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**ISMP to Provide Logistical Support for  
Medication Safety Officer Association**

**Horsham, Pa.**—The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) and the American Society of Medication Safety Officers (ASMSO) have signed an agreement for ISMP to provide organizational management services for ASMSO.

The organizations announced today that ISMP will supply ASMSO with logistical and administrative support, including mailing address and general office, membership, and meeting planning services.

“We are pleased to help facilitate ASMSO’s daily operations,” said Allen Vaida, PharmD, FASHP, executive vice president of ISMP. “Medication safety officers are a key link in the prevention of medication errors and adverse drug events, and an important part of the multidisciplinary healthcare team.”

“ASMSO is a relatively young organization, and ISMP’s assistance will help encourage our growth,” said Christian A. Hartman, PharmD, MBA, ASMSO founder and president. “This arrangement will allow us to concentrate on developing new programs and resources for medication safety officers, such as board certification, fellow recognition (FSMSO), and networking opportunities.”

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ASMSO is dedicated specifically to educating and informing medication safety officers. ISMP has more than 35 years of experience in helping ensure safe medication use and is the premier international source for information on the prevention of medication errors.

As of December 1, 2009, ASMSO will assume ISMP's mailing address and fax number; their telephone number (508-499-3043) remains the same.

**About ISMP:** The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents more than 35 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters and other tools for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit [www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org).

**About ASMSO:** The American Society of Medication Safety Officers (ASMSO) is devoted to supporting medication safety officers in healthcare settings. ASMSO was founded in 2005 by a group of medication safety officers with the goal of providing an open forum for information sharing and collaboration. The mission of ASMSO is to advance and encourage excellence in safe medication use by providing communication, leadership, direction, and education among its members. For more information on ASMSO or to join, visit [www.asmsso.org](http://www.asmsso.org).

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