

Safety in Numbers: Weight-Based Dosing Poster Contest

VSHP is sponsoring a poster contest to promote the importance of including the weight of the patient on certain prescriptions, particularly those for pediatrics and chemotherapy. Drug dosing errors are a significant portion of the medication errors in this population of patients. With the inclusion of the patient weight on the prescription, many errors could be avoided as the pharmacist could calculate and verify the dosing as prescribed.

In this respect, VSHP would like to introduce the following slogan for this contest: "Safety in Numbers: Weight-Based Dosing." Posters should be on an 8" x 11' paper and must include the slogan. Posters can be mailed to VSHP, Box 2344, Falls Church, VA 22042. Posters can be submitted by individuals or groups and must be postmarked by September 15, 2004. The posters will be judged by the VSHP Board of Directors prior to the Fall Seminar on September 30, and the winner will be announced during the annual awards banquet on Friday, October 1. The winning individual or team will receive \$500.00. The winning poster will be reproduced and sent out across Virginia during National Pharmacy Week.

Good luck and let the creative juices flow!

Gill Abernathy Selected to State Board of Pharmacy

Former VSHP President, Gill Abernathy, has been selected by Governor Warner to serve on the Virginia State Board of Pharmacy. She currently acts as Pharmacy Manager at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Northern Virginia. Gill has been involved at many different levels on the VSHP Board of Directors for several years. Her term begins on July 1, 2004. More about Gill in the next newsletter.

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Virginia Health-System Pharmacy News

Summer 2004

WILLIAMSBURG IN THE SPRINGTIME

The Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacists held its 2004 Spring Seminar from April 1-3 at the beautiful Williamsburg Marriott. With 21.0 hours of ACPE-accredited continuing education hours available, participants were able to obtain their full year's worth of CE credit in three days. In addition to its regular programming, VSHP offered the focused opportunities of a Technician Symposium and a Practice Management Forum.

On Thursday afternoon, the Society's business meetings were conducted. Beginning at noon, the VSHP Political Action Committee (PAC) Board of Trustees held their meeting. This group discusses and recommends the political agenda for VSHP, keying in on political issues and reforms that impact our profession. Immediately after that meeting concluded, the regular VSHP Board of Directors meeting began. This is an open meeting and all VSHP members are invited to attend and learn how the Society's business is conducted, as well as to meet members of the Board. This is a great learning opportunity for those pharmacists interested in becoming more involved with the direction that pharmacy is moving. At the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting, a cocktail reception open to the entire VSHP membership was held. This was followed by a kick-off lecture "Update on the Treatment of Community-Acquired Pneumonia" presented by David Poretz, M.D., Infectious Disease phy-

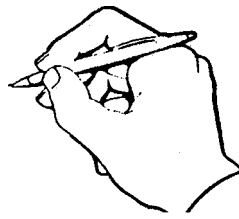
sician. The opening night banquet, sponsored by Ortho-McNeil, continued the evening's activities, which was concluded by post-banquet social banter in the hotel's lounge until the wee hours.

On Friday morning, after a Continental Breakfast, the educational portion of the program kicked off with Michael Bentley, PharmD, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, speaking on "*Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy: An Introduction*". He was followed in succession by David Holdford, PhD, Associate Professor, VCU, and David Bartels, PharmD, CDE, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy, presenting "*Importation of Pharmaceuticals: Implications for Policy and Practice*" and "*Obesity-The Surfacing of an Epidemic: Health Consequences and Treatment Options*" respectively.

The first of several Exhibits Sessions was held in conjunction with a buffet lunch. This gave all of the meeting participants a chance to mingle with the exhibitors and learn about the latest advances in technology and medicine. There was also plenty of time for reminiscing with old friends.

After lunch the program split into two tracts; the General Session and the Technician Symposium. Speakers for the Technician Symposium included Kelly Masters, PharmD, Pharmacy Practice Resident, Shenandoah University, discussing "*Menopause: Prescription and Non-Prescription Treatment Modalities*," Michelle Easton, PharmD, Hampton University School of Pharmacy, who shared legal tidbits in her lec-

From The President



Rodney L. Stiltner

Greetings and hope you are having a great summer!

My message will focus on various points that I think are important considerations and challenges that VSHP faces as we move into another year and for VSHP's future. And yes, you've heard of these points before. They include: volunteerism, student mentoring, supporting the ASHP foundation and other ASHP initiatives, 2015 Health System Initiatives, VSHP Political Action Committee, and attendance at state and regional meetings.

