



## PPMI-PAI Transition FAQ's

- **Why the PPMI to PAI name change?**

Since its start in 2010, PPMI has been widely embraced by ASHP members and state affiliates as a way to advance pharmacy practice in hospitals and health systems, using it as a framework to build pharmacists' services in a number of areas.

But as pharmacy practice has evolved, it has become clear that this ASHP-ASHP Foundation initiative must embrace and reflect a broader range of pharmacist services and care settings. The initiative's name, likewise, must clearly reflect that this is a comprehensive national program dedicated to pharmacy practice advancement. We believe that ASHP's Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI) does just that. We will continue to use the old name, PPMI, to describe historical events, such as the 2010 Pharmacy Practice Model Summit.

- **I've always heard that PPMI is a manager-focused initiative. How is this newly named initiative different?**

Pharmacist leadership is one of the five goals of PAI. But the word "leadership" goes beyond the concept of "management." Often, clinical pharmacists, informaticists, and even support staff can take on leadership roles. Certainly, managers can be leaders, as well. The term "model" also has been perceived as a management tool. The change to the word "advancement" removes this ambiguity.

- **I work in a hospital setting. Will PAI still be relevant for me and my practice? How?**

PAI is all-inclusive. For example, the [Hospital Self-Assessment](#) tool will continue to be available on the web site and has been updated with a complete reworking of the resources available in the Action Plan. Additionally, the fourth edition of the [ASHP Foundation's "Pharmacy Forecast"](#) report will be available at the end of the year. PAI will serve pharmacists who work in both acute and ambulatory care settings.

- **I work in an ambulatory setting. How will PAI be relevant for me and my practice?**

The ambulatory care side of PAI reflects the recommendations of the [2014 Ambulatory Care Summit](#) and provides a number of tools and resources to meet the needs of practitioners in these spaces. The Summit's best practice recommendations serve as the framework for many of the website offerings, including the [Ambulatory Care Self-Assessment tool](#).

- **How can members get involved?**

Opportunities abound for members to get involved in PAI activities at the national, state, or local practice levels.

At the **national** level, members can get involved with PAI in a number of ways:

- ✓ Join the [PAI Connect community](#), and participate in online discussions of practice issues.
- ✓ Serve on ASHP Sections and Section Advisory Groups working on PAI priorities.

- ✓ Participate in ASHP Midyear and Summer meetings sessions on PAI/practice advancement.
- ✓ Support ASHP's work to enact provider status by contacting their congressional representatives and supporting the work of ASHP's Political Action Committee.

At the **state** level, members can participate in PAI task forces to address high-priority patient care issues as well as participate in state affiliate planning activities for PAI advancement.

At the **local** level, members can complete the Hospital Self-Assessment tool or the Ambulatory Care Self-Assessment tool. They can educate co-workers on PAI and get them engaged. Members can also engage medical professionals with whom they work in talking about the valuable contributions pharmacists make when they are part of the patient care team.

- **How can state affiliates get involved in PAI?**

State affiliates will continue to play a major role in PAI. Many states have utilized the recommendations and hospital self-assessment tool as a jumping-off point for discussion about practice advancement opportunities in their state. The new Ambulatory Care Self-Assessment tool also now provides similar opportunities for affiliates to get involved in the ambulatory care space.

The Hospital Self-Assessment tool will continue to help members and state affiliates create strategic plans and set patient care priorities; reassessments will help measure progress. Other tools and resources on the PAI website and the state affiliate grant program will help support all of these state affiliate efforts.