



# The SC Preceptor

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **New Preceptor Resource Available from Pharmacist's Letter**
- **E\*Value conversion complete**
- **New SCCP Career Mentorship Program available for preceptor participation**

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## Pharmacist's Letter PTRN Access

A valuable new resource, Pharmacist's Letter Preceptor Training & Resource Network (PL PTRN), is now available to all active SCCP preceptors. This resource was introduced at the 2009 & 2010 Preceptor Conferences, but has recently undergone some upgrades.

Introductory practice experience (IPPE) and advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) teaching tools are available through PL PTRN. *PL Pharmacy 101* is an IPPE teaching tool that helps preceptors provide case-based teaching to IPPE students. Discussion questions are focused on the practical aspects of selecting, dispensing, and administering drug products for patients. Preceptor keys with answers to discussion questions are pro-

vided with student cases that leave space for students to answer questions. The *PL Journal Club* is an APPE teaching tool that is published each month, based on 2 articles from that month's *Pharmacist's Letter* issue. The *PL*



*Journal Club* editors take those two articles and create a guide you can use for student discussion of the articles and the background research that went into them. Each *PL Journal Club* issue reviews selected statistical and timely therapeutic topics. An instructor version is also available for this resource.

A *Preceptor Toolbox* is also offered, which provides useful tools and activity suggestions for

preceptors in all practice settings. An extensive list of preceptor resources are available, including sample syllabi and assignments, evaluation tools, student schedules, orientation resources, and more.

In addition to resources, PL PTRN offers fully-accredited live and home-based CE programs for preceptors at no cost to you. Live preceptor development CEs are online and offered at specific times. Home-based CEs are also online, but may be accessed any time. You may track CE courses on PL PTRN through the CE organizer.

Access to PL PTRN and User Instructions can be found on the SCCP website. We hope this new resource helps meet your preceptor development and teaching needs. Please provide feedback to [worrallc@sccp.sc.edu](mailto:worrallc@sccp.sc.edu).

## Dates to Remember

### SCPhA Region Rallies

- September 13—Myrtle Beach
- September 14—Greenville
- September 16—Columbia
- September 28—Aiken
- September 30—Charleston
- October 12—Florence
- October 14—Anderson
- October 19—Columbia

### Grand Rounds/Seminar

- October 12, 19 (Upstate)
- October 14 & 15 (USC)
- November 15 (Upstate)
- Wednesdays from 12-2pm (MUSC)
- APhA MRM**—October 15-17
- ACCP Annual Meeting**—October 17-20

### NCPA Convention—

October 23-27

### Career Fair

- October 21-22 (MUSC Campus)
- October 26 (USC Campus)

### SCSHP Fall Seminar—October 28

**Election Day**—November 2

**ASHP MidYear**—December 5-9

# Preceptor Resources



## SCCP Website:

[www.sccp.sc.edu](http://www.sccp.sc.edu)

- The Experiential Page can be found by clicking on the greyed out “Experiential Program” at the bottom right corner of the SCCP website page
- Blue colored links to Experiential Program resources are located in right upper corner

## Library Resources

<http://www.library.musc.edu/>

- Includes online access to MUSC electronic library
- Access given to all ACTIVE preceptors
- Access reviewed annually
- Application form accessed through Experiential Program page on SCCP website (<http://www.sccp.sc.edu/programs/experiential/forms/Preceptors/Application%20for%20Access%20to%20Online%20Libraries.pdf>)

## E\*Value

[www.e-value.net](http://www.e-value.net)

- Can also be accessed through Experiential Program page on SCCP website

## Pharmacist's Letter PTRN

[www.pharmacistsletter.com/?referer=southcarolinaptrn](http://www.pharmacistsletter.com/?referer=southcarolinaptrn)

- Can also be accessed through Experiential Program page on SCCP website



## E\*Value Conversion

SCCP has completed its conversion from PEMS to E\*Value for rotation management activities. Thank you to all preceptors who worked through the initial “bugs” during the first 2 rotation periods. Preceptors should not be utilizing PEMS for any information at this time as PEMS does not have updated student schedules or biographical information.

All preceptors should have received an email with an initial log-in and password for E\*Value. Please contact your local Experiential Coordinator if you have not received one.

Benefits of E\*Value include: automatic emails sent to preceptors when midpoint and final evaluations are due, email reminders, and direct log-in links included in email

messages so preceptors do not have to remember passwords.

