

## **New Venture - *Partners in Medication Therapy***

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) is pleased to announce the creation of a new program called “*Partners in Medication Therapy (PMT)*”. PMT will function as a business unit of SSPPS to provide Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services to external clients (e.g. self-insured employers). MTM services will focus on appropriate medication use and patient education on medication therapy for chronic diseases such as diabetes, asthma, and cardiovascular disease. Some of the benefits of MTM for clients include: Improved patient adherence and utilization of medications; increased percentage of patients meeting their treatment goals (e.g. blood pressure, cholesterol); identification of drug therapy problems; and opportunities for medication cost savings, and medical resource cost savings (e.g. fewer emergency department visits) due to more effective use of drug therapy.

Our clinical faculty will be involved in the PMT as consultants or direct MTM providers according to their clinical expertise. We also expect the *PMT* will promote community and professional *partnerships*, expand *education* and *research* opportunities for our clinical faculty and students, and enhance SSPPS community *outreach*.

Jan Hirsch, PhD will be the Executive Director for the PMT and will provide leadership in all matters pertaining to the PMT, working closely with an SSPPS steering committee and our clinical faculty. Sarah Lorentz, PharmD will assume responsibilities of the Director of Medication Therapy Management Services, of the PMT. She will be responsible for the implementation and day-to-day activities of the enterprise.

We are excited about this new venture for SSPPS and are looking forward to enhancement of our education and clinical service missions of SSPPS as a result of it.