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Patient Safety Tips

Provided by Heather Chapman, Member, Patient Safety Committee

This is a new column from the ASCLS Patient Safety Committee to share tips and techniques on how to use the current and new patient educational tools we have developed to improve the effectiveness of medical laboratory testing.

A common scenario occurs frequently—a patient sees the physician for an annual physical exam. The physician instructs the patient to return another day for a fasting glucose and lipid panel. The patient is told to fast the day before the blood collection. The patient returns a few days later to the physician's office for the blood collection. When the laboratory receives the sample and spins it down, the serum is lipemic. The Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) decides the specimen is unacceptable for testing because it is evident the patient had not fasted. When the MLS phones the physician's office to inform them about the unacceptable specimen the phlebotomist who collected the specimen confirms they did not verify the fasting status of patients. Unfortunately the patient has to be notified of the situation and return for a second fasting blood collection.

Without proper instructions, patients do not fully understand the importance of fasting and staying hydrated before having their blood collected. Medical laboratory practitioners understand that patient preparation is an important part of specimen collection. Without it there will be erroneous test results and an added burden will be created for the patient because he/she has to return to have blood drawn for a second time. The Patient Safety Committee has created flyers to help solve this problem. The first flyer that should be shared with patients (and their providers, e.g. physicians and nurses) is the Patient Safety Tips Venipuncture flyer. It describes the procedure, before and after care, and helps a patient understand the procedure. Depending on the laboratory test(s) to be performed, the patient may also need to receive the ASCLS Patient Safety Tips Fasting brochure. It describes the fasting requirements when lipid panels or glucose tests need to be performed. Urging physicians and phlebotomists to distribute these flyers to patients will help medical laboratory scientists ensure the quality of patient test information and improve patient safety.

These flyers may be accessed at: <http://ascls.org/patient-safety/patient-safety-tips-tools/63-patient-safety-2>. The brochures are provided in English and Spanish.

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Kick-off to Learning with ASCLS-NE, ASCP, CLMA Great Plains Chapter, and PAMET-USA Nebraska Chapter



* Join ASCLS-NE, ASCP, CLMA Great Plains Chapter, and PAMET-USA Nebraska Chapter for our annual spring meeting on **April 9, 10, and 11, 2014** at the **Holiday Inn Downtown in Lincoln, Nebraska**. Stay an extra day to enjoy the **Nebraska Football Spring Game** on **April 12th** at 1:00 PM at Memorial Stadium.

* Get the latest information and education with P.A.C.E. approved credit offered throughout the three day conference. The Planning Committee has made sure to include a wide variety of educational sessions that appeal to all disciplines.

*Be sure not to miss the social opportunity Thursday evening!

Book Your Room Now...



Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Downtown at a rate of \$99 a night which includes parking and a complimentary manager's reception from 4:30-6:00 PM each night. To make a reservation, call 402-475-4011. Block name is ASCLS-Annual Conference.

Message from the New Professionals Committee

Submitted By Miss Jasmin Davis MLS (ASCP)CM ASCLS New Professionals Committee Chair

Attention New Professionals:

The New Professional Committee (NPC) would like to make a commitment to keep you informed. We're pleased to announce the release of our first issue of the NPC E-newsletter. It can be found on the ASCLS website under the New Professionals tab. To reach the page directly, go to www.ascls.org/NPC. The topics of interest for the month include information on the NPC restructure, how to get involved in ASCLS, and information on certification maintenance

2014 ASCLS-NE Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted!

Submitted By Lynnett Paneitz, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} 2014 ASCLS-NE Awards Chair

Greetings!

Laboratorians are the unsung heroes of the health care world – now is your chance to give that deserving someone a pat on the back and say "JOB WELL DONE"!

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 ASCLS-NE Awards! Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday April 9, 2014 during the 2014 ASCLS-NE Spring Meeting. Descriptions of the awards and nomination forms can be found on our Website at <http://ascls-ne.org/awards.html>. Please post the nomination forms in your facility so all employees are aware and have a chance to nominate a coworker.

