On June 10, 2016 California Northstate University hosted a grand rounds event which was an interprofessional educational activity initiated by the Interprofessional Education Committee.

The Presentations were lead by Dr. ForShing Lui, Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neurology Clerkship Director for California Northstate University College of Medicine. Dr. Lui stated that the topic of Parkinson’s Disease was chosen because of the newer understanding of the disease itself and several new medications or formulation of old medications recently approved by the FDA.

Dr. Lui stated that opportunities such as these will allow medical and pharmacy students to work as a team to integrate and provide the best care for the patient. He was really glad that the students worked so well with each other.

Among the student presenters were: Matthew Zabel, Harish Singh, Rainy Zhang, Georgette Nichols, Letitia Pirau, and Cynthia Aung-Lam.

“Being part of Grand Rounds was a great experience. Working with my fellow classmates and the students from pharmacy was a good team building experience that allowed us to bring each of our experiences to the table. With Dr. Lui as our esteemed leader, all of us were able to get a better understanding about the different aspects of Parkinson’s — the clinical picture, the treatment, the side effects from the drugs, and the future for Parkinson patients. All of which, are equally important in understanding the disease.”

—Letitia Pirau