

Colorado Pharmacists Society

2014 Presidential Address

I am honored to accept the position of President of the Colorado Pharmacists Society. I would like to first thank Jodi Malhotra and Mike Woodley for all the support they have given me in preparing for this role!

I think back to the first time that I was introduced to this organization... it was a little more than 5 years ago when Don Johnson brought me to meeting here at Regis University. Regis was preparing to open their doors to the first class of Pharmacy students.... Now, look where we are today!! Regis has just graduated its second year of students and we have all grown as individuals and as a pharmacy profession!!

It has been such an amazing adventure, as we quickly see the role of pharmacy changing! I am so lucky to be surrounded by such an inspiring group of professionals. You all have taught me the value of passion for the profession, hard work and dedication. Whether it be with improving patient outcomes thru efforts around adherence, managing chronic disease states, reducing drug abuse, to regulating marijuana.... Our board and members of this organization, are making a difference every day in our State and the Industry! We continue to discover better ways to contribute professionally to the communities we serve! I couldn't be more proud to be a part of CPS!!

I think the biggest lesson that I personally have learned over the years is the value of relationships. Val has done an amazing job representing us on Capitol Hill and I am super excited to see our board with renewed energy and enthusiasm for professional growth!! When Sam Johnson described his value proposition for CPS as PDA, he got more than a few funny looks. No, he wasn't talking about Public Display of Affection, Sam's acronym stood for Positioning, Developing and Advancing. I think he's right... As an organization, our value is in the relationships and partnerships that we form. We are focused on positioning ourselves as an integral part of healthcare reform, developing our expertise and truly advancing the profession!

My goal for 2014-2015 is to continue to build on relationships and crossroads with our fellow pharmacists and health care partners. Together, we can illustrate the importance of the pharmacist and how as a profession, we add incremental value to the triple aim of improved patient satisfaction, controlled costs and improved patient outcomes! Just being a silent contributor is NO longer enough.

I will ask for support from our board and each of you, to help identify networking opportunities and new ways to show our professional value. I want to ensure as health care continues to evolve, we are rooted with key groups and decision makers. As I lead us into the next chapter, as a society, I hope to not only adapt, but embrace and drive the profession forward. For this to be a success, we all need to have the courage and commitment to inspire pharmacists across the state to show the value of the pharmacy profession!! Let's celebrate our wins and open the doors to our future!

Thank you!

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