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Specialty Pharmacy and the Future of Healthcare

The 10th Annual Armada Specialty Pharmacy Summit was held in Las Vegas May 5th through the 9th. It was a very informative meeting with Michael J Fox as the keynote speaker. The big topic was the growth expectation of specialty pharmacy over the next five years and how we, as specialty pharmacies, can work together with payors to control costs while providing useful data to the payors and the manufacturers, as well as monitor patient adherence.

A few important highlights are as follows:

- Less than 50% satisfaction rate that payors have with clinical and utilization management services as well as reporting services by specialty pharmacies.
- Two companies control almost two thirds of this market and many others make up the other third.
- Visit the website <http://specialtydigest.emdserono.com/Digest.aspx> for more information.

INS Update

By Sarah Wilcher

This year's INS (Infusion Nurses Society) annual convention was filled to the brim with up to date information that I plan to utilize to bring better infusion care to our patients at Alternacare. I am so grateful that Alternacare continues to invest in their nurses in order to enhance patient care in the Kansas City and surrounding communities. Not only do we keep our CRNI credentials current, but we get to see the latest trends and innovations taking place in the infusion nursing community.

Days were packed from early morning breakfast symposiums clear through dinner lectures on specialty meds including Tysabri, IG and TPN. The INS national staff and board provided a wide range of topics. My favorite topic was presented by Valerie Haisley, BSN, RN, CWCN titled, Management of Skin Integrity During Infusion Therapy. As a skin and wound care specialist it was great to hear her expertise regarding the best, evidence based practices from CVC care to PIV securement. She offered great solutions to tricky situations when a patient may react to common dressings or CHG. Other great sessions

focused on clot prevention with CVC's, a Focus on the Caregiver Tract that provided great tools for helping the caregivers of our home infusion patients. Caring for Patients on TPN and their families was very applicable. Another interesting tract focused on addictions and ways to assess, communicate and intervene.

In addition to the educational sessions, the exposition hall offers INS members a way to see what the latest products available are. This is a great time to see all of the amazing changes that are taking infusion nursing to the next level. It is always one of the most valuable times of the week. I get to try different products, ask questions and re-evaluate the best products for our patients.

I am eager to share what I have learned with our various home health partners. When we do inservices, it is very rewarding to be an agent that brings the best practices in infusion nursing to my fellow nurses who may not get the opportunity to travel.

For more details about the conference, visit the following website:

<http://www.eiseverywehre.com/home/ins014/121917/>

Special points of interest in this issue:

- Specialty Pharmacy and the Future of Healthcare
- Infusion Nurses Society Update
- NEWS FLASH!
- Recipe for My Favorite Morning Smoothie
- Puzzle Time

NEWS FLASH!

Peggy has accepted a new position at AIP!
Home Infusion Case Coordinator



Peggy Langenbach, RN

“ Your nurse Jaci is an angel. She is highly intelligent, professional and considerate. She has a wonderful personality, and she is a great teacher. I would highly recommend Jaci and your company.”

My Favorite Morning Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 3/4 c. Almond Milk, unsweetened
- 1 T. vanilla protein powder
- 1 T. chia seeds
- 1/2 frozen banana, peeled
- 1/2 cup frozen blueberries
- 1/2 cup strawberries



Directions:

Add ingredients in the above order and blend until desired consistency. Serve cold.

Patient D.L.

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“Alternacare Infusion Pharmacy was fantastic and exceeded our expectations. My wife is a better person today. The transition from the hospital to home was beautiful.”

Husband of patient L.B.

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