All applications must be received by **Friday March 21, 2014** to be considered.

Please send completed applications to the Awards Chairperson:

Lynnett Paneitz
3278 Prairieview Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68504
or email to: awards@ascls-ne.org

I look forward to reading all of the glowing nominations!

Thank you!



ASCLS–NE Awards Descriptions

Award of Excellence

This award was established to recognize a Medical Technologist/Clinical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Laboratory Technician/Clinical Laboratory Technician who has made a significant contribution to that person's profession, institution and community. The nominee does not need to be a member of ASCLS–NE. A laboratory may nominate only one individual, who must have been employed at that facility for at least one year and must be certified by a national certifying agency. Notify your lab manager/administrator if you would like to nominate an individual.

Technical Support Award of Excellence

This award was established to recognize a person who supports the laboratory profession (i.e. phlebotomist, lab assistant, secretary, client services rep, etc.) and has made a significant contribution to that person's profession, institution and community. The nominee does not need to be a member of ASCLS–NE. An institution may nominate only one individual, who must have been employed at that facility for at least one year. Notify your institution if you would like to nominate an individual.

Filter Award

This award goes to an outstanding ASCLS–NE member who has made a significant contribution to our society. Nominations are based on the member's activities during the current year, as well as a summary of that person's contributions to the Clinical Laboratory Science profession. Officers of ASCLS–NE are not eligible.

Key to the Future Award

This award is given to recognize and reward newly active members of ASCLS–NE who have demonstrated leadership potential by their contributions to our organization. Directing a task force/project or chairing a committee with significant tasks, the outcome of which is considered to be outstanding, creative or of high quality may be used as a guide to determining leadership potential. Officers of ASCLS–NE are not eligible.

Shirley Nobel Award

This award was established to recognize an ASCLS–NE member who actively promotes the laboratory profession. The member has acted as a positive role model and mentor to members of the society or to MLS/MLT students just as its namesake Shirley Noble did.

Exhibitor Appreciation Award

This award was established to show appreciation for an exhibitor/salesperson/technical representative who has shown outstanding support educationally and/or financially to the field of Clinical Laboratory Science and ASCLS–NE. Factors to be considered may be the number of years exhibiting at the Spring Meeting, donation of funds for an ASCLS–NE Award, contributions to continuing education, or demonstration of alternate support.

Yearly Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, 1 July 2013- 31 Dec 2013
Submitted by Marnie Imhoff, MBA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}

Money Market Balance 30 June 2013	\$ 17,963.99		
Cash Receipts			
Money Market Interest Income	\$ 10.78		
Spring Meeting Income	\$ 8,419.24		
ASCLS Membership Sept 2013	\$ 345.00		
ASCLS Membership Dec 2013	\$ 890.00		
Total Money Market Cash Receipts	\$ 9,665.02		
Disbursements			
Transfers to checking account		\$ -	
Total Money Market Disbursements		\$ -	
Money Market Account Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 27,629.01
Checking Account Balance - 1 July 2013	\$ 3,544.78		
Cash Receipts			
Transfers from Money Market	\$ -		
Pampered Chef Fundraiser	\$ 203.00		
Total Checking Account Cash Receipts	\$ 203.00		
Disbursements			
ASCLS National Meeting Attendance July 2013		\$ 1,544.32	
Website Maintenance		\$ 52.38	
PACE Providership		\$ 325.00	
ASCLS-NE Board Meeting		\$ -	
ASCLS National Meeting Silent Auction Neb Donation		\$ 50.00	
Region VI Assessment		\$ 1,300.00	
Treasurer and President Bonding		\$ 99.00	
Total Checking Account Disbursements		\$ 3,370.70	
Checking Account Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$377.08
ASCLS-NE SUMMARY OF ASSETS:			
Money Market Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 27,629.01
Checking Account Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$377.08
Scholarship CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 15,203.63
Legislative CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 5,335.51
Savings CD Balance 31 Dec 2013			\$ 11,704.05
ASCLS-NE TOTAL ASSETS 31 Dec 2013			\$ 60,249.28

Pampered Chef for ASCLS-NE

In November 2013, ASCLS-NE held a Pampered Chef fundraiser to help fund student scholarships, to help send ASCLS-NE representatives to Washington D.C. to represent our profession and to help maintain the society's operations. We were able to raise roughly \$200 through the Pampered Chef fundraiser. We look forward to continuing to offer Pampered Chef fundraiser in coming years and want to thank everyone who participated in the event this past year.

