Meet Our Speakers

2015 Educational Conferences

**John Avolio, R.Ph, Clinical Pharmacist, CGP**
John is a clinical consultant pharmacist with over 29 years of long-term care, personal care, and correctional pharmacy experience. He is a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist who conducts in-services to PA personal care associates. John has also taught Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Pharmacology at the community college level.

**Daniel Barnes, RN**
Dan has one year of acute medical surgical experience, one-and-a-half years of post-anesthesia care experience, four years of emergency room experience, six years of infusion nurse experience with long-term care and correctional pharmacy, three years of ICU experience, and over four years of hospice and home care experience. He is currently employed by Diamond as an infusion nurse, communicating and instructing the professional staff in IV therapy management and quality control.

**Richard Bartlebaugh, CSP**
Richard is the Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Director of Diamond Drugs, Inc. He is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) with over 14 years of professional experience in the identification, evaluation and control of workplace hazards. He received his Bachelor of Science in Safety Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. His current responsibilities include loss control management, OSHA, EPA, DOT compliance, and Joint Commission Accreditation.

**Dennis Bondra, Registered Dietitian**
Dennis graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelors degree in Food and Nutrition. He also completed a two year supervised internship through IUP that included experiences in nutrition education, private nutritional counseling, food service management at Torrance State Hospital, and clinical dietetics at Indian Haven Long-Term Care and Excela Westmoreland Regional Hospital. He recently received the Certificate in Training in Adult Weight Management and is currently practicing in private counseling. In addition, he served as Interim program coordinator and facilitator at Remington Education Center, providing individual and group education in Applied Mathematics and Computer Operating.

**Carolyn M. Dibert, RN**
Carolyn has 31 years of experience in nursing. During the first 17 years of her nursing career, Carolyn worked in a hospital setting in various management roles and provided direct patient care in medical/surgical, cardiac telemetry and emergency/trauma units. During this time she was also part of the team that transitioned the hospital and its ancillary providers from paper to electronic medical records and served as a clinical computer-systems trainer. She also worked in a skilled nursing center providing direct patient care. For the past 14 years Carolyn has worked for Country Meadows Retirement Communities, serving as a Training Specialist, Regional Director of Operations, Campus Executive Director, and is currently serving as the Corporate Director of Clinical Education for this 200-bed assisted living community.
Karen Espenshade, BS, RN
Karen is the Nurse Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region for Covidien Alternate Site Division. She travels to facilities in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia and provides clinical expertise to facilities on incontinence care and products, bowel and bladder training programs, F315 guidelines, enteral nutrition and wound management. Karen has served the health care community for over 35 years working in both the private and government sector. She has served on several Medicare Task Forces. Her experience is extensive in all areas of clinical nursing, practice management, and consulting services. Karen’s clinical experience includes hospital, long-term care, home health care and public health. In the past, she served in several capacities at the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a Division Director; she was President and CEO of Compliance Link, a practice management consulting company and Administrative Vice-President and CEO of Shaffer Cardiovascular Associates, a cardiovascular surgery practice. In addition to having her R.N. degree, Karen also received her B.S. degree in Business Management and served on active duty in the United States Air Force. Karen has presented at national conferences on coding, billing and compliance topics, as well as F315 guidelines. She is co-author and publisher of a book titled “Personal Health Record.”

Denise D. Gromley
Denise is responsible for all aspects of human resources for Diamond Drug, Inc. and all of its subsidiary companies. Her responsibilities include adherence to all State and Federal labor laws, benefit design and associated compliance responsibilities, planning for and maintaining adequate staffing levels, workers’ compensation, 401(k) administration, employee development, conflict resolution, employee engagement, and supervisor development. Denise has 20 years of human resources experience.

Steven Hartz, RRT
Steven has 14 years of experience in the field of Sleep Disordered Breathing, along with 20 years experience as a Respiratory Therapist. He is currently employed by ResMed Corporation in the role of Regional Clinical Specialist and provides clinical education relating to sleep disordered breathing to physicians, polysomnography techs, respiratory care practitioners, and nurses.

