

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2007

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Message from the President

I always enjoy this time of year as the gray days of winter are behind us, spring is near and the days are getting longer. It makes me think of all the promise of the year ahead.

We have had a significant turnover with many new faces and fresh enthusiasm on our BC Branch executive council. Our new volunteer members include:

Adil Virani – President-Elect
Vincent Mabasa – Treasurer
Eva Cho – Secretary
Erica Greanya – Programs Chairperson
Susan Buchkowsky – Fundraising Chairperson
Anisha Lakhani – Awards Chairperson
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James Kim – College of BC Pharmacists representative
Claire Fowkes – Chief Resident
Fiona Huang – CAPSI representative
Jennifer Day – Junior Student Membership Coordinator
Janice Munroe – National Delegate (her term officially begins in Aug 2007 at the AGM)



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Our returning members whose knowledge and perspective on BC Branch issues are invaluable include: Anita Lo as Past President, Jennifer Kendrick as Membership Chairperson, Sharon Clark as National Delegate, and Framin Mark as Senior Student Membership Coordinator. I certainly look forward to working with this great group of volunteers over this next year. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact a member of council via our website: www.cshp-bc.com

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We have had a busy few months at council since our AGM in late November. In December, we had a short presentation by Mr. Marshall Moleschi and Mr. James Nesbitt from the College of Pharmacists of BC outlining the interest of the College in partnering with CSHP, the Faculty of Pharmacy at UBC and the BCPHA in order to 'Communicate the value of pharmacists and the services they provide to the public, government, health care professionals and registrants' as part of their strategic plan.

A CSHP Finance Subcommittee was formed to develop a budget for this year. We are committed to maintaining high quality educational events and services for our members while being financially responsible.

We also submitted a letter of CSHP's response to the proposed Pharmacists Regulation under the new Health Professions Act to the Ministry of Health (as attached). Dawn Dalen, our BC Branch representative on the CSHP National Advocacy Committee was instrumental in bringing this 'quiet deadline' to our attention and connecting us with the resources at CSHP National to help us meet this tight deadline. Thank-you Dawn!

I am looking forward to another year of fantastic educational events under the fearless leadership of our Programs' Chairperson Erica and our Fundraising Chairperson Susan. I look forward to meeting and talking with members at these events. Hope to see you soon!!

Sincerely,

Sue Corrigan
President
CSHP BC Branch



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Delegate's Report - Spring 2007

The National Midterm Council Meeting (MCM) was held in snowy Ottawa over three days in February. A significant portion of the meeting time was spent on the 2010 Strategic plan and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins in May 2007.

2010 Strategic Plan

At last year's National AGM, Council members and the Branch Presidents brainstormed the major elements of CSHP's 2007-2010 Strategic Plan. Since then, the Branches reviewed the draft Mission, Vision and outline and gave their unanimous support to the direction outlined in the plan. The Strategic Planning Committee has been working on the objectives to achieve the major strategic goals of the plan.

At the Midterm Council Meeting, Council approved the Mission, Vision and Strategic Goals as follows:

CSHP 2010 Mission

CSHP is the national voice of pharmacists committed to advancement of safe, effective medication use and patient-care in hospitals and related health-care settings

CSHP 2010 Vision

A dynamic Society
The influential voice of hospital pharmacy
Inspiring practice excellence
Fostering leadership and professional growth

CSHP 2010 Strategic Goals

CSHP will advocate on behalf of hospital pharmacists in a timely manner
CSHP will ensure organizational sustainability and effectiveness
CSHP will improve member and membership services
CSHP will advance practice excellence through CSHP 2015

This is a bold plan and CSHP resources will be added to support members through advocacy, education, support for the Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy and the new CSHP 2015 initiative. There will much more information about individual elements of the strategic plan over the next months.

2007-2008 Budget

Council had a lengthy discussion about CSHP finances and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. For the past several years, CSHP has had a surplus of funds over budget at the end of the fiscal year and the surplus funds were moved into CSHP's reserve fund. The reserve fund acts as insurance so that, in the unlikely event of an operating "crisis", CSHP could continue to operate until the crisis was resolved. It has been determined that the reserve fund should be approximately 6-8 months of the annual operating budget.

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With the size of the reserve fund resolved, Council turned to the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. If all of the funding requests inherent in the Strategic Plan and the CJHP strategic plan were included in the budget, we would have had a budget with a massive deficit. Council went to work on reviewing each funding request and had to make tough decisions about what projects or items to scale back or defer. In the end, a budget with a \$74K deficit was approved. Before approving a deficit budget, Council considered the facts that the revenue projections are always estimated conservatively and that there have been several years with an excess of funds over budget at the end of the fiscal year. This year's budget had a deficit and we anticipate finishing the year with a small surplus.

