

American Pain Society
Pharmacotherapy SIG Meeting

May 19th, 2011

1. SIG updates – The SIG membership has tripled in the past year and the number of postings in the eGroup discussions have increased from 27 to 124. We are the most active SIG in the on-line community and look forward to continuing this trend.

L. Kral presented an idea to increase participation in e-Group discussions by including clinical or patient-centered scenarios that are conducive to interactive member discussions. Member input and participation is welcomed. We will also be updating the webpage.

L. Kral also asked about having a SIG table in the exhibit hall. She will post this for member input. This table would need to have a SIG member in attendance during exhibit hours.

Nominations were taken for new co-chair for the 2011-2012 term. Sean Ustic, Pharm.D. was nominated. A call for nominations will be posted to the eGroup immediately following the Annual Meeting, followed by elections.

2. The group welcomed Todd Berner, M.D. who gave a presentation on “Quality of Care and Outcomes in Pain Management.” Dr. Berner’s presentation will be posted in the SIG library.
3. Lee Kral, Pharm.D. followed with a presentation on “New Analgesics on the Horizon”. Her presentation will be posted in the SIG library.
4. The meeting was opened up for discussion. David Craig, Pharm.D., the SIG Board Liaison encouraged all members to be active in the SIG and the electronic member community.
5. Lori Reisner asked if other institutions had interactions with CMS regarding requirements to follow package insert dosing guidelines on fentanyl transdermal patches. Other members had not heard of this but are encouraged to share any experiences.