

# Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch

## NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2009



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### June is Membership Renewal Month!

It is time to renew your CSHP Membership! The new membership year begins on July 1, 2009.

Please continue to support CSHP, which provides a voice for hospital pharmacists across Canada. In addition to a strong advocacy program, CSHP membership confers other useful benefits, including reduced admission rates to continuing education events, premiums on professional liability insurance, and eligibility to our awards program.

Membership discounts apply to new members (first 2 years), undergraduate and postgraduate students, retirees, those on a leave of absence, and to CSHP members who reside at the same address.

To renew, please fax or mail the renewal form, found in the recent mail-out and online at [www.cshp.ca/](http://www.cshp.ca/). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great summer,  
Beth Crossman  
Membership Chairperson, CSHP-BC Branch



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### **Presidents Message**

Hope everyone is enjoying the longer days, sunshine, and relaxed(?) pace of summertime! Summer always feels like a time to celebrate life and have some fun.

Congratulations to our 27 BC Hospital Pharmacy Residents for successfully completing their residencies and for giving great presentations at the Residency Presentation Night (RPN) in May. The caliber of the projects and presentations was excellent and reflected the diverse interests and involvement of pharmacists in research and patient care initiatives around the province. Many thanks to the Co-Chief Residents Robin Cho and Vanessa Paquette for their contributions to the CSHP BC Branch Council, and for their hard work in organizing the presentations for RPN.

Congratulations also to our student and PharmD student members who have graduated and to the 2009/2010 Pharmacy Residents who are just beginning their programs. On behalf of the CSHP BC Branch, I wish you all the best and great success as you enter the next phase of your career as pharmacists.

Over the past winter and spring months, CSHP BC Branch Council has been involved in several initiatives, including:

- BC College of Pharmacists Pharmacy Technician Regulation Task Force
- BC College of Pharmacists PDAP Evaluation Steering Committee
- Revamping the BC Branch Awards submission processes (many thanks to Maggie Chui, Awards Chair)
- Continuing our tradition of excellent educational events with successful
  - Spring Therapeutics Update and Residency Presentation Nights (many thanks to Gabriel Loh and the Program Committee for their hard work)
  - Northern, Interior and Fraser Valley Chapters Educational Events (Congratulations to our Chapter Chairs Dana Cole, Victoria Slavik, and Amber Uhrich, respectively; Excellent work!)

Your CSHP BC Branch continues to work with regulatory and advocacy groups in BC to help promote hospital pharmacy practice. Please let us know if there are issues you would like the BC Branch Council to take on and/or if you would like to get involved. We're always looking for volunteers for awards committee, advocacy initiatives, etc...

I'm pleased to inform you, that thanks to the hard work of Zahra Kanji, BC Branch Communications Officer, we will be launching our new and improved (and most importantly up to date!) website. Look out for an email advising you of the launch and be sure to check it out at [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com). We would love to hear any comments you have!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the Clinical Symposium in September!

Best regards,  
Roxane Carr, PharmD BCPS  
President, Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists-BC Branch  
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### **Mentorship Program 2009-2010 Call for Mentors**

Another academic year is over! With 52 student members and over 25 registered mentors last year, thanks to you, the mentorship program was a huge success! The success of the program has encouraged even more students to participate next year.

One of the main benefits of a student membership is the Mentorship program. This program is designed to increase student awareness about hospital pharmacy. This includes the many roles of the clinical pharmacist, the pharmacy technician, the medication distribution system, clinical researchers, and pharmacy administrators. This is achieved by pairing UBC pharmacy students with pharmacist mentors who together arrange subsequent hospital visitations based on their mutually agreed upon schedules. As part of the program, students are given the opportunity to shadow their mentor to gain a better understanding of the daily activities of the mentor. The scheduled sessions typically range from half a day to a week of contact over the course of the year (depending on the learning objectives of the student and the availability of the mentor). Suggested activities and goals are outlined with respect to the student's academic pharmacy year.

Growing student interest in hospital pharmacy, together with an influx of students in September, necessitate new mentors. With your help and support, we can continue to grow our mentorship program and make it better than it has ever been before. Your assistance will not only help our future pharmacists, but will also help to promote hospital pharmacy within the student body.

If you are a hospital pharmacist and are willing to act as a mentor, we need you! We welcome pharmacists who are involved in distribution services, clinical services, specialized clinical areas, drug utilization evaluation, administration, and other facets of hospital pharmacy. If you are interested in participating, or would like to learn more about the program, please visit the BC Branch webpage at <http://www.cshp-bc.com> or email [cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com).

**Note: If you were a mentor last year and are interested in continuing with us next year, please re-register.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Natasha Rajan  
B.Sc. (Pharm.) 2010 Candidate – UBC  
Senior Student Membership Coordinator, CSHP– BC Branch

Laura Carney  
B.Sc (Pharm.) 2009 Candidate – UBC  
Junior Student Membership Coordinator, CSHP- BC Branch



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### **Programs Update**

Members of our Programs Committee successfully organized two continuing education branch events in the first half of 2009.

Spring Therapeutics Update was held again this year at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and there was an excellent turnout from our membership. We were privileged to have Dr. Denise Sprague present on alternatives to vancomycin, to have Mr. Rob Gair discuss updates in toxicology with a focus on antidotes, and to have Dr. Rochelle Gellatly evaluate the role of the new anticoagulants rivaroxaban and dabigatran.

