

2005 General Assembly Wrap Up

Once again, the budget took center stage during the 2005 Virginia General Assembly, but in contrast to the 2004 session, where the Commonwealth's treasury faced a hefty shortfall, this year the coffers were much fuller than anticipated.

VSHP's legislative leadership reviewed a number of key healthcare/pharmacy related initiatives during the 2005 General Assembly session. Legislation dealing with nosocomial infections, compounding, certificate of public need, clinical drug trials, as well as a number of different approaches to providing prescription drug assistance for low-income Virginians and limiting access to medications easily abused by minors were just a few of the initiatives, reviewed by VSHP leaders and highlighted below.

Special thanks go to Bob Guanci, Rodney Stiltner, Bob Stoneburner and Fred Chatelain for their hard work in continually reviewing and deciphering legislation on VSHP's behalf during the 2005 General Assembly session.

Nosocomial Infections—With the passage of this bill, acute care hospitals are now required to report information about nosocomial infections to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-National Healthcare Safety Network. These hospitals must release their infection data to the Board of Health. The Board's regulations will determine which hospitals will be required to report and the specific infections and patient populations to be included in the data. The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Compounding—Under this legislation, the definitions of "compounding" and "dispense" as found in the Drug Control Act are amended. The changes: exclude from the definition of "compounding" the mixing, diluting, or reconstituting of a manufacturer's product for the purpose of administration to a patient when performed by a practitioner of medicine or osteopathy or a person supervised by such a practitioner. The bill further excludes from the definition of "dispense" the transportation of drugs mixed, diluted, or reconstituted to other sites operated by

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VSHP Suffers A Terrible Loss

VSHP was saddened to learn that Mary Ann Magee Johnson, 78, of 111 Patriot's Crook, Martinsville, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004. Mary Ann was one of the founding members of VSHP. She was born in Roanoke on Dec. 8, 1925, to Ralph N. Magee Sr. and Ruby Ayers Magee Plunkett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, J. Harold Johnson; and a sister, Virginia Garthright.

Mary Ann was a graduate of the School of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia. In 1955, she and three other pharmacists founded the Virginia Society of Hospital Pharmacists. While in Richmond, she was a member of Bon Air United Methodist Church where she founded the Huga-Buddy program to assist children in crisis in Chesterfield County. The group provided stuffed clowns and dolls made by church members.

After moving to Martinsville, she became a member of the First United Methodist Church of Martinsville. She also was active in community activities at King's Grant. Surviving are a brother, Ralph N. Magee of Fancy Gap and Fort Myers, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

In her memory and in continuing with VSHP's 50th anniversary theme, we take this opportunity to reprint a "Honorary Member Spotlight" originally published in the May-June 1997 issue of *Virginia Health-System Pharmacy News*.

A Pathfinder for Women

Mary Ann Johnson thinks she would have gone into computers, had they been in much use in the 1940s when she was contemplating her career. Instead, an MCV School of Pharmacy representative visiting Johnson's

Roanoke high school convinced her to try a profession in which few women at the time were involved. Fifty years later, with the majority of pharmacy classes now female, Johnson, an honorary VSHP member since 1991, is able to look back at a truly innovative career.

Johnson enrolled in the accelerated three-year pharmacy program at MCV and graduated in 1947. She then took the traditional retail route and worked for two years at People's Drug in Danville. After deciding that community pharmacy was not for her, Johnson accepted an offer to work as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service at its hospital in Norfolk. Wanting to continue in hospital pharmacy, Johnson next took a position at the University of Michigan Hospital. Michigan's winters were too much to bear, though, and she returned to Virginia to work at MCV Hospitals.

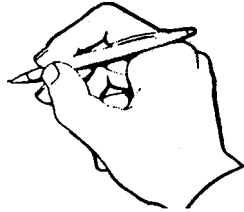
Having attended meetings of the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Johnson felt that Virginia pharmacists might benefit from their own chapter of ASHP. Coincidentally, David (Andy) Anderson, at a Staunton hospital and Russell Fiske, at MCV, had the same idea. The first meeting included about 20 members and was held under a sycamore tree in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park in 1954.