All organizations struggle with the issue of volunteerism. I would encourage all members to volunteer in some small way and there are lots of ways to assist in our organization. We have a great and talented group of volunteer members and are always looking for more. Consider helping out at the regional meetings, asking to help with the regional announcements, asking your colleagues to join VSHP to increase membership, and/or asking a fellow coworker to go to a regional VSHP meeting. The strength of our organization starts with a solid foundation and we have the goal of always increasing that foundation which is our membership core. Volunteer for one activity and I'm sure you will come back for more.

Let me briefly talk about the ASHP Foundation. ASHP has many great programs and one of them is the ASHP Foundation. You've probably received an announcement asking for a contribution. And what is the purpose of the ASHP Foundation? The Foundation provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. A small portion of your dues goes to the Foundation and there is a drive to increase funding to this component of ASHP. Please give a contribution to the Foundation as it provides many grants, traineeship programs, and other medication management projects.

A focus of the recent retreat was the 2015 Health System Initiative and ways of

accomplishing some of the goals and objectives of this program. These goals and objectives are targeted to health-system pharmacists to ensure medications are used more effectively and safely; and these goals will contribute meaningfully to public health. VSHP will identify goals in this initiative that we want to implement for a higher quality of patient care and to make our profession more visible in the health system and community. There's a lot of work for VSHP to do with this initiative.

Another focus point is the role of pharmacy students and residents. These two groups are the future of pharmacy practice and we need to involve them in our daily discussions which contribute to a much more practical education. When students and residents are on rotations with you or working with you, please take the time to discuss topics with them and get them involved in the activities of our profession. Invite them to the regional meetings and spend quality time with them. Pharmacy students and residents are hungry for your daily interactions.

In the past we've talked about the VSHP Political Action Committee (PAC), but I just want to spend another moment asking you to give to this ever so important element. We need a much larger voice in the Virginia General Assembly and as a young fraction of VSHP, the PAC has given significant monies to support our cause(s). There will be many more causes, and we need assistance from you. At this point, I would like to say thanks to our lobbyist, Teresa Gregson, for doing such an outstanding job with the General Assembly. When you see her at the state meeting, please say thanks for her leadership and making VSHP stand out in the General Assembly on health care issues.

These are a few of my hot topics that many organizations share today. What I find interesting is that we can do something about these *points*. You can participate more in VSHP and give financially to both VSHP and ASHP. Many of you have involvement with pharmacy students and residents. Talk to them about pharmacy is-

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Calendar

- August 12-14:** American Diabetes Educators, Indianapolis, IN, www.aadenet.org
- September 30-October 2:** VSHP 2004 Fall Seminar, Norfolk, VA www.vshp.org
- October 17-18:** Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, Managed Care Industry Forum, Montreal, QU www.amcp.org
- October 18-19:** 9th Annual ASHP Management Conference, Chicago, IL www.ashp.org
- October 24-30:** National Pharmacy Week
- October 25-26:** American College of Clinical Pharmacy; Dallas, TX www.accp.com
- November 4-5:** American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, San Francisco, www.ascp.com
- November 7-9:** American Heart Association, New Orleans, LA www.scientificsessions.org
- November 12-13:** Virginia Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Richmond Marriott West, virginiaaspen@yahoo.com
- December 6-9:** ASHP Midyear, Orlando, FL, www.ashp.org

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VSHP 2004 Fall Seminar

OCTOBER 1-2

NORFOLK WATERSIDE MARRIOTT

14 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.VSHP.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

Thursday, September 30

- 1:00-2:00 pm Political Action Committee
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 2:00-6:00 pm VSHP Board of Directors Meeting
(Open to All Members)
- 6:30-7:00 pm Cocktail Reception
- 7:00 pm Past Presidents' Banquet

- 3:45-4:00 pm Break
- 4:00-5:00 pm Practical Application of Evidence-Based
Medicine: Risk Factors in Lipid Mgmt
ACPE #108-000-04-046-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 5:00-6:30 pm Exhibit Program
- 6:45-7:45 pm Continuing Education (to be determined)
ACPE #108-000-04-053-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 7:45 pm VSHP Annual Awards Banquet
and Officer Installation

Friday, October 1

- 7:00-8:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 8:00-9:00 am Diabetes Drug Therapy:
Journey of Therapeutic Options
ACPE #108-000-04-053-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 9:00-10:00 am Managing the Chronic Complications
of Diabetes Mellitus
ACPE #108-000-04-054-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 10:00 -10:15am Break
- 10:15-11:15 am Challenges Encountered in Palliative Care
ACPE #108-000-04-042-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 11:15-12:15 pm Cindy: A Story of Love
ACPE #108-000-04-043-L04 (.10 CEU)
- 12:15-1:45 pm Lunch/Exhibit Program
- 1:45-2:45 pm Practical Considerations for Implementing
Automation in the Hospital Environment
ACPE #108-000-04-044-L04 (.10 CEU)
- 2:45-3:45 pm Principles of Evidence-Based Medicine
ACPE #108-000-04-045-L01 (.10 CEU)

