

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Competition 101

The Ohio State University

What is the Project Description & Implementation Overview?

The Ohio State University student AMCP chapter hosts a local Pharmacy and Therapeutics Competition each year. The winning local team has the opportunity to submit materials for consideration to participate in the national competition held at the AMCP Annual Meeting & Showcase. During this longitudinal activity, pharmacy students work in teams to evaluate a product dossier for adherence to the AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions and ultimately present recommendations for product placement to a mock P&T Committee.

What is the Purpose of the Project?

The purpose of the P&T Competition is to:

- Expose pharmacy students to the inner workings of a P&T Committee;
- Improve managed care pharmacy awareness;
- Enhance drug information, critical thinking and presentation skills;
- Provide "real world" experience; and,
- Offer a unique opportunity to pharmacy students.

What is the Budget – Expenses and Revenues?

The budget for this project is approximately \$300. The money is spent primarily on copying/printing and food/beverages. Required space and audiovisual equipment is provided at no charge by the College of Pharmacy. The funding source is the chapter account. There is no additional charge for participation. If the winning local team is chosen for the national competition, the chapter receives a stipend to be used for travel, lodging, and meals at the Annual Meeting & Showcase.

Who and How Many Chapter Members are Involved?

This is a time-consuming project and as such it is very important to have the active participation of most executive board members to make the competition a success. If possible, it is advisable to designate one board member (preferably one who is not competing in the competition) as the primary coordinator. The other board members should help recruit participants, secure speakers/judges, publicize the competition, manage the logistics, and handle local competition day set-up.

Who Should be Targeted ~ Audience or Involvement? How Do You Find Them...How Do You Contact?

Participants: Chapter members and chapter non-members are encouraged to participate. Non-members who wish to participate are required to become members of both the Ohio State University AMCP Chapter, and AMCP. Participants are recruited through email, flyers, and college announcements. We held an informational session prior to the sign up deadline. Ideally, this session should feature a pharmacy leader with managed care experience who is able to explain the functions of a P&T Committee. If possible, enlist your faculty advisor to provide elective credit for participants.

Judges: Judges are recruited with the help of the faculty advisor and Diplomat. The judges are often faculty and/or managed care pharmacists in the area.

What Materials are Needed ~ Outside Resources, Ordering, etc ?

Access to a printer/copier is essential to promoting the competition and distributing materials. Email has also proven to be a very efficient means of communication.

Space and audiovisual equipment should be secured for workshops, team meetings, and the local competition. The competition coordinator must also find a caterer for the local competition.

What is the Timeline for Implementation and Execution?

The timeline for the competition is provided in the case study each year (sent out to all AMCP Student Chapters from The Foundation for Managed Care Pharmacy). Following this timeline will yield the best results and allow each team the maximum amount of time to work on the project. Advise the teams that most of the work can be done over winter break.

Follow-up with Faculty Members/Volunteers/Participants

Be sure to send thank you notes to any speakers and/or judges that participated in the competition and extend an offer to participate in future events. Request that participants complete evaluations for the activity. OSU also plans a banquet at the end of the year to acknowledge the efforts of the judges, coordinator, students, and any volunteers.

Project Evaluation – What Went Well...What Didn't ...How Would You Improve for the Next Year?

What went well? Each year the competition is able to enhance awareness and interest of managed care pharmacy. It has been a great avenue to increase AMCP membership.

What didn't work? As always, the participants should be encouraged to start working on the project as early as possible to avoid unexpected issues at the last minute.

How you would improve for the next year? We want to continue to encourage participation by more and more pharmacy students.

Project Checklist

- Advertise the competition**
 - Post flyers in the College of Pharmacy
 - Distribute flyers in student mailboxes
 - Put announcements in school newsletter
 - Promote on chapter website
 - Discuss at fall membership drive
 - Announce through email list
 - Hold informational session
- Submit the Sign-Up form**
- Finalize arrangements for independent study credit**
- Distribute competition schedule**
- Secure space and any necessary A/V equipment for workshops, team meetings, and local competition**
- Confirm participation with interested students**
 - Ensure participants are available for any mandatory dates
 - Ensure participants agree to any requirements for credit (if provided by your school)
- Place students in teams of four**
 - Attempt to distribute teams evenly (P4, P3, P2, P1)
 - Assign an initial contact person in each group to jumpstart communication
 - Designate one or two potential alternates
- Distribute AMCP Format for Formulary Submissions (provided by The Foundation for Managed Care Pharmacy)**
- Distribute case study, product dossier, and any other competition materials (provided by The Foundation for Managed Care Pharmacy)**
- Arrange disease state and/or managed care topic discussions**
- Contact potential judges to gauge interest and availability**
- Order food/beverages for local competition**
- Advertise the competition and social event**
 - Encourage interested students to come watch competition and talk to participants/judges
 - Invite Dean, faculty advisor, and "friends of the chapter"
- Verify the set-up for local competition and social event**
- Hold local competition and social event**

- Submit student information and materials of the winning local team to FMCP**
- Thank participants for involvement**
- If invited to national competition, aide team in making arrangements**
- Project Evaluation**
 - Write project report for next year's executive board**



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Do you want to:

- 1) enhance your resume/CV?
- 2) earn elective hours?**
- 3) learn more multiple sclerosis and its treatment options?
- 4) get real world experience in managed care pharmacy?

OR do you simply want to win a **free trip** to **ORLANDO, FL**?

Please participate in our....

2009 ANNUAL P&T COMPETITION

Each team will consist of **4 members**. Our chapter will help match up groups that are less than 4, and make an effort to mix inexperienced with experienced students. All participants may receive **2 credit hours in Winter Quarter** while most of the work can be done during winter break.

The case study will involve analysis of an AMCP Format-based product dossier. Each four-member team must prepare a report that answers specific questions and provides analysis. Teams will also need to prepare a P&T Committee monograph (10-page maximum) and a PowerPoint presentation (30-minute maximum), and present this information before the P&T Competition Judging Panel. This year the case study will be based on Tysabri (natalizumab) for treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Sign-up deadline: **November 21, 2008**

Local competition: **February 2, 2009** (tentative)

National final competition: **April 17-13, 2009 in ORLANDO, FL**

All expenses will be PAID for this trip if your team is ranked in the top eight nationally – OSU has been ranked in the top eight three years running!

It is very easy to join! Simply fill out the form below and place it in AMCP's mailbox.

Any questions? Come to our P&T informational meeting during professional hour in November or send your questions to koop.9@osu.edu

2009 ANNUAL P&T COMPETITION Sign-Up

Name:

Year of Graduation:

Email: