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Dear John,

If you attended the the ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting, I want to thank you for your participation and attendance. The feedback about the conference has been nothing but positive and we contribute that largely to your presence and your participation. I am sure that I am not alone to say I learned a great deal from the subject matter so eloquently delivered and from the interactions with colleagues from throughout the country. I appreciate very much the exchange of information that was shared with me and our attendees.



Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry

Now is the time to start planning your attendance to the 2012 ABHP Annual Meeting, May 18-19, 2012. Pay two full registrations and enjoy the benefits of the third registration for free. Don't forget to register early.

Thank you again for making the 2011 ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual meeting a success. I look forward to seeing you and others at the 2012 ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting.

Aisha Morris Moultry, MS, PharmD
President

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Addressing Disparities is Key to High Quality Health Care

University of Michigan Health System

High quality health care is likely limited unless disparities are addressed. It is anticipated that not even the passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will be enough unless quality improvement efforts address known disparities in health and health care improve

[Click here to read more.](#)



First Buprenorphine Treatment Website Focused on African Americans Addicted to Opiates...

Site Clearly Explains What Buprenorphine Is; What It Does and How It Can Help Patients, Families and Physicians.....

Washington,DC - Howard University (HU) has launched the first website that focuses on African American residents of Washington, DC who are addicted to opiates, the families and physicians. Located at

<http://www.HUOvercomingAddictionsTogether.com>

, the website was funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

[Click here for more information.](#)

Health Disparities and Cultural Competence

Effective Health Care Program Update on Oral Medications for Type 2 Diabetes

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

AHRQ recently provided new information on the comparative effectiveness of overall medications for adults with type 2 diabetes. In 2007, the AHRQ published its first systematic review on the comparative effectiveness of oral medications for type 2 diabetes. The 2011 update includes newer medications and two-drug combinations. Additionally, it is accompanied by patient and clinician summaries to support shared decision-making in the use of oral treatments for type 2 diabetes. Faculty slides are also available. [Click here for more information.](#)

Young Black Patients Undergoing Dialysis Have Higher Risk of Death Compared to White Patients

American Medical Association

Consensus Standards

National Quality Forum (NQF)

To improving the quality of healthcare performance is to eliminate disparities in care. By analyzing the effectiveness of quality measures already in place and identifying gaps, the National Quality Forum (NQF) aims to establish a more detailed picture of how to approach measurement of healthcare disparities across various settings and populations. The Healthcare Disparities and Cultural Competency Consensus Standards project seeks to expand on NQF's previous work where a set of criteria to evaluate disparities-sensitive measures was identified and 35 disparity-sensitive measures for the ambulatory care setting were endorsed ([National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Ambulatory Care - Measuring Healthcare Disparities](#)). This project will be conducted in two phases. [Click here for more information.](#)

Nominations Being Accepted for Student Achievement Award

ABHP is seeking nominations for the 2011 Student Achievement Award:

[Student Achievement Award](#) provides recognition to a pharmacy student who has an outstanding record of accomplishment and service to the profession of pharmacy and/or community

The deadline for submitting nominations is October 30th, 2011. [Click here to download awards criteria, application, and recommendation form.](#) For additional information, call (888) 834-0603 or email abhp@myabhp.org



2010 Student Award recipient - Kirk Latibieudiere

It's Time to Join: Renew your ABHP Membership Today!



Yes... it's that time again to renew your membership in the Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists (ABHP). For those who have not joined, I encourage you to do so. For current members, I invite you to renew your commitment to ABHP and reach out and bring someone else along with you. When you

encourage one new member to join, you will be making a significant contribution to the growth of the association. You will also automatically be enrolled in the ABHP Membership Building Contest. The theme of the contest is [EACH ONE, REACH ONE.](#)

Imagine the contributions you will make to the association's long-term success when you [REACH out and touch someone.](#) By encouraging one - two people to join, they each encourage one - two people to join, who each encourage one - two people to join... over the span of a few years, the one invitation can positively affect hundreds of people and increase the growth of the association. Not only will you feel good about your contributions, but you will also earn special recognition rewards.

Even though overall black patients have a lower risk of death while receiving dialysis than white patients, this applies primarily to older adults, as black patients younger than 50 years of age have a significantly higher risk of death, according to a study in the *JAMA*. [\(Read more\)](#)

ABHP Activities at the 46th ASHP Midyear Meeting

This year will be the 32nd meeting of the ABHP at the ASHP Midyear Meeting. WOW!! That's what I say when I think about how long that has been. As in past years, the ABHP meeting again will serve as a forum:

1. To discuss and develop strategies for achieving its goals and objectives.
2. To have meaningful dialogue and idea sharing among members.
3. To recognize the professional achievements and contributions of its members and friends.