Residency Presentation Night took place on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Chan Auditorium located at Children's and Women's Hospital of BC in Vancouver. Congratulations to each of the 27 hospital pharmacy residents who performed so well under pressure and who successfully presented their residency projects. Thank you also to the many attendees who came out to support the residents!

The Programs Committee is excited to offer you two more continuing education events in the fall of 2008.

### **Clinical Symposium, Italian Cultural Center, Vancouver, BC Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

Due to popular demand, we will be returning to the Italian Cultural Center in Vancouver for Clinical Symposium with an exciting line-up of featured speakers. Dr. Harjinder Parwana will be providing a timely update on hypertension management, Dr. Karen Dahri will be evaluating the latest COPD guidelines, and Dr. Marianna Leung will be providing a primer on peritoneal dialysis and its implications for pharmacists.

### **2009 Annual General Meeting, Morris J Wosk Center for Dialogue, Vancouver, BC November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

Mark your calendars! Please join us for our AGM – a conference complete with invigorating educational sessions, satellite symposia, manufacturer exhibits, networking and learning opportunities, and of course, our CSHP BC Branch business meeting. We are pleased to share the beautiful Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue again with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia and the BC Pharmacy Association who will be holding their respective AGMs in the afternoon of November 21<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for more details in the fall.

We welcome your feedback! If you have any suggestions for us in terms of desired speakers or topics, please e-mail me at [Gabriel.Loh@vch.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Loh@vch.ca) with your ideas.

Sincerely,

Gabriel W Loh  
Programs Committee Chairperson



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### **Fundraising Update**

We have had two exciting events this year, the Spring Therapeutics Update in April, as well as Residency Presentation Night in May. I would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions for this 2009 year, which have allowed these events to take place:

#### **Major Benefactors (\$3500 or more)**

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We are still accepting sponsorship for this year. Please email Chelsea at [Chelsea.Argent@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:Chelsea.Argent@fraserhealth.ca) for any additional information about fundraising opportunities. We still have two more events this year, one being our biggest event, The Annual General Meeting in November. I would like to thank those corporate sponsors that have already donated for 2009 with contributions secured by June 19, 2009. A list of current sponsors will be updated for each newsletter and on our website. Major benefactors have their logo displayed and a direct link to their website from the CSHP BC Branch website.

For more fundraising information, or if anyone has fundraising ideas, please email me. I hope everyone has a lovely summer ahead!

Chelsea Argent  
Fundraising Chairperson



### **Awards News**

I am pleased to announce that **Jennifer Kendrick** is the winner of the BC Branch Doctor of Pharmacy Award this year. This award is given to a second year Pharm.D. student at the University of British Columbia with the highest academic standing in Pharmacy 501. Congratulations Jennifer!

To recognize the outstanding contributions of our members, we are seeking nominations for the following CSHP BC Branch Awards:

- **Distinguished Service award**
- **Publication awards**
- **Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award**
- **Pharmacy Practice Residency Award**
- **Mentorship Award**
- **Meritorious Service Award**

The nomination deadline for these awards is **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please check the BC CSHP website for nomination forms and further details on eligibility and selection criteria.

We are continually looking for new members to join our Awards Committee. It is a fun, easy and exciting way to get involved with BC CSHP! We want to hear inputs from our members for all over BC so I encourage all of you to join! If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail [bccshpaward@gmail.com](mailto:bccshpaward@gmail.com)

I hope everyone has a relaxing summer and see you all in the fall!

Maggie Chui  
Awards Committee Chairperson

### **National Advocacy Committee – Patient Safety Campaign Launched June 2009!**

CSHP's Advocacy Committee has developed a campaign to increase awareness of the role of hospital pharmacists in patient safety. In the last decade, the importance of medication safety has been elevated through multiple publications, patient advocacy organizations and recently by the development of new medication management standards by Accreditation Canada. In this, pharmacists play a critical part.

This campaign is to:

- To increase awareness of patient safety and the role of the hospital pharmacist in a multidisciplinary team, and
- To increase awareness of the role of hospital pharmacists as leaders in patient safety, responsible for implementing the required operational practices and complying with the medication man-

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agement standards of Accreditation Canada.

In this campaign, we are targeting stakeholders – from bureaucrats and hospital chief executive officers to health associations and deans of pharmacy - to highlight the evidence supporting the pharmacist role in patient safety. For more information, see our letter and background papers on the CSHP website ([http://www.cshp.ca/advocacy/campaigns/patSafety\\_e.asp](http://www.cshp.ca/advocacy/campaigns/patSafety_e.asp) )!

Caitlin Olatunbosun  
Advocacy Rep

### **Chief Residents Update**

On behalf of the BC residents of 2008-2009, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us during the program. We greatly appreciated the contributions of those who helped make this a successful year.

The CSHP Residency Poster Presentation Night was a great event which showcased one component of the residents' hard work during the year. The night had an amazing turnout and was a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who came out to support us and congratulations to all the residents on their outstanding achievements.

We are now finishing up our final rotations and getting ready to start our careers as clinical pharmacists. A big high-five to all of the outgoing residents and good luck to the incoming residents of 2009-2010!

Robin Cho and Vanessa Paquette  
Chief Residents