If you would like to help with fundraising please contact me at fundraising@ascls-ne.org.

Happy cooking!

Marnie Imhoff

Attention Students!!

Feeling a little strapped for cash? No time to work and study? Never fear! *You may be eligible for an ASCLS-NE scholarship!* Visit the website www.ascls-ne.org for more information—Applications are now being accepted!

Applications are also being accepted for personal loans from the Frieda Oltmanns trust. Ms. Oltmanns very graciously donated the remainder of her estate to establish a trust for Nebraska MLS students. *If you need a personal loan*, please contact Andrea Jones for an application at scholarships@ascls-ne.org.

ASCLS MEMBER RECRUITMENT REWARDS PROGRAM

Purposes: To strengthen ASCLS membership numbers

To encourage ASCLS members to reach out to non-members.

Procedure:

When an ASCLS member recruits a new member, the recruiting member receives a **\$10** credit on their account in the ASCLS store to be used at their discretion. The credit can be applied to anything handled through the on-line store: membership renewal, meeting registration fees, purchases in the ASCLS store. The joining member notes the recruiting member's name and member number on the application and the credit is then applied to the recruiting member's account. Each time the recruiting member's name comes up, an additional credit is applied to their account. The \$10 credit applies to new member recruitment of PF1, PF2, and FYP categories. Each student member recruited results in a \$2 credit up to a maximum of \$100.



MEMBER REWARDS

SHARE YOUR PASSION
BRING A FRIEND

YOUR ASCLS NEEDS **YOU** TO MAKE
OUR SOCIETY STRONG

Reach out to your co-workers, students, managers,
supervisors

**BE THE FACE, BE THE
VOICE, BE ASCLS**

For every FYP, PF1, PF2 that you recruit you will
receive a credit for \$10 to apply towards your
choice: membership renewal, the on-line store,
national meeting registration fees

For every Student member that you recruit you will
receive a credit for \$2 up to a maximum of \$100
It's easy to do – when you recruit a new member
make sure your name and ASCLS member# are
filled in on the application.

Questions? Email ascls@ascls.org



ASCLS MEMBER GIFT A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: To strengthen ASCLS membership numbers
Bring future leaders in to ASCLS

Procedure: ASCLS members wishing to sponsor a colleague's membership in ASCLS should do the following:

1. Share your passion for and knowledge of ASCLS with your friends, co-worker's, managers, supervisors, and educators in the Clinical Laboratory Profession.
2. When you have decided you would like to "gift" a membership to an individual discuss it with the individual.
3. Once an individual gives their approval for the gift of membership and gives you the contact information needed to fill out a gifted application, you can go the website and start the process. You will need to know the level of membership, state of membership, phone number, email and snail mail address of the colleague.
4. Go to www.ascls.org and fill out the application for the individual you are sponsoring, including your information as the sponsor.
5. The ASCLS office will process the membership and send you a confirmation email.
6. An email will be sent to the new member stating that they have received the "Gift of ASCLS membership". The sponsoring member's name will be included in the email.
7. The new member will be given the opportunity to choose an SA to join and add any further contact information.
8. The sponsor should contact the member by phone within two weeks to welcome them to ASCLS. The new member should be invited to join a meeting as an attendee at the earliest opportunity.
9. The sponsor should also maintain contact with the new member, at least monthly, during the first year of membership and through renewal.
10. The sponsor will have the option when speaking to Jenna or through the website, to continue to sponsor the new member's dues by receiving the renewal notice.
11. As our way of thanking and recognizing the ASCLS members that gift a membership we will honor them at the Annual Meeting and in the ASCLS Today.