Planned activities include the Annual Reception and the Annual Luncheon. For more information, [click here.](#)

ABHP Speakers Bureau

In an effort to identify qualified speakers for educational programming, the ABHP Educational Affairs Council has developed a Speakers Bureau. Through your participation, we hope to develop a directory of speakers for our ABHP-ASHP Midyear, ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meetings, as well as other educational venues that we create.



Latoya K. Parker

Your information may be put on the ABHP web site in the form of an online Speaker's Bureau Directory. You will have the option of approving to have some information (e.g., phone numbers, email) to not be seen by others. If you are interested in being listed on the Speaker's Bureau, please complete this [online application](#), which includes attaching your CV. Members and non-members are encouraged to apply. You may be contacted for presentation opportunities upon review of your material.

If you should have any comments, concerns, or difficulty accessing the application, please do not hesitate to contact us at abhp@myabhp.org. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

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I don't know specifically what led you to join ABHP. Perhaps it was the continuing education programs on minority health, or maybe it was the ABHP network, or even the social functions. What I do know is that many people join an organization because someone invites them to join. Please share your membership experience with each and every potential new member. REACH ONE and invite them to join today. I am sure they will thank you later!

[Click on this link](#) and join now. Its worth it!

Highlights of the ABHP 2011 Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting

Conference Overview



Conference Attendees

Eliminating health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations is one of the goals of the *Health People 2010* initiative. One cornerstone of efforts to improve health care and quality of life in minority populations is education of health care providers. While therapeutic goals and interventions for managing various diseases states are consistent among minority and non-minority patients, health care providers need an understanding of the cultural differences in the patient populations and specific strategies that can lead to improved patient outcomes. The ABHP Minority Health Conference is designed to educate health care practitioners about conditions ethnic groups may be predisposed to, understanding cultural differences when developing treatment plans, and providing the tools and information to ensure compliance and adherence.

Conference Goals

- Educate health care providers on critical issues regarding minority health and the associated disparities in special patient populations;
- Present new and emerging diagnostic and treatment modalities for managing diseases that impact minority populations.
- Provide opportunities for skill building, information-sharing and networking;
- Present research and statistics related to the current status of racial and ethnic health disparities and recommendations or solutions;
- Provide a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and strategies to address health disparities among minority populations;
- Provide attendees with the practical tools to improve outcomes for those at highest risk for poor health, including racial and ethnic minorities, and economically disadvantaged populations.



Conference Attendees

Conference Programming



Derrick Butler, MD, MPH

Derrick Butler, MD, MPH was the keynote speaker at the ABHP Satellite Symposium. Dr. Butler, a Family Medicine Physician and HIV Specialist practicing in South Central Los Angeles. Dr. Butler's presentations focused on Caring for Communities of Color with HIV Infection and General HIV/AIDS Medicine Practices for Providers. The Symposium was part for the lecture series, Simply Speaking® HIV sponsored by Practice Point Communications, Inc.

The ABHP Leadership Forum brought together some impressive forward-thinking leaders. The speakers gave some very thought provoking presentations regarding how to realign the structure of organizations to better respond to the nation's healthcare transformation imperative and how

they will seamlessly integrate succession planning strategies to ensure continuity and meet future strategic objectives during the stages of leadership transition. The Leadership Advisory Panel included **Sybil Richard, JD, RPh**, Vice President Professional Affairs for Wal-Mart; **Pastor Gregory A. Johnson**, Co-Founder, Vice Chairman of American University of the Health Sciences (AUHS); **Manouchkathe Cassagnol, PharmD, BCPS**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, St Johns University; and **Trice Johnson**, Principal Partner, Contractor Alliance Solutions (CAS).



Pastor Gregory A. Johnson, AUHS



Trice Johnson, CAS

Students and technicians were given an opportunity to gain valuable mentorship, career planning, and educational experiences in minority health at the ABHP

Educational program presenters included Rodney J. Hunter, PharmD (Multiple Myeloma: A Minority Patient Perspective); Natanya M. Jennings, PharmD (Women and HIV); Otis Kirksey, PharmD (Improving Glycemic Outcomes in Special Patient Populations); Kristie Reeves-Cavaliero, PharmD (Women and Ischemic Heart Disease).



