

# Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



## NEWSLETTER - Fall 2003

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### CE Events at a Glance...

#### **Clinical Symposium**

Saturday, September 13  
8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver

#### **Fraser Valley Chapter Event – SOLD OUT EVENT!**

Wednesday, September 24  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

#### **Vancouver Island Chapter Event**

Saturday, September 27  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Vancouver Renaissance Hotel, Vancouver  
Friday and Saturday, November 21-22

- On Friday, registration & manufacturer exhibits will start at 6:00 p.m. End time expected 10 p.m.
- On Saturday, BC College of Pharmacists Breakfast Meeting at 7:30 a.m. with registration & manufacturer exhibits starting at 8:30 a.m. End time expected 3:30 p.m.

#### **Okanagan Chapter Event**

Date and time to be announced



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## **President's Message CSHP as an advocate for hospital pharmacists**

Greetings everyone! I hope that everyone had a great summer and was able to enjoy the surprisingly rain-free weather!

Over the summer, the BC Branch Council takes a break from our monthly meetings, but we continue to work actively behind the scenes. While our Continuing Education events are sited by our members as the most valuable member benefit, CSHP also has a role in advocating the value of hospital pharmacists to individuals and organizations outside our profession. The BC Branch is currently involved in 2 advocacy projects.

The first project involves the report by the Romanow Commission on Healthcare Reform ("Building on Values: The Future of Health Care in Canada"). Many of the innovations recommended in the report build on the documented expertise of hospital pharmacists in areas such as drug use management, interdisciplinary care, patient safety and pharmacist prescribing. At the advice of CSHP National, the BC Branch recently sent a follow-up letter indicating CSHP's support of the Report's recommendations to our provincial leaders including the Ministers of Health Services and Health Planning Services, the Regional Health Authorities and HSA. The letter also highlighted CSHP activities which promote and optimize patient care and would assist in building a high quality, sustainable, publicly administered health system (e.g. Professional Standards of Hospital Pharmacy Practice, Seamless Care Task Force, Information Paper on Pharmacist Prescribing). We indicated that CSHP and its members were willing to assist in implementing the reforms recommended in the Romanow Report.

The second advocacy project involves the BC Branch repeating the Hospital Pharmacist Shortage Survey. The first survey, conducted 3 years ago, documented that 10% of hospital pharmacists' positions were vacant. These results were disseminated to HSA and the provincial government and helped to ensure that hospital pharmacists were one of the paramedical professions who received a 'market adjustment' increase in addition to each general wage increase when the labour contracts were settled in 2001.

In a few weeks, a second survey will be mailed to the directors of the 76 hospital pharmacies in BC. The survey will allow us to quantify the current state of the pharmacist shortage, determine if the situation has changed in the past 3 years and identify what impact the pharmacist shortage has had on each pharmacy department. Once the 2003 survey results are tabulated, they will be distributed to interested parties including the provincial ministers of health, hospital administrators and HSA. It is our intention to use the survey results to ensure that hospital pharmacists are recognized as valued members of the healthcare system.

If anyone has any feedback or questions about CSHP's advocacy efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you at one of the CE events planned for September.

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**Vancouver Island Chapter Event  
September 27th, 2003  
Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC**

**Program**

- 0800-0845: **Registration/Reception**
- 0845-0945: **Antibiotic Update**  
Richard Bachand, Pharm.D., Capital Health Region
- 0945-1045: **Cardiovascular Update**  
Reg Smith, Pharm.D., Capital Health Region
- 1045-1100: Break
- 1100-1200: **The Role of Institutional Formularies in the 21st Century**  
Bob Nakagawa, B.Sc.(Pharm.), FCSHP  
Fraser Health Authority, Director of Pharmacy Services
- 1200-1300: Lunch
- 1300-1400: **Sepsis Update: New Strategies to Improve Survival**  
Richard Slavik, Pharm.D., Vancouver General Hospital
- 1400-1500: **Clinical Pharmacist as Information Manager: Accessing the Evidence Where and When You Need It**  
Peter Loewen, Pharm.D., UBC Hospital

**Fee**

- CSHP Member – Free  
Non-Member – \$50  
Limited Space – Members given priority (Maximum 25 people)

**Registration:**

Online at [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com).

