

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



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The BC Branch presently has 370 members! We hope you continue to take advantage of the many CSHP benefits. CSHP now offers discounted Professional Liability insurance exclusive to members. Please visit http://www.cshp.ca/membership/affinity_e.asp for more information.

The new 2007/08 CSHP membership year starts July 1. To make sure you don't forget to renew, we will again be offering early renewal and registration prizes for 2007/08.

- Non-student membership registration - draw for \$400 CSHP educational funding
- Non-student membership renewal - draw for \$400 CSHP educational funding
- Student membership registration/renewal - draw for an iPod™

To be eligible for these incentives, non-students must register as a new CSHP member or renew their membership before **June 15, 2007**. Undergraduate students must register as a new CSHP member or renew their membership before **October 15, 2007**.

Remember that encouraging a new member to join will earn you a \$10 (\$5 for students) coupon to use for CSHP CE events or membership fees. New Active members are eligible to participate in the "New Member" program. New Active members pay only 50% of the membership fee in 2007 and 75% in 2008.

If you would like more information, please contact the CSHP BC Branch Membership Chairperson, Jennifer Kendrick at jkendrick@cw.bc.ca

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kendrick



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Message from the President

Summer is upon us and as the weather outside heats up so do the discussions about pharmacists' scope of practice and prescribing privileges. As many of you are probably aware, Alberta pharmacists have gained prescribing authority with legislation that came into effect April 1st of this year. Alberta pharmacists have three categories of prescribing privileges: (1) adapting a prescription (altering a dose, formulation or regimen; therapeutic substitution; renewing a prescription for continuity of care); (2) prescribing in a an emergency; and (3) initial access prescribing or managing ongoing therapy that is based on either (a) pharmacist's assessment at initial point of access, (b) recommendation of another authorized prescriber or (c) consultation with another health professional. All registered clinical pharmacists in Alberta are entitled to prescribe in category (1) or (2) situations. For category (3) prescribing, there is an additional certification process necessary. They will be launching a pilot project this summer to trial this category (3) certification process. The issue of pharmacist reimbursement for their assessment of the patient remains unresolved at this point.

I recently attended the panel discussion on Pharmacist Prescribing at the BCPhA convention in Kelowna. The message from the BC College of Pharmacists at this panel is that they will be working with the Alberta College of Pharmacists and learning from their experience as their new responsibilities and processes evolve. BC Branch of CSHP plans to continue working with regulatory and advocacy groups in BC to help promote the clinical practices of hospital pharmacists. Hospital pharmacists have long been called upon to advise patients and health care colleagues on appropriate therapy. We are ready to take on the additional responsibility and accountability of prescribing therapy for patients. We are in an excellent position to work collaboratively with physicians and other health care providers to improve patient health outcomes.

Another reason why this topic is heating up in BC is that pharmacists will be rolled under the new legislation of the Health Professions Act in the coming year. There is some apprehension as to how the language and definitions in both the Pharmacist and Nursing Regulations will impact the current practices of hospital pharmacists. There was a Joint Statement issued by the College of Registered Nurses of BC and the College of Pharmacists of BC in May 2006 that states pharmacists can continue to authorize therapeutic interchanges; and under a "delegation" process, pharmacists can monitor the effects of certain medication (eg. anticoagulants, antibiotics) and adjust doses to achieve the desired patient outcomes. BC Branch will be working with the two Colleges to ensure the message of delegated authority for programs involving pharmacist prescribing continues unchanged under the new legislation.

Over the next few months I will be meeting regularly with a group of Pharmacy Leaders from across the province to strategize on how to advance the scope of practice for hospital pharmacists in BC. I will also be participating in a task force group led by the BC College of Pharmacists to develop a Framework for Expanded Medication Management. I hope to see more hospital pharmacists engaged in the discussion and promotion of an expanded scope of practice over the next while as we change over to the Health Professions Act.

I also hope that everyone can find the time to sit and sip a nice cold beverage on a hot sunny day and take time with your family and friends on the beach or the water or the trail or wherever your adventures take you this summer! As always please don't hesitate to contact your Branch Council members with any feedback, concerns or suggestions.

Sue Corrigan, BScPharm, PharmD



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Programs Committee 2007 Continuing Education Events



Almost half way through 2007, and the Programs committee is excited to have completed two great educational events so far this year!

The Spring Therapeutics Update, held at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown on April 16th was well received by all in attendance. Dr's Aaron Tejani, Judith Marin and Susan Buchkowsky provided great updates on C.difficile associated diarrhea, erythropoietic agents in renal dysfunction and ASA primary prevention. It was a packed evening of education that was both practical and timely.

