

# AKConnect Topic Ideas

## 2021

1. **USP 795/797/800**
  - a. USP 795
    - i. Changes and challenges
  - b. USP 797
    - i. Technician Roles in Sterile Compounding
    - ii. Gap Analyses
    - iii. Clean room vs isolators
    - iv. Training
    - v. Physical space challenges and ways to overcome
  - c. USP 800 Hazardous Drugs
    - i. Multidisciplinary buy-in
    - ii. Physical space challenges and ways to overcome
    - iii. Training
    - iv. Medical surveillance
    - v. Surface testing
  - d. Challenges for retail and home infusion pharmacies
2. **Legislative Issues/Collaborative Practice & Provider Status**
  - a. What would it look like for AK? Difference from other states
  - b. Barriers for AK – pro and cons
  - c. Expectations of other providers (medical providers)
  - d. Reimbursement
  - e. Training
  - f. Legislative Issues
    - i. Current challenges to your pharmacy
    - ii. Lessons learned
    - iii. Impacts on remote areas
    - iv. Role of pharmacist
    - v. Insurance challenges
3. **Immunizations & Public Health & Local Outbreaks: COVID and others**
  - a. Adaptation and Changes to Practice
  - b. Mumps outbreak
  - c. New vaccines available
  - d. Pharmacists role in immunizations at your site
  - e. Billing for immunizations
4. **Advancing Technician Training & Certification**
  - a. PTCB
  - b. PTCB new sterile compounding certification
  - c. Other certificate programs available
  - d. Accredited Training programs- online included
  - e. Immunization training
  - f. Compounding training/certification
5. **Leadership**
  - a. Strategic planning
  - b. Resources available through national pharmacy organizations like ASHP (Pharmacy Forecast)
  - c. Communication and Feedback strategies
  - d. Leading change and technology implementation
  - e. Lead/advanced technicians roles and responsibilities
  - f. Multidisciplinary collaboration
6. **Precepting Residents & Students**
  - a. Preceptor Development
  - b. Balancing daily workflow with resident or student
  - c. Providing feedback
  - d. Burnout
  - e. Generational differences

## **7. Independent and Chain Pharmacy Challenges**

- a. Current legislative issues (Audit bill and billing and reimbursement)
- b. Staffing and workflow
- c. Remote area challenges
- d. Role in transitions of care (hospital discharges)

## **8. Pharmacy Stewardship**

- a. Antimicrobial Stewardship – Community and Hospital
  - i. Hot topics
  - ii. Antibigrams- how often updated
  - iii. Formal position vs integrated
  - iv. Funding
- b. Pain Management & Opioid Stewardship
  - i. New Joint Commission requirements
  - ii. PDMP and fees
  - iii. Opioids in OP setting
  - iv. Non-opioid pain management
  - v. Medication assisted treatment

## **9. Wellness and Wellbeing**

- a. Applying the pillars of wellness and wellbeing to pharmacy practice
- b. Managing balance
- c. Ideas to implement a life of wellness and wellbeing
- d. What pillars are easy to implement and which ones are more difficult

## **10. Pharmacy Quality Improvement Topics**

- a. Event Investigation & Root Cause Analysis
- b. Culture of safety
- c. Process for Root Cause Analysis- steps and people involved.
- d. RCAs at your facility
- e. Multidisciplinary review and education
- f. Process improvement
- g. Error preventions
- h. Diversion prevention
- i. Metrics and data
- j. Peer review
- k. National quality organizations and standards/resources: PQA, AHRQ, etc