Kojo A. Quansah Jr, Student



Kristie Reeves-Cavaliero, PharmD

Awards Program

The Association of Black Health-system Pharmacists (ABHP) annually conducts a program that has recognized individuals for their outstanding record of accomplishments and service to the organization and the profession of pharmacy. The award recipients are presented at the ABHP Annual Meeting and include outstanding health-system practitioners, pharmacy students, and industry representatives whose significant contributions have advanced and raised the vision of the ABHP. The 2011 awards and recipients include



Sybil Richard, JD, RPh

PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR



Lourdes Cuellar - 2011 Pharmacist of the Year

The Pharmacist of the Year Award recognizes a pharmacy practitioner who has made an exemplary contribution to the practice of pharmacy throughout his or her career, or has accomplished a single outstanding, distinctive achievement or accomplishment that has promoted and elevated the standard of pharmacy practice or the vision of the ABHP.

Lourdes Cuellar, MS, RPh

is recognized for her leadership, mentoring, and dedicated and voluntary contribution to the profession of pharmacy that has promoted and elevated the vision of the ABHP in her area of practice. Lourdes is the Administrative Director of Pharmacy and Clinical Support Services at TIRR Memorial Hermann in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. She is responsible for the leadership and management of the Pharmacy, and administratively responsible for the clinical services departments, physician and specialty clinic, and patient safety and performance improvement departments at

TIRR. She received both her B.Sc Pharm and M.S. in Pharmacy Administration from the University of Houston.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



Sybil Richard - 2011 Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award was established in 2000 to recognize ABHP members who have contributed through their sustained efforts, significantly to the society, the profession of pharmacy, and to ABHP.

Sybil M. Richard, JD, RPh

is recognized for her leadership, dedicated service, and outstanding voluntary contributions to society, community, and the profession of pharmacy. Sybil M. Richard, as Vice President of Professional Affairs, Walmart, has the responsibility for assuring the quality of clinical services that are provided to all Health & Wellness patients, improvement programming, professional development and training and education for Health & Wellness associates in Walmart US, Sam's Club

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AWARD



The Pharmaceutical Care Award recognizes outstanding performance in providing clinical pharmacy services with a direct and/or indirect benefit to the well being of patients.

Monica Robinson Green, PharmD

is selected in recognition of her mentoring, leadership and enhanced patient care services at her practice site. Dr. Robinson Green is a clinical pharmacist at Acres Homes Health Center, part of the Harris County Hospital District. She is Chair of the ABHP Educational Affairs Council. Dr. Robinson Green is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Prairie View A&M University and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University.

Monica Robinson Green - 2011
Pharmaceutical Care Award

MICKEY LELAND POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Sylvester Turner (D-Tx) - Mickey Leland Award recipient 2011

The Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award, named for the noted pharmacist and senator from Texas, honors an individual, a team or individuals or an organization that has performed special service in state or national political and legislative affairs that strengthen, improve and further the interest and vision of the ABHP and pharmacists in general. The award recognizes individuals who best personify the spirit of Mickey Leland and whose work have a significant impact on the community at large.

Sylvester Turner (D-Texas)

is recognized for his continuing dedication to the political and legislative process, and to advocacy for the protection and improvement of the health status of all people. State Representative Turner was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1986 and has since earned the respect of his

colleagues from every corner of the state and across the political spectrum.

JOHN J SCRIVENS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Paul W. Smith - 2011 Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award provides recognition to an individual who has given significant sustained service to the ABHP. The award's name was changed in 2009 to recognize ABHP's first President, John J. Scrivens, who gave 10 consecutive years of service as an official of the Association and continues to be active within ABHP>

Paul Wellington Smith, MBA, RPh

is a founding member of ABHP and continues to play an active part in documenting the history of the Association through photography. Paul has spent many years working with all of ABHP's Committees and Councils, including serving as Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee. Paul is now retired from Providence Hospital in Washington, DC after being the first African-American pharmacist hired in 1966 and later the first African American Vice President hired at the same institution in 1085.

PRESIDENT AWARD



Burnett Nelson - 2011 President Award

The ABHP President Award is intended to recognize an individual or individuals who have made significant contribution to the vision and mission of the Association.

Burnett Nelson, MBA

is recognized for his sustained and significant support and contribution to the success of the President's agenda during the term of office. He assumed the role of Parliamentarian in 2007, and continues to play an active part in supporting the Board of Directors organizational and administrative responsibilities

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