- 9:00-11:00 pm Monte Carlo Casino Night

Saturday October 2

- 7:00-8:00 am Prayer Breakfast
New Member Orientation
- 8:00-9:00 am Epilepsy Update
ACPE #108-000-04-047-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 9:00-10:00 am Antimicrobials: Best in Class
ACPE #108-000-04-048-L01 (.10 CEU)
- 10:00-10:15 am Break
- 10:15-12:15 am Acute and Chronic Pain
ACPE #108-000-04-049-L01 (.20 CEU)
- 12:15-1:45 pm Lunch/Exhibit Program
- 1:45-2:45 pm Overview of the USP 797 Standard
ACPE #108-000-04-050-L03 (.10 CEU)
- 2:45-3:45pm Legislative and Regulatory Update
ACPE #108-000-04-051-L03 (.10 CEU)



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Awards Banquet

The VSHP Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by Ortho McNeil will be held on Friday evening, October 1. Spend an elegant evening dining with your colleagues, family and friends. Dinner will be followed with the installation of the 2004-05 VSHP officers and presentation of awards. VSHP presents several awards each year to pharmacists and pharmacy students who have made outstanding contributions or achievements in the field of pharmacy practice.

Casino Night

Join VSHP and your colleagues for an evening of fun and excitement at Casino Monte Carlo. Games guaranteed to interest everyone no matter what their level of gaming experience. Try your luck at Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Slot Machines, or Wheel of Fortune and win fabulous prizes. Proceeds will benefit the VSHP PAC.

SELF-DECEPTION

PRESENTED BY DR. BRUCE BERGER

Bruce A. Berger, Ph.D., R.Ph.
Professor and Head of Pharmacy Care Systems
Auburn University School of Pharmacy

People know the difference between right and wrong. People know the difference between treating someone like a person and treating someone like an object. Whenever we “betray” or don’t do the right thing, if we do not acknowledge the betrayal, we must deceive ourselves, justify our decision and become blind to the truth and others. Self-deception is the purposeful justification for betraying what we know is right. Self-deception causes us to become blind to our self-betrayal and blinds us to the realities of the other as a person. Self-deception often results in the expression of unnecessary and damaging anger. Self-betrayal and self-deception are the source of the problems we have in relationships with others. They are the source of abuse in relationships. This includes our relationships with co-workers, family, etc. This workshop will examine self-betrayal and self-deception and their negative effects on our relationships. In addition, it will examine why they occur, the damaging effects on us and others, and how to stop self-betrayal and self-deception. Attendees will be given many opportunities to interact with others and internalize the material. ACPE #108-000-04-052-L04 (.60 CEU)

After attending this session, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate between the Responsive Way and the Resistant Way of Being and their effects on relationships.
- Describe how self-betrayal and self-deception leads to going “in the box” and distorting the truth about one’s self and others.
- Understand why all “illegitimate suffering” and victimization occur while in the Resistant Way of Being
- Describe how self-deception may adversely affect pharmacy practice.
- Describe at least three ways to stay out of the box and see people as people, not as objects.
- Explain how we develop “boxes” that we carry throughout our lives.
- Describe how our blindness occurs and affects our relationships.
- Explain what it means to be a “free” human being.

PLEASE NOTE:

Dr. Berger introduced the concept of self-deception and self-betrayal at the Fall 2003 VSHP Seminar. Attendance at the 2003 Fall Seminar is not a prerequisite to attend this workshop.

For this session to be most effective, it is highly recommended that you read the following books:

- 1) *Leadership and Self-Deception*, The Arbinger Institute, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., San Francisco, CA, 2000.
- 2) *Bonds That Make Us Free*, C. Terry Warner, Shadow Mountain Press, The Arbinger Institute, Salt Lake City, UT, 2001.

THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$50.00. SEATING FOR THIS SESSION IS LIMITED TO 40. PLEASE RESERVE

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2, 2004

7:00-8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00-10:00 am	Review of Self-Deception
10:00-10:15 am	Break
10:15-12:15 pm	Application of principles – Group exercise I
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30-2:30 pm	Group exercise II – Collusion, victimization, and boxes
2:30-2:45 pm	Break
2:45-3:45 pm	Group exercise III – Staying out of the box more often
3:45-4:00 pm	Wrap up

The Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists is approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education as a provider of continuing pharmaceutical education. Registrants may obtain up to 6.0 contact hours (.60 CEUs) at the Self-Deception Workshop. Attendees must attend the entire time allotted, complete a Speaker and Program Evaluation Form on-site and present it at the registration desk at the conclusion of the program for validation. VSHP will provide validated Statements of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education to meeting participants no later than 30 days after the completion of the program. This program is directed toward all individuals actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy.

VSHP Annual Student Forum

The Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists invites all students to join them in the Annual VSHP Student Forum. VSHP is dedicated to providing students with necessary resources and opportunities. The VSHP Schools of Pharmacy liaisons have developed a program to address the needs of students with respect to career, residency, and fellowship information. The VSHP Student Forum is designed to help students:

- learn about postgraduate training programs in terms of residency and fellowship training programs
- discover the career opportunities for pharmacists in health systems
- meet with various practitioners from across the state of Virginia
- learn about the latest pharmaceutical developments, products, equipment and services available

Saturday, October 2, 2004

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch/Exhibit Program

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Welcome

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Career Orientation

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Residency Programs/Fellowships

Registration and Fees

We saved the best news for last. The Student Forum is **FREE to members of the VSHP Student Chapter** and \$10 for non-members. This does not include registration to the Fall Seminar. Students who would like to participate in the Fall Seminar must register and pay the applicable registration fee. You must be preregistered for the Student Forum no later than August 30, 2004 to attend. We had over 100 students attend last year’s student forum; let’s set a new record.

For more information regarding program descriptions and presenters, please visit our website at www.vshp.org.

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ture “*Law for the Pharmacy Technician*,” and finally Carmita Coleman, PharmD, Hampton University School of Pharmacy, who spoke on “*Total Parenteral Nutrition for Technicians*.”

The General Session continued with a “*New Drug Update*” given by Mark Johnson, PharmD, Shenandoah University. Next Richard Zalar, MD, engaged the audience with a tragic personal experience story of his wife’s struggle with and ultimate loss to Alzheimer’s Disease entitled “*Personal Perspective of Alzheimer’s Disease: Day is Ending*”. Friday’s final lecture was presented by Kimberly Cappuzzo, PharmD, MS, Assistant Professor, Geriatric Pharmacology Program, VCU who spoke on the “*The Management of Alzheimer’s Disease*”.

Friday’s events were concluded with a combination reception/exhibit program. Heavy hors-d’oeuvres marked this event that was capped by the raffling of the many prizes donated by the Exhibitors.

The new day brought with it a full day of continuing education programs. The second tract, the Practice Management Fo-

rum, was held in the morning concurrently with the General Session. Those persons attending the Practice Management Forum heard Janet Sylvester, PharmD, Director of Pharmacy, Mary Washington Hospital, Charlottesville, VA, more than ably filling in for a missing Darryl Rich and presenting a captivating talk about “*The 2004 JCAHO Medication Management Standards*”. The next presenter was Daniel Ashby, MS, President ASHP who discussed “*Crossing the Quality Chasm – Redesign of the Medication Use System*”. The final speaker in this forum was pharmacy legend David Zilz, MS, Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin. His presentation “*Pharmacy’s Future*,” provided an insight into where our professional is going and some of the trials and tribulations that we will have to struggle through in order to complete this journey.

Those attending the General Session were treated to an “*Oncology Update*” by Thomas Hughes, PharmD, NIH Clinical Center, who was followed by Douglas Smith, PharmD, Assistant Professor,

Shenandoah University discussing “*Radiation and Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting*.” Next, Shannan Eades, PharmD, Pediatric Clinical Specialist, Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, gave attendees an “*Overview of Pediatric Nutrition*.” This was followed by “*Antidepressant Use in Pediatrics and Adolescents*” given by Maria Llana-Posey, PharmD, Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

The Spring Seminar ended on a high note with Saturday afternoon presentations by Gonzalo Bearman, MD, MPH, Associate Hospital Epidemiologist, MCV, VCU and Amy Pakyz, PharmD, Clinical Specialist, Infectious Diseases, UVA talking about “*An Update on HIV Pharmacotherapy*” and “*Clinical Issues and Treatment Options Surrounding Treatment of Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Infections*” respectively.

As the meeting came to a close, all attendees agreed that, yes, this was one of the best seminars that VSHP had ever sponsored. Everyone is looking forward to the Fall Seminar to be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, October 1-2. Don’t miss it.