E\*value Screenshot Instructions and a recorded demo can be found on the Experiential Program page of the SCCP website. Please notify your Experiential Office if you cannot locate these references or need help with the upgraded system.

## Mythbuster

This section of the newsletter is intended to investigate whether a statement involving students is fact or fiction.

**Statement:** Preceptors at Community sites cannot precept more than 1 student at a time due to SC Law, which states a pharmacist may not supervise more than 1 Intern at a time. Furthermore, all students present at the site must be counted as part of the Pharmacist : Intern ratio.

### Verdict: MYTH

Students on rotations are classified as “Externs”. SC Law does not limit the number of Externs a pharmacist may supervise. Externs also do NOT count in the Pharmacist : Intern ratio.



# Preceptor Spotlight - Student Tip

Each issue of the South Carolina Preceptor (SCP) will place a preceptor in the “spotlight” to recognize their contributions to SCCP students. The Upstate, Midlands, and Lowcountry will be alternating recognitions, so please be on the look-out for a request from your Experiential Coordinator asking for a quote, advice, etc from you.

Preceptor: **Mark Twohey, PharmD**

Practice Site: **Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia, SC**

Practice Area: *Oncology*

## 2009 USC Campus Preceptor of the Year

“As a preceptor, I tend to push my students, but do so with the intent of making them better than they themselves could have imagined. On the Oncology rotation, some of the assignments for students include extensive journal reviews, a powerpoint presentation, and a written final exam. At the time, students may complain of some nausea, but several have thanked me after the Boards have

passed. I try and let the students take ownership of their rotation. They get to choose ultimately their assignments from several “suggested” choices. We assume every student is going to pursue an ASHP residency and do not teach only with the NABPLEX in mind. Finally, we try to inspire humility as well as excellence. Students feel they have to possess all of the answers, but sometimes you have to simply start with the correct question. Not one of our patients are average, so I do not expect an average attempt from any of our students.”

**Did you know that Experiential Education accounts for approximately 1/3 of the SCCP PharmD curriculum?**

# Student Spotlight - Student Tip

Each issue of SCP will place a student(s) from each campus in the “spotlight”. We will ask for student volunteers to provide a simple tip to pass on to preceptors that could enhance the rotation experience for students.

A common concern from students is lack of communication between students and preceptors. The following tip was submitted by 2010 PharmD Graduates, Robert Hodges (MUSC Campus) and Angela Bingham (USC Campus).

“Provide clear instructional objectives as well as expected outcomes at the beginning of the practice experience and prior to engaging a student with a project. This will prevent students from investing time and energy into a project with an unexpected outcome that does not benefit the student nor preceptor.”

# Message from the Director

Greetings! First of all, I would like to thank each of you who have served as a SCCP (formerly USC or MUSC) preceptor. Whether you are a new or an experienced preceptor, you have touched student lives in ways you never imagined.

Though I have held my current position for a little over a year, I have gotten to know many of you and hope to continue to do so

around the state. Drs. Cathy Worrall (Lowcountry) and Alissa Smith (Upstate) are doing the same in their respective Regions. With all of your help, students are now able to experience many different pharmacy fields. Students have competitive resumes and curriculum vitae that enable them to pursue sought-after jobs and residencies due to the experience you provide.

As we all know change is required to grow any program, the SCCP Experiential Program is no exception. Your Experiential Team has changed many items for students and preceptors, many due to requests from you! Please pass on any suggestions or comments to your Experiential Coordinator. Also let us know if we can assist you or your site with anything. Thank you!

-Amy Grant





## 2011—2012 Preceptor Availability

Though we are only in the 1st quarter of the current academic year, SCCP will be collecting Preceptor Availability for the 2011-2012 academic year in the next 1-2 months. Once available, forms will be sent to the email address you have on file with E\*Value.

“Improving Health through Leadership and Innovation in Pharmacy Education, research, and Patient Care.”

## Career Mentorship Program

SCCP has replaced the traditional Advisement Process with a new career options-oriented process that provides career and research advice related to specific career paths. This process was developed from the APhA Career Pathways Evaluation Program. Preceptors have the option of serving as mentors by educating students on various career options and helping identify key contacts for further career information. Possible options for preceptors to serve include: individual meetings, group meetings, large group information sessions, and job shadowing.

If you are interested in serving as a Career Mentor for SCCP students, please contact Bryan Ziegler (Ziegler@sccp.sc.edu), Cathy Worrall (Worrall@sccp.sc.edu), or any of your Experiential Coordinators.



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