Residency Presentation night just wrapped up on May 23rd at the Arbutus Club in Vancouver. Congratulations to all 24 residents who did an excellent job on their poster presentations, and showcased great local research initiatives going on in BC hospital pharmacy residency programs. It was truly a testament to the hard work and dedication to pharmacy practice for all involved.

To round out the year, we have two more exciting educational events to come!

Clinical Symposium, Italian Cultural Center, Vancouver, BC Wednesday, September 26th, 2007

Change is always needed, and this year we are trying something new for our fall program. Rather than a full day event, Clinical Symposium has been converted to a dinner event – hosting three topics from diverse practice areas. We are excited to be holding the event at the Italian Cultural Center on Lougheed Highway – great food, ample free parking and close skytrain access. More information will be sent out as the date draws closer.

2007 Annual General Meeting, Morris J Wosk Center for Dialogue–Vancouver, BC www.sfu.ca/dialogue

November 23-24, 2007

Our largest event of the year – a full evening and day of educational events, satellite symposium, manufacturer exhibits, mentoring/networking opportunities and the CSHP BC branch AGM. We are pleased this year to welcome back the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia and BCPhA, who are holding their AGM's in conjunction with CSHP.

As always, if you have suggestions on speakers, topics or ideas on how to improve these events or provide more fundraising support, our inboxes are always open. Feel free to email me at Erica.Greanya@vch.ca with your comments. Or for the most up to date information on our programs, visit our website at <http://www.cshp-bc.com/events/index.html>

Our events wouldn't be possible without the continued support of our sponsors. A huge thank you to those who have contributed to date in our 2007 fiscal year. Look for the most up to date sponsorship information on our website (<http://www.cshp-bc.com/sponsors.htm>). Major benefactors have their corporate logo displayed on the CSHP website with a direct link to their company site.



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Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and we look forward to learning with you!

Sincerely,

Erica D. Greanya, PharmD
Programs Committee Chairperson

Susan Buchkowsky, PharmD
Fundraising Chairperson

The Medical Letter Follow-up

In our previous newsletter we announced that we were re-considering our electronic subscription to the Medical Letter and we asked for feedback from you, the members. We also made announcements at both the Spring Therapeutics Update and the Fraser Valley Chapter event asking for membership feedback. We received feedback from a handful of members. One member said they used the resource; two members said they scanned the electronic table of contents; another suggested that perhaps people did not know how to use it and one who wanted the money redirected to the CSHP Chapters to put on educational events instead.

The cost of our annual license is \$4700 USD. This issue was discussed at our BC Branch council meeting in May and **we voted to let our subscription expire on June 30, 2007**. We will be holding a Finance Subcommittee meeting in June to determine how best to utilize this money for our membership benefit. More information will follow in our next newsletter. As always we welcome any feedback or suggestions from our membership for ways to achieve maximal benefit with our limited resources.

Submitted by,

Vincent Mabasa
Treasurer

Sue Corrigan
Branch President



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CSHP-BC Branch Awards Update



This year we received 56 applications for the Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada (PPC) Continuing Education Travel award. This award includes four cash prizes of \$500 each, which can be used toward travel expenses associated with an educational event (including hotel, registration and taxi). All travel must be completed by the end of February 2008 and be used toward a CSHP educational event.

The following are winners of the PPC Continuing Education Travel Award from a random draw done on June 1st, 2007:

Elaine Chong
Vincent Mabasa
Jing-Yi Ng
Amanda Shea

Congratulations to the above winners!

All members are reminded to visit the CSHP-BC Branch web site on a regular basis and apply for any awards they may be eligible for.

Dr. Anisha Lakhani
Awards Committee Chairperson
CSHP-BC Branch
Congratulations to all of last year's award winners!



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	Annual General Meeting 2006	Spring Therapeutics Update April 2007	Residency Presentation Night May 23 2007
REVENUES			
Program Registration	7,015.00	220.00	390.00
Pharmaceutical Companies	12,150.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>19,165.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>	<u>390.00</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Program Costs (Venue)	13,108.19	4,776.03	4,305.88
Program Costs (Honorium)	1,450.00	400.00	0.00
Program Costs (Other)	2,502.74	200.00	200.00
Prizes	1,327.85		
Awards	4,791.25		
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>23,180.03</u>	<u>5,376.03</u>	<u>4,505.88</u>

Submitted by Vincent Mabasa
Treasurer

