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KSHP Mission

To assist KSHP members in the provision of pharmaceutical care in organized health care settings throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

KSHP Fall Meeting – Registration Open



Register now for the KSHP 2026 Fall Meeting in Lexington, KY at the Hyatt Regency Downtown! Join pharmacy professionals from across Kentucky for two days of high-quality continuing education, practice advancement discussions, advocacy and policy updates, clinical pearls, networking opportunities, exhibits, and dedicated programming for student pharmacists. We look forward to seeing you on October 8-9, 2026! The agenda has been finalized and published for you to review! Please attach the agenda here!

Martha Lou King Foundation Scholarship Applications Open

Reminder to KSHP student members at UK and Sullivan that the 2026 application period for KSHP's Foundation Scholarships awards will close at 6PM on Friday, September 4, 2026. Details and the application form can be found on the KSHP website or contact your school's board liaison or SSHP President for more information.



Nominate a Kentucky Pharmacy Leader for ASHP's Highest Honor

The KSHP Awards and Nominations Committee would like to encourage KSHP members to consider nominating an outstanding pharmacist for the **Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award**, ASHP's highest recognition of professional achievement and service to pharmacy. This award honors individuals whose careers have advanced patient care, inspired future generations, and left a meaningful mark on the profession.

The award recipient will be recognized at **ASHP Pharmacy Futures 2027** in Seattle, Washington. **Nominations are due October 30, 2026.**

If a mentor, colleague, or pharmacy leader comes to mind, now is the time to recognize their contributions and impact. Learn more and submit a nomination through ASHP today! If you are submitting as an individual member, you must collaborate with three additional ASHP members to provide a nomination. The online nomination form can be found HERE.

Criteria and Procedures for Selection can be found HERE.
Past Recipients of the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award can be found HERE.

HHS Seeks Public Input on Federal Vaccine Recommendation Categories and Shared Clinical

Decision-Making

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a request for information (RFI) seeking public input on the categories used in federal vaccine recommendations and the role of shared clinical decision-making.

Through the RFI, HHS seeks input on whether the three categories currently used in federal vaccine recommendations – routine (universal), risk-based, and shared clinical decision-making, also referred to as individual-based decision-making – are adequate, clear, and well understood. HHS also seeks input on whether it should adopt additional or different categories.

Please use the following link to submit comments: Federal Register: Request for Information: Categories Used in Federal Vaccine Recommendations and the Role of Shared Clinical Decision-Making

Comments are due by September 20th, 2026.

- A few examples that easily come to mind are as follows:
- The availability, quality, and strength of evidence
- The appropriate approach when randomized controlled trial evidence is limited or absent
- Individual autonomy, informed consent, and religious freedom
- The legal and programmatic consequences of recommendation categories
- How shared clinical decision-making is understood and applied in practice, and how the category could be improved

Congratulations to KSHP Member Dale English



KSHP would like to extend a congratulations to current member and past House of Delegates Chair, Dr. Dale English, for being elected as the chair of the ASHP Pharmacy Practice Section of Pharmacy Educators. Dale will serve in this role from 2027-2028. Congratulations Dale and thank you for your dedication to the society, health-system practice and pharmacy education.

Have a suggestion for the Bluegrass Buzz?
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