Other News

BC Branch will be hosting a member of the National Executive in the fall of 2007. The exact dates of the visit have not yet been confirmed but will likely coincide with our Branch AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark
BC Delegate



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Programs Committee CSHP-BC Branch Spring Newsletter Update 2007 Continuing Education Events

The start of 2007 marks the start of a new Programs Committee to coordinate and provide quality educational events to the hospital pharmacists of British Columbia. This year's committee is 23 members strong with representation from diverse hospital practices and sites. We are in great shape in the initial planning stages of our educational events for this year, and the committee is charged and ready to continue in the CSHP-BC tradition of providing high quality, unbiased and evidence-based education sessions.

Our first event this year will be Spring Therapeutics Update 2007, which will be held on Monday, April 16th at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown from 5:30 to 9:30pm. This year's program is packed with exceptional speakers: Dr. Susan Buchkowsky will be discussing an evidence based approach to the use of ASA in primary prevention, Dr. Aaron Tejani is slated to review the prevention and treatment of Clostridium Difficile-associated diarrhea, and Dr. Judith Marin will be reviewing the most up-to-date literature and recommendations on the treatment of anemia in renal dysfunction.

A tentative schedule of other events this year include:

Thursday May 24, 2007; Residency Presentation Night, Chan Centre Auditorium, BC Women's and Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC

An academic evening showcasing the research efforts of this year's BC Hospital Pharmacy Residents in both podium and poster presentations.

Mid-September 2007; Clinical Symposium (Date & Location TBA)

An update on clinical topics and controversies for hospital pharmacy practice. A great event for networking and education on current facets of medication management.

November 2007 (Finalized Date TBA); Annual General Meeting, Marriott Pinnacle, Vancouver, BC

Our largest event of the year! Filled with education sessions, satellite symposia, manufacturers displays and the CSHP business meeting.

In order to provide you with these quality events, the programs committee is continuously searching for dynamic speakers and dedicated members. Any suggestions for topics of interest or speakers, or if you would like to become involved with the committee, feel free to contact me directly at 604-785-4111 ext. 68726 or by email at Erica.Greanya@vch.ca.

Look forward to seeing you at this year's events!

Erica D. Greanya, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD
Programs Committee Chairperson
CSHP-BC Branch



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Upcoming Programs

Plan on attending the **Spring Therapeutics Update!!**

Date: Monday, April 16th, 2007

Location: Hilton Vancouver Metrotown: "Ballrooms 1&2"
(6083 MaKay Ave, Bby, BC, 604-438-1200)

PROGRAM

5:45-6:30 pm Registration and Hors d'oeuvres

6:30-6:45 pm Message from Council

Sue Corrigan, President, CSHP BC Branch
Jennifer Kendrick, Membership Chairperson, CSHP BC Branch

6:45-7:30 pm "The Scoop on Poop: Therapeutic considerations for C. difficile-associated diarrhoea"

Aaron Tejani, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, ACPR
Fraser Health Pharmacy Services

7:30-7:45 pm Coffee and Dessert

7:45-8:30 pm "Anemia management in chronic kidney disease: Recent evidence versus clinical guidelines"

Judith G. Marin, BPharm, M.Sc, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacotherapeutic Specialist
Fraser Health Authority Renal Program

8:30-9:15 pm "ASA for primary prevention: good for all or not at all"

Susan Buchkowsky, BSc, BSc(Pharm), ACPR, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Medicine
Peace Arch Hospital, Fraser Health Authority

FEES:

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| CSHP Members in advance (by April 9 th): | FREE |
| CSHP Members at the door (after April 9 th): | \$10 |
| CSHP Non-Members: | \$30 |
| Pharmacy Technicians: | \$15 |

Complimentary 3 hr parking will be available off of Kingsborough Ave, under the Crystal Mall in all zones with the exception of the Blue and Red zones

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Directly through the CSHP BC Branch WEBSITE at <http://www.cshp-bc.com/>
- 2) E-MAIL to Rita Lung at rlung@providencehealth.bc.ca
- 3) FAX to Rita Lung at (604) 806-8154
- 4) MAIL a completed registration form with **cheques payable to "CSHP BC Branch"** to Rita Lung at Pharmacy Department, SPH, 1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1Y6



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Upcoming Programs

Plan on attending the **BC Fraser Valley Chapter Evening Education Event!!**

Date: THURSDAY – APRIL 19, 2007

Location: Northview Golf & Country Club - Stewart Room
6857 – 168th Street – Surrey, BC

PROGRAM

5:30-6:00 pm Registration and Hors d'oeuvres

6:00-6:45 pm **"When Faith Becomes Blind it Dies": Some systematic reviews that may change your practice**

Dr. Aaron Tejani, BSc(Pharm), Pharm D
Drug Information and Clinical Research Coordinator
Fraser Health Pharmacy Services