ASCLS MEMBER GIFT
A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM
Share Your Passion for ASCLS



GIFT A MEMBERSHIP
SPONSOR A COLLEAGUE! MENTOR A FRIEND!
INSPIRE A NEW LEADER!

- ✓ Share your knowledge of the organization with your friends, co-workers, managers, or supervisors.
- ✓ Go to www.ascls.org/giftmembership to purchase a Professional 1, Professional 2, or a First Year Professional Membership for someone.
- ✓ Commit to mentor the individual you wish to sponsor.
- ✓ Invite your new member to local meetings/functions.
- ✓ Maintain contact with your new member on a regular basis.

Every member who strengthens ASCLS by growing our membership with a gift of membership will be recognized in *ASCLS Today* and at the Annual Meeting.

**BE THE VOICE,
EXPERIENCE THE VALUE,
SHARE THE VISION,
INVITE A NEW FACE TO ASCLS!**

Questions? Email ascls@ascls.org

2014–2015 ASCLS–NE Board Elections

Submitted By Linsey Donner, ASCLS–NE Leadership Development Chair

The 2014–2015 ASCLS–NE board elections will be held during the 2014 Annual Board Meeting at the 2014 Nebraska Laboratory Professional’s Spring Meeting. All current ASCLS–NE members are encouraged to attend and vote via private ballot.

The following Board positions will be voted on this April:

- President–Elect
- Treasurer
- Junior Board Member
- First Year Professional

In addition, we have non–voting appointed leadership positions involved in ASCLS–NE. These include:

- Membership Development Committee
- Leadership Development Committee
- Filter Editor
- Bylaws Chair
- Spring Meeting Planning Committee
- Fundraising Committee

If you would like to nominate a candidate (including yourself) or you are interested in becoming involved in ASCLS–NE leadership, please contact me at leadership@ascls-ne.org!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE



First Name	Last Name	Date of application
Home Address	City	State/Province/Postal Code
()	Receive ASCLS mail at: <input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> business address <input type="checkbox"/> permanent address	
Preferred Phone		
Company (If Student, skip this line)		Department
Address (If Student, Permanent address)	City	State/Province/Postal Code
()	()	()
Preferred E-Mail Address	Telephone	Fax
Have you ever been a member of ASCLS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Membership Number _____		

<p><u>SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY</u> The ASCLS Scientific Assembly sections provide an opportunity for members to network within their own scientific discipline. There is no additional fee for participation. Please choose one primary and one secondary interest.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">PRIMARY</td> <td style="width: 50%;">SECONDARY INTEREST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Chemistry/Urinalysis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Education</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Generalist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Hematology/Hemostasis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Immunology/Immunochemistry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Informatics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Lab Admin/Consultant/Quality/ Accreditation/Industry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Microbiology/Public Health</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Molecular Diagnostics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Point of Care Testing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___</td> <td>___ Phlebotomy</td> </tr> </table>	PRIMARY	SECONDARY INTEREST	___	___ Chemistry/Urinalysis	___	___ Education	___	___ Generalist	___	___ Hematology/Hemostasis	___	___ Immunology/Immunochemistry	___	___ Informatics	___	___ Lab Admin/Consultant/Quality/ Accreditation/Industry	___	___ Microbiology/Public Health	___	___ Molecular Diagnostics	___	___ Point of Care Testing	___	___ Phlebotomy	<p><u>CERTIFICATION AGENCY - Check all credentials obtained as listed by each cert. agency.</u> BOC ___MLS ___MLT ___other___ AMT ___MT ___MLT ___other___ HHS ___CLT ___other___ Other: _____</p> <p><u>POSITION -circle one</u> Lab Director (Admin) Lab Manager Tech. Supervisor Staff Technologist (MLS) Staff Technician (MLT) Phlebotomist Laboratory Assistant Faculty Member/Instructor Program Director Consultant Inspector/Surveyor Marketing/Sales Other: _____</p>
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Please assist ASCLS in collecting the following voluntary statistics to provide demographics for grants:

Employment Status: ___FT ___PT ___STU ___Unemployed ___Retired **Highest Degree:** ___H.S. ___Assoc. ___Bach. ___Masters ___Ph.D.

