From the Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning

Dear preceptors,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to introduce you to our new user-friendly learning management system, RXpreceptor. This system was chosen to replace E*Value based on feedback and input we received from site coordinators, preceptors, faculty, and students.

RXpreceptor will allow preceptors to view pictures of their assigned students, review and grade assignments electronically uploaded by students, and easily navigate the system for announcements and documents from the Office of Experiential Learning. RXpreceptor allows more room to store key documents on your site’s profile (i.e. site requirements, learning contracts, dress code, orientation documents, and other relevant policies). We know this will help better prepare students for the unique experience at your site. Site coordinators will be able to view schedules and evaluations of preceptors at their site and students can submit assignments anywhere there is internet access.

Details on how to navigate the system have been sent to all preceptors. Our site coordinators have already received advanced notice of the move to RXpreceptor. If you are a site coordinator and did not receive earlier notification, please let us know so we can update our records to indicate your status as a site coordinator.

In other news, students have completed their rotation selections, and scheduled assignments have been released to preceptors who were assigned a student. Since students will be contacting you any moment, if not already, we would like you to please:

1. Login to RXpreceptor and change your password.
2. Make sure your contact information is accurate and complete (site address, email, phone, fax, and region).
3. Review and update all of your site requirements, as appropriate (immunizations, background checks, drug screens, etc.).
4. Upload into your profile any required forms students must complete prior to the rotation.
5. Ensure a current affiliation agreement is in place for your site.

Please note: Evaluations for all students currently scheduled in E*Value will continue through April 2014.

We truly appreciate all you do for the students and the School. Please contact us at elp@rx.umd.edu or 410-706-2432 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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Schedules are out!

All schedules can now be viewed on our new learning management system RXpreceptor. Please email Nathaniel Thomas at nthomas@rx.umaryland.edu if you have any questions or need to make adjustments to the schedule. Schedules were released to students on April 1. Below is a graphic that shows you where in RXpreceptor you can find your scheduled students.

New Members of the Maryland Academy of Preceptors

We welcome these preceptors who were recently appointed by Dean Eddington to the Maryland Academy of Preceptors.

- Ricky B. Amoateng, PharmD
- Genet Mayen Azang-Njaah, PharmD
- Brant M. Barthle, PharmD
- Michelle L. Bert, PharmD
- Monique Bonhomme, PharmD
- Ying Yin Chen, PharmD, BCPS
- Tiffany Choe, PharmD
- Kelli C. Covington, PharmD, BCPS
- Vipulkumar R. Dalal, BSP
- Matthew G. Duell, PharmD
- Yuen Yi Hon, PharmD
- Melissa E. Kim, PharmD, JD
- Jonah Labovitz, PharmD, RPh
- Cynthia L. LaCivita, PharmD
- Jung E. Lee, BSP, RPh
- Craig E. Long, PharmD
- Karen N. Long, PharmD
- Yvonne K. Molotsi, PharmD
- Chris C. Muskeley, PharmD
- Nancy Nakha, PharmD
- Krystel Nasr, BSP
- Timothy S. Regan, BSP, RPh, CPh
- Sandy Rhie, PharmD, PhD
- Todd R. Sega, PharmD
- Richard Segal, PhD
- Andrea Shaw, PharmD
- Alan Theriault, BSP
- Minh-Thoa Thi Tran, PharmD
- Michael Tse, PharmD
- Anila K. Xhixho, PharmD
- Raja Zeitany, PharmD

Preceptor Profile

Patricia Grunwald, PharmD

Dr. Grunwald is clinical pharmacy manager at Frederick Memorial Hospital, where she develops and manages clinical programs including the anti-coagulation clinic, the emergency department programs, the oncology clinic, and the residency program. Dr. Grunwald precepts the following School of Pharmacy courses: Health-System Pharmacy Practice, Acute Care General Medicine, Introduction to Institutional Professional Practice, and Quality and Safety in Health-System Practice. She believes it is her professional obligation to help train future pharmacists and give back to the profession. As a preceptor, one of her goals is to expose students to a career in hospital pharmacy in order to broaden their horizons in institutional or clinical pharmacy. Read more here.

Updates

Grade Submission Request

As the academic year comes to an end, please remember to submit all grades in a timely fashion to facilitate the certification process for our upcoming graduates.
New ELP Staff

LaTia Few, CPhT, MBA, has joined the ELP team as office manager.

LaTia is a native of Baltimore and received her BS in sports management and business administration from Towson University. She also received a MBA degree from the University of Baltimore. She is a certified pharmacy technician and has served as adjunct faculty in allied health and continuing education at the Community College of Baltimore County. Prior to joining ELP, she was a coordinator in the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy’s Mental Health Program. A fun fact about LaTia is that she is a professional collegiate sports official.

As office manager, she will organize and streamline office processes including the RXPreceptor database, coordinate the site agreement process, and ensure we meet deadlines for all tasks. As a lifelong learner and consummate professional, she brings a myriad of experiences and expertise to the ELP office.

Her management experience, love for details, problem solving skills, and willingness to take on a challenge will serve her well in this new role.

She can be reached at lfew@rx.umaryland.edu

Policy News

Library Access Changing
One of the benefits of being a UMSOP preceptor is having off-site access to Facts and Comparisons Online and Micromedex from the University’s Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL). Beginning in May, off-site access is changing. Though these resources will continue to be available, access will be limited to pharmacy preceptors who are scheduled to take a student for at least one block in the 2014-2015 academic year. This change is due to the HS/HSL’s licensing agreements with publishers. The School of Pharmacy and the HS/HSL will be working together to make this change. If you have questions, please contact Alexa Mayo at amayo@hshsl.umaryland.edu or 410-706-1316.

CE Opportunity

Annual Academy of Preceptors Dinner
Register today for the School of Pharmacy’s Annual Academy of Preceptors Dinner and CE Program on Wednesday, April 16, 5:30-8:45 p.m. in Pharmacy Hall, in Baltimore, or at The Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville.

This educational opportunity is exclusively for UMSOP preceptors, and there is no cost to attend.

This year’s program is entitled "Motivating and Teaching Across Generations" (UAN # 0025-0000-14-033-L04-P; Contact Hours: 2.0), and will be presented by School of Pharmacy faculty members Stuart T. Haines, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, BC-ADM, and Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, BCPS, CPE.

Online registration is open, and may be accessed here: http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/about/offices/elp/aop/index.html.

Registration closes April 11, so register today!

New Practice Sites Reinforce SOP as a Leader in Maryland Pharmacy Practice

To help expand cutting-edge pharmacy services to people across the state of Maryland, as well as offer more innovative educational experiences for student pharmacists and residents, the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy recently established a practice site for faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS) at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. The opening of this practice site follows the creation of three new practice sites at Giant Pharmacy; the Johns Hopkins Home Care Group (JHHCG), a full-service home care provider owned and operated by Johns Hopkins Health System; and Georgetown University Hospital. In addition to providing invaluable services to patients, these practice sites also enrich practice experiences for student pharmacists and residents, who are mentored by faculty preceptors at each site. The School of Pharmacy has established practice sites across Maryland and plans to continue this expansion creating more opportunities for students and residents. Read more here.