*Johnson served two terms as secretary-treasurer, and in 1958 was elected VSHP's first female president. During her term, VSHP issued its first newsletter, **The Dispenser**, in order to "dispense the news to its members." Johnson later served many years as historian, with her last active participation being chairman for VSHP's 25th anniversary in 1980.*

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From The President

Timothy S. Jennings



I am very excited to share with VSHP membership the results of our June 2005 Board Retreat. At this meeting two major initiatives were given the green light:

1) VSHP elected to institute a long overdue Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award. This award will be presented annually at the VSHP Fall Seminar. Having a pharmacy technician position on at the Board of Directors level really allowed the needs of the pharmacy technicians to be addressed. Gina Harris did an outstanding job garnering board member's support culminating in the unanimous vote to support Pharmacy Technician of the Year award. This is truly one of the outstanding outcomes of becoming involved with VSHP.

2) VSHP elected to develop yearly Patient Safety Goals. One of our safety goals for the current year is the ISMP self-assessment for antithrombotic therapy. Please encourage your hospital to be aware of this self-assessment. We are asking that it be completed by September of 2005. Help lead your hospital in assuring that this ISMP survey is addressed. Our organization is lead and run by members like you.

Communicate highlights of Board Meeting at each of your regional meetings. In an effort to help promote successful leadership transitions, the VSHP Board of Directors has developed a plan to involve more of the membership in various committees and seminars. Please review the list of Patient Safety initiatives and other goals and identify one or several that are of interest to you. Next, contact Kelly Gill at 1-800-613-VSHP or VSHP@aol.com to become more involved with our aggressive patient safety initiatives.

VSHP Patient Safety Goals 2006

1. Enhancement of VSHP website / Portal of Information

- a. Implement a 'list serve' to discuss the following topics:
 - i. USP 797
 - ii. Medication Reconciliation
 - iii. Unsafe medical abbreviations
- b. Utilize website to include:
 - i. FAQ regarding patient safety issues
 - ii. Link to more (patient safety awareness) websites (ISMP, IHI (Institute for Healthcare Improvement)). ASHP is already listed on VSHP website
 - iii. Hotlink to Leapfrog website

2. Promotion of Institute for Safe Medication Practices Tool/2005 ISMP for Antithrombotic Therapy in Hospitals-Deadline – Sept 2005

- a. Goal – exceed the participation rate by 10% over last year's medication survey

3. Medication Reconciliation – The form is provided on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter and is also posted on VSHP web site. The form was developed to help promote accurate medication histories when patients enter the institution. Also a hotlink has been added to the Massachusetts Coalition of Health (MCH) website. This group has done quite a bit of work with Medication Reconciliation.

NOTE TO MEMBERS:

At the March 31, 2005 Board of Directors meeting the topic of VSHP's declining revenue was discussed. After bandying about several ideas and possible solutions, it was decided to raise the dues for active members. This segment of VSHP's membership haven't seen an increase in dues for over ten years. It was decided that **effective June 1, 2005, dues for active membership would be increased from \$75 to \$95 per year.**

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August 4-6: American Association of Diabetes Educators, Washington, DC
www.aadenet.org

September 8-10: American Academy of Pain Management, Orlando, FL
www.aapainmanage.org

September 19-21: Heart Failure Society of America, Boca Raton, FL www.hfsa.org

October 5-8: Managed Care Industry Forum, Nashville, TN www.amcp.org

October 13: VSHP 50th Anniversary Past President's Banquet, Williamsburg, VA

October 14-15: VSHP 50th Anniversary 2005 Fall Seminar, Williamsburg, VA
www.vshp.org

October 23-26: ACCP Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA www.accp.org

December 4-8: ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

December 5: VSHP Mid-Year Reception, Las Vegas, NV www.vshp.org

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2005 FALL SEMINAR AGENDA

Williamsburg Marriott

October 13-15

You don't want to miss this year's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Our Education Committee and Anniversary Committee have spent endless hours preparing a weekend you will never forget. Come and revisit 50 years of history in the making with our founders, our Past Presidents, members old and new. We have many special events planned and surprises around every corner. So mark your calendar today for the premier pharmacy event of the year. You won't want to miss it. Below is the tentative agenda for the 2005 VSHP Fall Seminar. The titles include topic areas only and are not the actual session titles. More information will be posted to our website by June 20 at www.vshp.org.

