Letter to the Editor

Increasing Hospital Pharmacist Clinical Competence in Intensive Pharmacotherapeutics Using a Novel Pharmacist Clinical Educational Program

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To the Editor:

Our article, “Increasing Hospital Pharmacist Clinical Competence in Intensive Pharmacotherapeutics Using a Novel Pharmacist Clinical Educational Program,” published in the October 2015 issue of *Hospital Pharmacy* [2015;50(9):776-782], describes our successful educational program to enhance the intensive pharmacotherapeutics (IP) skills of our attending hospital pharmacists.

IP is an intricate set of skills designed to integrate evidence-based best practices on a patient-specific level by creating the overall best treatment plan in medically complex patients. The practice of IP, as developed by Bassett Medical Center, aims to allow pharmacists to practice at the top of their licenses and utilize all the clinical training garnered in collegiate education and programs, such as described within our article, in response to the fundamental practice and financial changes of the health care system.

Concurrent with the publication of our article, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) has launched an initiative to develop a practice framework of comprehensive medication management (CMM) into its strategic plan, organizational policy and advocacy agenda, professional development initiatives, and research agenda. The core components of CMM align with the practices of IP. To avoid confusion, Bassett Medical Center has altered the nomenclature for its program to Comprehensive Medication Management – Intensive Pharmacotherapeutics (CMM-IP) to come in line with national trends in health care.

More about ACCP’s mission to support the growth of CMM-IP can be found via the organization’s white paper [*Pharmacotherapy*. 2015;35(4):e39-50. doi: 10.1002/phar.1563] or by contacting us (Kelly. Rudd@bassett.org or JB.Goss@bassett.org). ■

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