

CPNP Announcements

CPNP AT THE 2012 NAMI NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) held their national convention in Seattle, Washington June 27 through 30th. CPNP members were once again involved in a variety of activities at the meeting. CPNP hosted a booth in the exhibit hall to increase awareness of psychiatric pharmacists and CPNP. CPNP volunteers also answered questions from consumers at the "Ask the Psychiatric Pharmacist" booth in the exhibit hall. CPNP member Karen Moeller also presented a poster on June 30 entitled, "Advancing Recovery Through Medication Adherence". Many consumers stopped by the poster to discuss ways to stay adherent with their medications. Reasons why one should take their medications correctly and consequences of not taking their medications were also discussed. Consumers also were able to pick up a variety of handouts that focused on keeping medication lists, medication calendars and how to educate one-selves on their medications. Pill boxes were also available for demonstration at the poster.

Consumer Relations Committee chair, Karen Moeller reported, "CPNP and NAMI have enjoyed a close relationship for a number of years now. It was very rewarding meeting numerous consumers and family members expressing their gratitude to CPNP for participating in the meeting and especially at the Ask the Psychiatric Pharmacist booth. Additionally, many leaders from local NAMI chapters asked how they could find a local psychiatric pharmacist to give talks at their local meetings." The consumer relations committee encourages all members to reach out to their local NAMI chapters.

CPNP's participation at NAMI would not be possible without the help of numerous volunteers. Members taking part included Jessica Buhl, Robin Wackernah, Stan Weber, Beth Arnold, Karen Hansen, Fred Jestrab, Bridget Bradley, Jennifer Jespen, and Rachael Fantz Hancock. Also, Andrew Chan-a pharmacy student-helped Beth Arnold at the "Ask the Psychiatric Pharmacist Booth."

The NAMI 2013 Convention is scheduled for June 27 to 30, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. We hope you will consider participating in this event next year, especially if you are in or near San Antonio.

New Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics Enduring Educational Product Now Available

Long-Acting Injectable Antipsychotics: The Pharmacist's Role in Improving Patient Adherence and Outcomes is now available [online](#). This 1 hour,

knowledge-based monograph is designed for pharmacists who have an interest in learning more about the role of long-acting injectable antipsychotics in the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, including patient adherence and the benefit of utilizing motivational interviewing techniques to approach patients in whom LAI therapy is being considered. At the conclusion of this knowledge-based activity, participants should be able to:

Review recent advances in the use of long-acting injectable antipsychotics in treating schizophrenia and bipolar illness.

Outline clinical limitations in using long-acting antipsychotics from a patient and clinician perspective.

Develop potential strategies for improving acceptance of antipsychotic LAIs, including motivational interviewing approaches.

Identify potential roles for psychiatric pharmacists to work with patients to foster acceptance and adherence of LAI antipsychotics to improve patient outcomes.

There is no fee for the activity and participants must complete an exam and evaluation at the end of the activity in order to receive 1.0 contact hour (0.10 CEUs) of continuing pharmacy education credit.

AUGUST 2012 MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations!

Sarah Melton, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCACP, CGP, FASCP, started a new job as Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Gatton College of Pharmacy, East Tennessee State University.

Chris Thomas, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCPS, CGP, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Psychiatry at the Chillicothe VAMC will represent CPNP on a multi-stakeholder group called the Long Term Care Stakeholder Advisory Group (LTC-SAG) to review and provide input to an Advisory Panel both working to develop performance measures to assess consultant pharmacists' effectiveness.

Eric Kutscher, PharmD, BCPP, has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Pharmacy Practice at South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy.

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