

**Pharmacy Leaders Forum**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

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**Moderator:** Dan Gillis

**Attendees:** Michael McDaniel, Jacey Cox, Dan Gillis, Marshall Robbins, Mary McKnight, Jennifer Anderson-Fung, Joshua Settle, Roland Naseman, Julie Lasseigne

1. Protect 340B (submitted by Thomas Cobb, Jackson Hospital):
   * [https://www.protect340bpatients.org/?utm\_campaign=GRD-Newslink-1-00-1135-52000&utm\_medium=email&\_hsmi=221161712&\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9PCORtGapUqKFNx1MtCc60VqKeAR5FvArz5EAvKQ7vxgFu17z7yLOUULfySbi5XNQdKymed7HLg759QWku3t\_hzyzgeA&utm\_content=221161712&utm\_source=hs\_email](about:blank)
   * Tommy Cobb wanted to raise awareness of this website that is also endorsed by ASHP.
   * Huntsville Hospital has sent this link out on social media.
2. Open Forum
   * Controlled Substance Inventory Compliance – Dan Gillis
     + UAB has started a controlled substance compliance discussion group led by Lakeyra Palmer after a recent DEA audit.
     + UAB, Children’s of Alabama, and Baptist South participated in the first meeting.
     + Would the ALSHP Leaders Forum like to invite Lakeyra Palmer to come and discuss – yes
     + Dan Gillis to reach out to Lakeyra Palmer with UAB.
   * TPA Fee negotiations – Michael McDaniel
     + Verity is Huntsville Hospital’s TPA.
     + They currently do not charge a fee on non-profitable 340B contract pharmacies but have announced that they will start charging a fee in the future.
     + The TPA fees can also make a difference in whether a contract pharmacy is profitable (a $1600 fee might eliminate all profit where a $800 fee might leave a pharmacy profitable).
     + Has anyone in the group had success with negotiating smaller monthly fees with their TPA?
       - Would seem to make sense for both parties because the hospital is likely to drop unprofitable contract pharmacies if they must pay a larger fee to the TPA.
       - No one voiced experience with this type of negotiation.
       - Many expressed that they did not have that many contract pharmacies.
       - Huntsville plans to negotiate with Verity.
   * ALBOP items – Dan Gillis
     + Collaborative Practice
       - ALBOP has not received many protocols for Collaborative Practice even though there was a lot of interest in getting Collaborative Practice in the state.
       - Protocols approved by Med Exec in Institutional Pharmacies are exempt from this rule.
     + Tech Ratio
       - The technician ratio change from 3:1 to 4:1 is out for public comment.
     + Institutional Rule change
       - The change to Institutional Rule to allow for dispensing of inhalers to go home is out for public comment.
     + Paxlovid Partial Pack Dispensing
       - ALBOP also discussed hospitals dispensing the rest of a Paxlovid pack to go home with patients.
       - Some retail pharmacies have already been splitting Paxlovid packs in these situations.
   * ALSHP Elections and Awards– Dan Gillis
     + ALSHP elections are coming up.
       - Director of Professional Affairs
       - Director of Educational Affairs
       - President Elect
     + ALSHP Awards nominations are open
     + ALSHP is accepting applications for Fellow of ALSHP.
   * ALSHP Job Board – Dan Gillis
     + ALSHP is launching a job board
     + Jobs will be posted on the website, in the newsletter, and emailed out to membership
     + Postings are free to members, but there is a fee for non-members
     + You will not need to login to see the job postings on ALSHP’s website, so non-members can also view the postings.