

## Abstracts from the 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Midwest Social and Administrative Pharmacy Conference Wednesday August 15 – Friday August 17, 2018

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The Midwest Social and Administrative Pharmacy Conference has a long, rich tradition. In 1985, faculty at Purdue University organized and hosted the first meeting, the Midwest Pharmacy Administration Conference. The conference was held at a time when a history of the discipline of pharmacy administration was being drafted, and emanated from a sense that the pharmacy schools and graduate programs in the Midwest were instrumental in the genesis and early growth of the discipline. Two of the first established graduate programs in the discipline were at Purdue and Wisconsin, where Bob Evanson and Bob Hammel, respectively, trained prolific numbers of graduate students that were instrumental in establishing the discipline at universities and industry throughout the nation. The first conference was, in no small part, a kind of homecoming for many alumni from these initial graduate programs; it made sense to hold it at a place that could rightly commemorate where it all began.

After the first meeting, a planning committee with representatives from the schools and Eli Lilly and Company

began preparing for a conference to foster dialogue between pharmacy administration faculty and industry to develop potential research agendas and collaborations. This planning culminated in a conference held at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis in 1987. The conference included workshops and presentations by conference attendees, including graduate students. These two meetings set the stage for ongoing conferences to discuss issues, research, and provide opportunity for student research presentations and dialog. At the core was the notion that research and research advancement would be a focus of the conferences.

After the meeting at Lilly, it was decided to hold the meeting every two years starting in 1988. The conference would rotate among different Schools of Pharmacy to allow students and faculty to visit other campuses and for students at host schools to share the planning responsibilities for the conference. Below is a list of the past conference dates and the host institution.

### Conference Hosts

1985	Purdue University	2002	University of Michigan
1987	Eli Lilly & Company	2004	Purdue University
1988	University of Illinois-Chicago	2006	University of Minnesota
1990	University of Cincinnati	2008	University of Illinois-Chicago
1992	University of Minnesota	2010	University of Iowa
1994	University of Iowa	2012	University of Wisconsin
1996	University of Wisconsin	2014	Purdue University
1998	Ohio State University	2016	University of Michigan
2000	University of Toledo	2018	Universities of Wisconsin and Minnesota

The 2018 conference was held in Madison, Wisconsin and co-hosted by University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota.

There were 51 podium presentations at the conference given by postgraduate students (PharmD, MS, PhD) in eight sessions:

1. **Health Care Utilization** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Simon Pickard, University of Illinois at Chicago)
2. **Education** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Ben Aronson, Ohio Northern University)
3. **Pharmacist Contributions** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Andrea Kjos, Drake University)
4. **Patient Experiences** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Olihe Okoro, University of Minnesota – Duluth)
5. **Medication Access & Adherence** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Olayinka Shiyandola, University of Wisconsin)
6. **Pharmacy Programs & Evaluations** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Margie Snyder, Purdue University)
7. **Methods and Measures** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. William Doucette, University of Iowa)
8. **The Opioid Crisis** (Faculty Discussant:  
Dr. Matthew Murawski, Purdue University)

The abstracts from these presentations are published as a special issue of INNOVATIONS in pharmacy. The goal of this journal is to “posit new ideas and new ways for addressing both challenges and opportunities in pharmacy practice, education, and policy. We especially encourage manuscripts that will alter perceptions, shift expectations or change the way we approach pharmacy practice, education or policy” <https://pubs.lib.umn.edu/index.php/innovations/aimsandscope>. We believe that you will find that the abstracts from the 2018 Midwest Social and Administrative Pharmacy Conference are thought-provoking and address crucial areas of inquiry. The abstracts are grouped by topic area. Please note that the eight faculty discussants were invited to write introductory remarks for their section as a way to highlight the lively discussions that took place during the conference. You will find these remarks at the beginning of each section by topic area.