Call for Nominations

The Selection Committee is seeking nominations from our membership for the VSHP Pharmacist of the Year and the Clinical Practice Achievement Award. Please consider nominating a colleague(s) for either of these awards. Submit your nominations with a brief summary of the nominee’s contributions using the following criteria:

VSHP Pharmacist of the Year

- Service to the profession of pharmacy, specifically health system pharmacy
- Contributions to pharmacy programs within the Commonwealth
- Cooperation and contributions to the health-care team
- Recognized by the profession as a leader within pharmacy
- Service to the community

Past Recipients of the VSHP Pharmacist of the Year

1974	Willard L. Harrison	1989	Joanne M. Hawley
1975	R. David Anderson	1990	R. Crady Adams
1976	Harvey J. Meltzer	1991	Shannon H. Goldwater
1977	Gunther Kessler	1992	Lea Ann Hansen
1978	Daniel A. Herbert	1993	Stuart Blue
1979	Thomas P. Reinders	1994	Larry Davis
1980	Wallace B. Thacker	1995	Mary Beth Bochel
1981	Russell H. Fiske	1996	Thomas E. Hughes
1982	James L. Krantz	1997	Shelia Pedigo
1983	Fred D. Chatelain	1998	Mark A. Szalwinski
1984	John Metz	1999	Janet Silvester
1985	Rick Dugger	2000	John Tabb
1986	Margaret Rosner	2001	Rodney Stiltner
1987	Empsy Munden	2002	Robert J. Stoneburner
1988	Jody Allen	2003	Michelle McCarthy

Clinical Pharmacy Practice Achievement Award

- Presented to one or more VSHP members who have made a recent contribution (within the last two years) to the development and provision of a patient-oriented pharmacy service
- The contribution shall involve direct patient care and/or public visibility in some capacity
- The contribution shall have a measurable or predictable effect on patient care outcomes
- Contributions can represent the innovative efforts of an individual or a group of individuals (several individuals or a department)

Please submit your nomination(s) by **September 1, 2004** by fax at (703)323-5233 or by email at VSHP@aol.com, Attention: Selection Committee. Don’t miss this opportunity to recognize a colleague or friend for their service and commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

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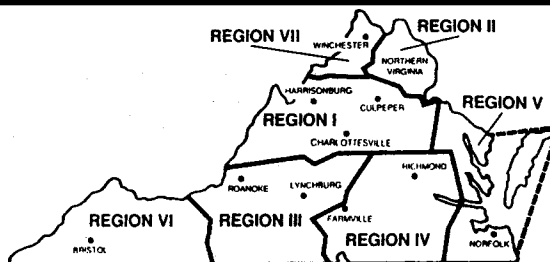
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Pharmacy Providers for Weight-Based Dosing

The Virginia Pharmaceutical Congress supports documentation of a patient's weight on medication orders. Patient specific parameters, including weight, are often utilized to assure accuracy of medication dosages. To ensure patient safety, pharmacy practice standards exist for pharmacists when evaluating medication orders. As pharmacy practitioners we agree with the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Institute for Safe Medication Practices, United States Pharmacopoeia, and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists to institute the practice of documenting a patient's weight on medication orders. Additionally, the Virginia Pharmaceutical Congress advocates medication processes that utilize criteria established by the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group for safety in pediatric patients.

Safe medication practice requires a system of care involving multiple health care providers. The integration of knowledge from different health care disciplines

impacts each step in the medication process. Pharmacists ensure medication accuracy thereby minimizing medication errors and potential adverse events. Medication errors have been called an epidemic and are escalating towards the leading cause of death in the United States. Over the last decade quality improvement initiatives have identified the propensity for increased medication errors in the pediatric patient.

Pharmacists verify patient specific information to provide the correct medication in an appropriate dose. Errant drug dosages at a rate of 49 – 80 % of all pediatric medication errors could be eliminated. More importantly, patient risk is minimized. Changes to the practice standards must occur to cause a decrement in human and system flaws. The inclusion of an accurate dosing weight on medication orders would improve the patient safety process. Pharmacists would have the information necessary to perform defined system checks inherent in the medication process.

The Virginia Pharmaceutical Congress

recognizes the role of pharmacists in the responsible provision of medication safety. We join other health care leaders in our support for essential information, i.e. dosing weight, on each medication order to ensure accurate medication delivery. We embrace the concept of systematic improvements to the medication process in an effort to minimize patient medication errors.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Shelia Pedigo for her contribution to this article.

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sues and how we can make our profession better. Remember, they are our future practitioners.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists. If you have ideas or topics for the ASHP Council of Administrative Affairs, please send comments to me or to Kelly Gill.

See you at the next meeting!

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