Congratulations, Dr. Jennifer Namba!

Dr. Namba, Acute Care preceptor at UCSD Medical Center Hillcrest, has been recognized by the Foundation of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists with the resident New Preceptor Award for 2010. This award is significant as it is based upon a national nomination and selection process. Only one award in this category is made each year. Dr. Namba is the first California recipient since the program was initiated five years ago.

Dr. Namba has been a member of the Medical Center Pharmacy Department and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty since 2006. Prior to that, she completed her residency in critical care pharmacy at UCSD. She practices in the Hillcrest CCU and MICU as the clinical pharmacist. Dr. Namba has been previously honored by both SSPPS students and UCSD pharmacy residents for her excellence as a clinical teacher.

Dr. Namba’s award will be presented at the ASHP national meeting in December 2010. Details regarding the awards process and this year’s winners can be found here and here.

Please let us know: What awards, achievements and honors can we share and celebrate with you?

Upcoming Preceptor Events

Acute Care Preceptors Conference, Thursday, November 4, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM, one hour CAPE CE

APPE Rotation Fair, Tuesday, November 16, 1:30 PM—3:00 PM

Community Pharmacy Preceptors Conference, Thursday, January 20, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM, one hour CAPE CE

Question of the Quarter

Can I see the evaluations on me that the students submitted?
Yes, you can! Log in to EMS and click “Preceptor Evaluations” to see any and all from previous academic years. For the sake of anonymity, we don’t release the current academic year’s evaluations until after graduation in the Spring.

Preceptor Spotlight

Training: I received a BS in Biology at UCSD and went to pharmacy school at the University of New Mexico. I then completed a PGY1 at UCSD.

Specialty: Bone Marrow Transplant and hematologic malignancies

What are your best precepting tools and tips?
I really enjoy precepting students because they keep me on my toes! The best students, to me, are the ones who ask a lot of questions. This is the way I know if they are enthusiastic about the rotation. I am not the type of preceptor who will answer a question with “Why don’t you look it up and tell me tomorrow.” Sharing knowledge with those in training is key. If I can teach students clinical pearls that I have learned over the years, then I am doing my job well. I also try to give the students as much hands-on experience as I can. When a student sees a patient experiencing side effects from a chemotherapeutic agent or a bone marrow transplant, they will never forget it. You can read lots of information in books and memorize it, but seeing a patient experience symptoms first hand will be ingrained in your mind forever.

Dr. Katherine Medley
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CEO: Continuing Education Opportunities

Preceptor Training & Resource Network, Pharmacist’s Letter
⇒ Free online CE for SSPPS Preceptors, Live and Self-Paced, such as “Precepting IP-PEs”, “Precepting in the Community Pharmacy”, and “Precepting an Acute Care Experience”.
⇒ Resources such as PL Journal Club, Preceptor Toolbox, and Preceptors Interact

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Available to pharmacists & physicians

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Corrections
Summer 2010 issue: In the “Congratulations” section, Dr. Kelli Stadalman’s site should have been listed as UCSD Thornton Hospital. We apologize for the error.

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