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**Medication Safety Officer Society
Becomes Part of ISMP**

Horsham, Pa---The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) recently announced that The American Society of Medication Safety Officers (ASMSO) will become part of the Institute. ASMSO as part of ISMP will be known as the Medication Safety Officers Society (MSOS). It will provide a framework for meeting the needs of the Medication Safety Officer community on an international scale.

ASMSO, a multidisciplinary organization founded in 2005, is devoted to serving medication safety officers and medication management leaders. Its goal is to provide an open forum for information sharing and collaboration that encourages excellence in safe medication use. The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that has more than 35 years of experience in educating healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations about medication errors and their prevention.

ISMP will continue to operate ASMSO's listserv and website, and ASMSO members will have increased opportunities to contribute to the Institute's medication safety advocacy efforts as well as the development of best practices, educational programs, and other guidance for error prevention.

"We see ASMSO becoming part of ISMP as a way to have even more of an impact on safety," said Michael Cohen, RPh, MS, ScD, FASHP, President of ISMP. "Medication safety officers-- including pharmacists, nurses, and physicians--now have a direct connection to crucial information on improving the medication use process, as well as a greater role in identifying emerging issues."

"ASMSO is a natural fit for ISMP, since our members are leaders on the front lines of medication error prevention," said Christian Hartman, PharmD, MBA, FSMSO, Founder and Director at Large of ASMSO. "We are looking forward to having a stronger voice as a community within the Institute."

For more information on ASMSO, visit: <http://www.asmso.org/>. For more on ISMP, visit: www.ismp.org.

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