Year of Birth: _____ **Sex:** ___F ___M

Race: (please circle one) Caucasian / American Indian / Alaskan Native / Asian/Pacific Islander / African American / Hispanic / Other ___

Please complete and send this application with your payment to:
 ASCLS, 1861 International Dr., Suite 200, McLean, VA 22102
 Phone: 571-748-3770 Fax: 571-354-7570
For fastest service, join online at www.ascls.org/join-ascls/join.

ASCLS Membership Categories and Eligibility Requirements

(ASCLS membership is from the *date of payment to the next July 31.*)

(All Membership Categories eligible for **Certification Maintenance Program** – see **CE Options** below)



PROFESSIONAL (*full voting privileges*) is open to all persons certified or engaged in the practice and/or education process of the clinical laboratory science, including those with an active interest in supporting the purposes and goals of this Society. Membership benefits are dependent on level of membership:

PROFESSIONAL I includes basic benefits plus the award winning journal, CLS.

PROFESSIONAL II* includes basic benefits only.

National Dues: Professional I - \$99; Professional II - \$78 **plus** State Dues: (see attached schedule)

COLLABORATIVE* (*Non-voting privileges*) is available to any individual who currently holds membership in any other *health related national organization* **AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ASCLS.**

National Dues only: \$45

FIRST YEAR PROFESSIONAL* (*full voting privileges*) Open to persons who have graduated within the last twelve months from an accredited program in laboratory science. Prior student membership with ASCLS is not a prerequisite. This membership status is valid for only one year to assist recent graduates. After one year in this category, members are upgraded to Professional membership.

National Dues: \$45 plus State Dues

STUDENT*(*non-voting privileges*) Open to persons enrolled in a structured program of training or academic instruction in clinical laboratory science, or to full-time graduate students in related science area.

National Dues: \$25.00 plus States Dues:

*Persons residing outside the U.S. are not eligible for these categories--International practitioners must join as Professional I.

STATE DUES SCHEDULE

Professional I & II		Student	
CA	\$25	CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, MA, MI, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NC, OH, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA, WI	\$5
CO, NY, WA	\$20	AL	\$4
TX	\$18	OK	\$3
TN	\$16	GA, KY, UT, WV	\$2
AK, AZ, FL, HI, KY, LA, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NV, OH, SD	\$15	STATES NOT LISTED	\$0
AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, MA, MI, MS, NH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, UT, VA, WI, WV, WY	\$10	* First Year Professional (state dues schedule same as Professional I & II except for the states listed below) CA - \$0, MN - \$0, NY - \$0, TX - \$9, CO - \$10, OH - \$10	
MD	\$6		
ME, NM, ND, VT	\$5		

CE Options Available with Membership

Go to <http://www.ascls.org/CMM> for more information.

\$55 Certification Maintenance CE Package -- 12 contact hours of online CE from MediaLab

\$95 Certification Maintenance Plus CE Package -- unlimited online CE from MediaLab

I, _____, wish to join ASCLS as a (please circle one) **Professional I / Professional II / First Year Professional / Collaborative / Student member.**

(Students, please list your expected date of graduation: _____ Mo/Yr.)

My mentor/recruiter is: Name _____ ASCLS Member No. _____

Membership dues: _____ + **State dues:** _____ + **CE package:** _____ = **Total payment enclosed** _____

Method of Payment: (U.S. Funds Only)

Check (payable to ASCLS) **Visa** **MasterCard** **Amex**

Exp. date _____ **Card #** _____

Name on card _____ **Signature** _____

Contributions or gifts to ASCLS and ASCLS/PAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary business expense. ASCLS estimates that 9% of your dues will be spent on lobbying, and therefore this portion will not be deductible on your federal income tax return.