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The ASHP Research and Education Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. It provides leadership and conducts education and research activities that foster the coordination of interdisciplinary medication management leading to optimal patient outcomes. The Foundation places an emphasis on programs that will have a major impact on advancing pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, ultimately improving public health.

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Apply for the 2008 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety; Participate in April 18th Webinar on Application Process

Applications for the ASHP Foundation's 2008 Award for Excellence in Medication-Use Safety are now being accepted. Supported by the Cardinal Health Foundation, this \$50,000 award recognizes hospitals and health systems for outstanding medication-use safety initiatives, made voluntarily through a pharmacist-led multidisciplinary team. [Visit the Foundation's Web site for applications and detailed instructions.](#) Cynthia LaCivita, Director of Education and Special Programs, will hold a Webinar on April 18th from 2- 3 p.m. EST to assist interested applicants with the award application process. [Click here for information about the Webinar.](#) The deadline to apply is May 16, 2008.

Nominate Outstanding Contributions to Pharmacy Practice Literature

The ASHP Foundation's Literature Awards Program recognizes important contributions to the literature of pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems – and you can nominate the articles or individuals you feel have had the biggest impact on your profession. Awards are given for research and writing that foster improvements in the medication-use process, pioneer new uses of technology and pharmacy personnel and promote the pharmacist's role in patient care. [To participate, visit the Foundation Web site for more information on how to submit a nomination form.](#) The deadline is June 2, 2008.

Applications Available for Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards

The ASHP Foundation is accepting applications for the 2008 Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards. The program, supported by Amgen, Inc., honors excellence and leadership in the training and mentoring of pharmacy residents. Three awards are offered – the Preceptor Award, New Preceptor Award, and Program Award. These awards recognize the achievements of residency programs and practitioners who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in the training of pharmacy residents. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2008. [For more information and to download an application, visit the Pharmacy Residency Excellence Awards Web page.](#)

Twenty-Six Pharmacists to Attend Pharmacy Leadership Institute

The ASHP Foundation has accepted 26 pharmacists to the Pharmacy Leadership Institute. Formerly an ASHP program, the Institute is sponsored by the Cardinal Health Foundation and administered by the ASHP Foundation's Center for Health-System Pharmacy Leadership. The participants will enhance their business and management skills required to run today's complex pharmacy enterprise. The Institute will be hosted by Boston University's Executive Leadership Center from April 27-May 2, 2008. [For details, visit our Web site.](#)

Foundation Grantees Receive Award from Society of Hospital Medicine

The University of California at San Diego's Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prevention team has been awarded the first Society of Hospital Medicine Team Improvement Award for developing a VTE risk assessment tool. The team is led by Gregory A. Maynard, M.D., M.S., Chief of UCSD's Division of Hospital Medicine. Dr. Maynard and his team are also the recipients of the ASHP Foundation's 2007 Hospital Pharmacist-Hospitalist Collaboration: VTE Prevention Research Grant. The team is using this funding to develop a VTE treatment protocol. [For more information about their Foundation-funded work, visit our Web site.](#)

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