Thursday, October 13

1:00-2:00 pm	Political Action Committee Board of Trustees Meeting	2:45-3:45 pm	What's New in the Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis
2:00-6:00 pm	VSHP Board of Directors Meeting (Open to All Members)		Breakout Session: Introduction to Bar Code Technology
6:30-7:00 pm	Cocktail Reception	3:45-4:00 pm	Break
7:00-9:30pm	Past Presidents' Banquet	4:00-5:00 pm	Urology Update
			Breakout Session: Lessons Learned in Bar Code Technology

Friday, October 14

7:00-8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	5:00-7:30 pm	Exhibit Program and 50th Anniversary Celebration
8:00-9:00 am	Update on New Anti-Infectives	7:30-9:30 pm	Private Awards Reception
9:00-10:00 am	Difficulty in Opportunity: Treatment Strategies for Opportunistic Infections in HIV		Saturday October 15
10:00-10:15 am	Break	7:00-9:00 am	ASHP Satellite Symposium/ Breakfast
10:15 -11:15 am	Atypical Antipsychotics: Clinical Update	9:00-10:00 am	Update on Immunizations
11:15-12:15 pm	Acute Coronary Syndromes: An Update and Review of Current Guidelines	10:00-10:15 am	Break
	Breakout Session: Medicare Modernization Act in a Nutshell	10:15-11:15 am	Management Strategies for Breast Cancer: Focus on Treatment and Care
12:15-1:45 pm	Lunch/Exhibit Program	11:15-12:15 am	Pharmacologic Strategies to Achieve Optimal Glycemic Control
1:45-2:45 pm	Health Care Professionals Perspective as a Patient	12:15-1:45 pm	Lunch Program Keynote Speaker: Marianne Ivey
		1:45-3:15 pm	Clinical Pearls
		3:15-4:15pm	Budget Impact Models-An Introduction

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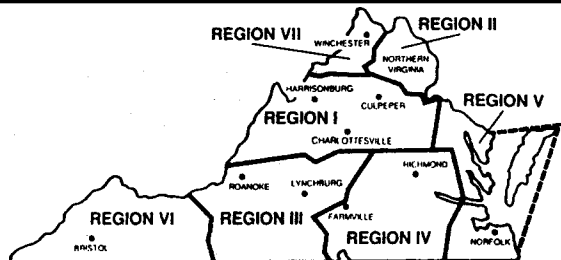
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As a proponent for hospital pharmacy, Johnson became active in 1965 in the campaign to seek a governor's appointment of a hospital pharmacist to Virginia's Board of Pharmacy. Prior to 1960, the Board did not even recognize hospital practice toward credit for a license. Finally, in 1970, the campaigning proved successful with the appointment of Wallace Thacker to the Board.

Johnson worked at several pharmacies after leaving MCV, including those at Richmond Memorial Hospital and Suffolk's Louise Obici Memorial Hospital. She finally settled at the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services, or Medicaid, as a pharmacy consultant, retiring after 17 years there in 1989.

Johnson is enjoying her retirement in Martinsville with her husband. She now has time to develop her creative interests, such as oil painting and crafts. Her retirement is well-deserved after an illustrious and influential career.

— Amy White, R.Ph.

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such practitioner or practitioner's medical practice for the purpose of administration of such drugs to patients of the practitioner or that practitioner's medical practice at such other sites. For practitioners of medicine or osteopathy, "dispense" only includes the provision of drugs by a practitioner to patients to take with them away from the practitioner's place of practice. Emergency regulations are required.

Certificate of Public Need (COPN)—

This being an election year for the entire House of Delegates, anti-COPN legislators were on their best behavior and consequently the 2005 session saw no legislative efforts seeking the elimination of the certificate of public need program. The threat still looms, however, and this issue will need to be closely monitored by those interested in hospital and nursing facilities.

Clinical Drug Trials—Legislation introduced dealing with clinical drug trials requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to publish—via appropriate state health-related

websites—information directing citizens to publicly available information on clinical drug trials and other clinical studies.

Prescription Drug Assistance—Multiple bills dealing with prescription drug assistance for low-income and elderly Virginians were introduced in both the House and Senate. Funding remains the largest hurdle on these measures. More than a few approaches dealt with considering Canadian drugs as an option—those were defeated—and some, like the "wrap-around" discount card coverage available for some Medicare prescription drug card beneficiaries, simply encouraged state agencies to provide information on coverage to low-income beneficiaries. Both the House and the Senate passed measures detailing how the implementation of federal Medicare Part D benefit would take place.

Limiting Access to Medications—In an effort to limit medications easily abused by minors, a resolution was introduced in the Senate to encourage retailers of Virginia to take voluntary steps to limit access to medications containing the drug Dextromethorphan (DXM).

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