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**Registration Deadline is September 19, 2003**



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## **2003 Clinical Symposium September 13, 2003 at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver**

### **Program**

8:00-8:30 am Registration

8:30-9:15 am **"Preventing Adverse Drug Interactions"**

Dr. Philip D. Hansten, Pharm.D., Professor of Pharmacy, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

9:15-10:00 am **"Advances in the Acute Management of Pulmonary Embolism"**

Dr. Peter J. Zed, B.Sc., B.Sc.(Pharm), Pharm.D., Pharmacotherapeutic Specialist - Emergency Medicine, VGH  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC  
Associate Member, Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, UBC

10:00-10:30 am Coffee & Posters

10:30-11:15 am **"Moving Ahead in Parkinson's Disease"**

Dr. Tania Mysak, B.S.P., Pharm.D., Pharmacotherapeutic Specialist - Neurosciences, VGH  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC

11:15-12:00 pm **"Update on the Management of Hypertension"**

Dr. Wendy Gordon, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Cardiac Services, Royal Columbian Hospital

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch & Posters

1:30-2:15 pm **"Immunizations for Children - Old Controversies and New Developments"**

Terri Betts, B.Sc.(Pharm) & Alison MacDonald, B.Sc.(Pharm)  
Clinical Pharmacists - Pediatrics & Cardiology, Children's & Women's Health Center of BC

2:15-3:15 pm Short Snappies

**"Research??!!! What the Clinician Should Consider"**

Dr. Glen Brown, Pharm.D., FCSHP, BCPS, Chief Paramedical, Pharmacy, Providence Healthcare

**"How to Get Started in Clinical Research"**

Dr. Rubina Sunderji, B.Sc.(Pharm), Pharm.D., FCSHP, Pharmacotherapeutic Specialist - Cardiology, VGH  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC

### **Fee**

CSHP Members registered in advance (by Sept 6)- \$20

CSHP Members at the door (after Sept 6) - \$30

CSHP Non-Members - \$100

CSHP student members/Residents - \$15

Pharmacy Student Non-Members - \$25

### **Registration**

1. Register online today at [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com) - easiest option!

2. E-mail: Please provide your name, organization, work phone number and e-mail address to Gabriel Loh at [gloh@providencehealth.bc.ca](mailto:gloh@providencehealth.bc.ca)



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## **Mentorship Program 2003 Call for Mentors**

This program is designed to increase student awareness of the many aspects of hospital pharmacy practice including the roles of the pharmacist, the pharmacy technician, the medication distribution system, clinical pharmacists, clinical researchers, and pharmacy administrators. This will be achieved by pairing up UBC pharmacy students with pharmacist mentors, who can schedule subsequent hospital visitations based on their own agenda. As part of the program, a job shadowing session is suggested where the student can be exposed to the daily activities of the mentor, who should be able to complete his or her scheduled activities while paired up with one or two student(s). The sessions will range from half a day to a week of contact over the year. Unique activities and goals are outlined with respect to the student's academic pharmacy year.

For this program to be successful, we need the help and support of hospital pharmacists who are willing to act as mentors to help promote our profession and hospital practice to the pharmacy students. We will need pharmacists who are involved in distribution services, clinical services, specialized clinical areas, administration, and other facets of hospital pharmacy practice.

If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more please visit <http://www.cshp-bc.com>. If you have further questions or concerns please email Douglas Kan, CSHP Mentorship Program Director at [cshp@capsuubc.com](mailto:cshp@capsuubc.com).

"Involvement in the mentorship program is subject to approval by the director of pharmacy and hospital administration."

## **Registration Deadline is September 30, 2003**

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## **BC Branch Membership**

The BC Branch is pleased to report we currently have over 260 members for the 2003/04 membership year! Winners of all the membership incentive prizes will be announced at the BC Branch AGM in November.

We hope you are taking advantage of the many benefits a CSHP membership has to offer:

- Discounted registration to **CE events**
- **Subscriptions** to CJHP, BC branch newsletter, Employment Opportunities Bulletin and the Medical Letter
- Discounts on additional **CSHP publications**
- Eligibility for National and Branch **awards**
- Eligibility for **research grants**
- Opportunity to participate in the BC Branch **Mentorship Program**
- Opportunity to participate in **Pharmacy Specialty Networks (PSNs)**
- **Discounts** on hotels and car rentals
- Optional liability insurance
- Optional group RRSP plan, auto insurance & home insurance

Student incentives

- New student members who join before October 15, 2003 are eligible to **win a Sony Clie PDA!**

New member incentives

- New Active members pay only 50% of the membership fee in 2003 and 75% in 2004.
- Or a new member may choose to take advantage of our pro-rated fees. Join after October 1<sup>st</sup> and pay only 75% of the membership fee.

Remember...encourage a new member to join CSHP and you'll be rewarded with a \$5 or \$10 coupon for CSHP events or publications!

Did you know that CSHP has published information papers and position statements on numerous topics, including pharmacist prescribing and the role of the pharmacy technician? And did you know that the Hospital Pharmacist Shortage Survey conducted by the BC Branch in 2000 was presented to HSA and HEABC to lobby for increased wages? For more information on CSHP's advocacy efforts, visit our website [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com) (click on "News"). You can also visit our National website at [www.cshp.ca](http://www.cshp.ca) (click on "Advocacy").

Need more information? Do you have questions about your membership? Are you interested in promoting the many benefits of CSHP to others? Please contact the Membership Chairperson, Denise Sprague.

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