, clinical traineeships, leadership training, research grants, and practice resources—the Foundation supports pharmacists at every stage of their careers, from student to experienced clinician and leader.

The ASHP Foundation has played a pivotal role in supporting ASHP and its members. The Foundation, along with ASHP, sponsored the 1985 Conference on Directions for Clinical Practice in Pharmacy (commonly known as the Hilton Head Conference), the 1994 Multidisciplinary Conference on Understanding and Preventing Drug Misadventures, and the 2010 Ambulatory Care Summit.

“When Joseph Beckerman, Milton Skolaut and I envisioned the ASHP Foundation, our goal was to create a foundation that would encourage, provide for, and engage in scientific research, professional study, and the advancement of the science of hospital and institutional pharmacy,” said Joseph A. Oddis, former Chief Executive Officer of ASHP. “The ASHP Foundation performs a unique function by providing an opportunity for ASHP members and those who are involved in the care of patients in hospitals and institutional settings to advance patient care.”

“For 50 years, the ASHP Foundation has been a leader in medication safety advancement and pharmacy leadership training,” said Jack Tighe, chair of the ASHP Foundation Board of Directors. “Our 50th Anniversary is the perfect time to look back on the many ways the organization has positively impacted pharmacy practice and patient care throughout the decades—and to look to the future and the many ways that we can continue to be a positive force that supports pharmacists and patients.”

“The ASHP Research and Education has been central to helping ASHP advance its vision that medication use will be optimal, safe, and effective for all people all of the time,” said ASHP Chief Executive Officer Paul W. Abramowitz, Pharm.D., Sc.D. (Hon), FASHP. “In celebrating this 50-year milestone, ASHP looks forward to partnering with our Foundation for the next 50 years, continuing our history of innovation and pioneering efforts to advance pharmacy practice and patient care.”

The ASHP Foundation officially launched its 50th anniversary celebrations at the ASHP 2018 Summer Meetings, being held this week in Denver, Colorado. More information about the Foundation, its 50th anniversary, and celebration activities can be found at www.ashpfoundation.org/50.

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by ASHP (www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the healthcare team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe, and effective medication use.

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