Stephen Jablunovsky, RN, CRNI®
Stephen has 12 years’ experience as an RN in acute care, along with 20 years’ experience placing and managing IV lines. He is also the IV department supervisor for Diamond Pharmacy Services, serving as an instructor for skilled and correctional customers on IV topics for five years. Stephen has held the IV department Supervisor position for 10 years and has been certified through the Infusion Nurses Society as a Certified Registered Nurse Infusion (CRNI®).

Cortland Kalanavich, RHIA
Cortland has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management from the University of Pittsburgh and is a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA). She has two years experience as a medical records director at an acute care hospital and two years experience as a correspondence manager at a records management company. Since 2004, she has been working as a medical records coordinator and HIPAA privacy officer with Diamond Pharmacy Services, managing all aspects of records management, record requests, audit requests, HIPAA compliance and staff training.

Deborah Milito, Pharm. D., CGP
Deborah is the Director of Clinical and Consultant Services-Skilled Division, Adverse Drug Reaction Coordinator and Joint Commission Performance Improvement Coordinator for Diamond Pharmacy Services. Dr. Milito is also responsible for overseeing the education of the Skilled Consultant Pharmacists in Pennsylvania. She has 26 years of acute care experience, seven years of correctional experience, and nine years of skilled experience. Dr. Milito is certified in Smoking Cessation, Hyperlipidemia, Anticoagulation, and Medication
Therapy Management and is also a board-certified Geriatric Pharmacist. She has taught Pharmacy Law and Ethics at the Community College of Allegheny County.

**Eric Pash, R.Ph**
Eric has served as the account executive/representative for numerous correctional and long-term care facilities throughout the United States during his 20 years at Diamond Pharmacy Services. He is a staff pharmacist at Diamond and is the pharmacy manager at one of Diamond’s two local retail pharmacies. Eric is certified as an instructor through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. He also has served as a guest speaker at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and at various drug and alcohol abuse awareness events, career days, job fairs, and healthcare seminars. Eric coordinates communications and oversees compliance with various policies and procedures throughout Diamond.

**Trina Plazio, RN, CRNI**
Trina has two years of acute medical surgical, three years of acute oncology/stem cell transplant, and one-and-a-half years as an RN in a personal care facility. She also has over 9 years’ experience initiating and managing IVs. Since 2009, she has been working as an Infusion RN and Infusion Educator for Diamond Pharmacy Services, communicating and instructing their professional staff on IV therapy management and quality control. In addition, she teaches the PA State Board of Nursing approved LPN IV Certification course, Advanced IV Therapy for the RN and several custom in-services to many of our facilities, community nursing agencies and institutes of higher education. She has CRNI® Certification through the Infusion Nurses Society and is the recipient of the 2013 Leslie Baranowski Scholarship for Professional Excellence.

**Jennifer Schoch, RN, BSN, CHPN, CHPPN**
Jennifer is certified in Hospice and Palliative Nursing as well as Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nursing through the National Board of Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. She earned her nursing degree at West Penn Hospital School of Nursing and a bachelor’s degree at Clarion University. She has worked in neonatal intensive care and pediatric home care. Jennifer has practiced hospice nursing with the VNA of Indiana County for the last nine years and is currently the Hospice Education/Program Development Supervisor.

**Judy Tomayko, RRT, CPFT**
As a senior respiratory therapist for Diamond Medical Supply, Judy oversees the daily operations of the respiratory and oxygen departments. She participates in direct patient services during home visits and maintains compliance of clinical care and regulatory agencies. Judy also provides educational services to long-term care customers and completes quality assurance activities. Judy has 26 years of respiratory experience, along with nine years acute care at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, and three years as an Indiana University of Pennsylvania/West Penn Hospital Neonatal Care Instructor. She is also a certified COPD educator.

**Deborah Yackuboskey, CRNP, MSN**
In addition to providing consultation and educational services to long-term care customers, Deborah oversees all nursing services provided by Diamond Pharmacy Services. She directly oversees the LPN/Medication Exchange Tech Department and is responsible for maintaining regulatory compliance of the IV Department. Additionally, Debi is the Infection Control Coordinator and is in charge of formulating infection control policies for the pharmacy. As a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Deborah has established a Wellness Clinic for Diamond employees and provides assessment, diagnosis and treatment of acute care issues such as infections, skin conditions and minor injuries. She has 32 total years of nursing experience, with 20 years of long-term care experience in nursing supervisor and administrative positions, and 14 years as a CRNP in Family Home Health.