6:45-7:15pm

7:15-7:45pm

Dinner

"Fact or Fiction" Use of Pharmanet in the Emergency Department of a Community Hospital

Dr. Susan Buchkowsky, BSc(Pharm), ACPR, Pharm D
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Emergency Medicine
Peace Arch Hospital, Fraser Health Authority

7:45-8:30

"Old Drugs for New Bugs"; CA-MRSA: What's new in the treatment of soft tissue and skin infections

Dr. Kristopher Wiebe MD, CCFP (EM)
Emergency Medicine Physician
Chilliwack General Hospital, Fraser Health Authority

8:30-9:15

"Controlling Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose in Type 2 Diabetes – recent data on this "sticky" situation"

Dr. James McCormack, BSc(Pharm), Pharm D
Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of British Columbia

Maximum capacity: 35 people – don't be disappointed register now!

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| CSHP Non-Members: | \$50 |
| Student Non-CSHP Members: | \$30 |

Register by E-MAIL to : amber.uhrich@fraserhealth.ca

Alternatively: Fax or mail this form to Amber Uhrich, Pharmacy Department, Chilliwack General Hospital, 45600 Menholm Rd. Chilliwack BC V2P 1P7
Fax: 604-795-4135

If payment is required, please make cheque payable to CSHP-BC Branch and MAIL to the above address



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The Medical Letter Update

BC Branch currently subscribes to the electronic version of The Medical Letter as part of your membership benefits.

Please visit <http://medicalletter.org/institutions/CSHP-BC> to access the website. User name is **csHP2006** and password is **csHP2006**

What is included in this online product?

The Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics – searchable database with data from 1988 through the present. Updated biweekly

Treatment Guidelines from The Medical Letter – searchable database with data from the September 2002 through the present. Updated monthly

Adverse Drug Interactions Program – an evidence-based, propriety database of adverse drug reactions. Searches for interaction between 2 and up to 12 drugs; also includes management recommendations and references that are hyperlinked to the original literature. Updated regularly.

Drugs of Choice and Handbook of Antimicrobial Therapy – These electronic handbooks contain articles that list the drugs of choice, as well as possible alternatives, for treatment of frequently encountered illnesses, such as arthritis, asthma and hypertension, and infectious diseases. Much of the information is presented in easy-to-read charts and tables.

Patient Education Brochures – Educate Your Patients

Provide your patients with a summary of the treatment options for their condition to eliminate confusion.

Cost for a 1-year license renewal is \$4,700 US which is approximately 9% of our annual operations budget.

In an effort to be financially responsible with our spending we requested a report from the webmaster of this program to determine if our members are using the service. The report we received suggests fairly low usage (see below). We want to remind you about this benefit and encourage you to visit the site if you see it as a useful resource. If you don't find it useful we also want to hear your feedback. Please contact us by visiting our website www.csHP-bc.com. We will continue to monitor usage and look forward to hearing your feedback as we may want to consider other options for membership services with our money.

Sue Corrigan
President
CSHP BC Branch

Vincent Mabasa
Treasurer
CSHP BC Branch



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Fundraising Update

I would like to start out by thanking the following sponsors for their support for 2006. It's the sponsors' support that allowed for such a successful 2006 for CSHP BC Branch!

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The search for sponsorship has begun again for 2007! I would like to thank those corporate sponsors that have already donated for 2007 with contributions secured by the beginning of March. With these contributions already in place, we can be assured that this year is shaping up to be a good one! Look for an update of sponsors in our next newsletter and on our website. Major benefactors have their logo displayed and a direct link to their website from the CSHP BC Branch website. CSHP BC Branch website.

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Anyone who has fundraising ideas or would like to help out, please contact me at susan.buchkowsky@fraserhealth.ca

Susan Buchkowsky, BSc, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD
Fundraising Chairperson



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CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcements

It is with pleasure that the CSHP-BC Branch Awards Committee announces the winner of the following award:

CSHP Future Professional Student Award – Nicole Bruchet

The CSHP Future Professional Student Award is awarded annually to one student from each of the Western Branch's Faculties of Pharmacy who displays professionalism and is seen as a future leader in the profession of pharmacy. The winner of the award must be a student member of CSHP-BC Branch who demonstrates commitment to the promotion and development of the professional of pharmacy. Selection is based on participation in professional and/or student organizations, the ability to create and implement new programs or student initiatives, and professional service to the community.

The winner of this award will receive:

Complimentary registration to the CSHP Western Branches Banff seminar in March 2007
\$500 to offset expenses associated with attending the Banff Seminar
A plaque to commemorate her achievement – presented at the Banff Seminar
Her name will be engraved on a permanent plaque kept at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia

Congratulations Nicole!

CSHP-BC Branch Award Winners 2006

Past President Award

Anita Lo

Distinguished Service Award

Not contested

Pharm.D. Award

Gabriel Loh

Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award

Nicole Bruchet

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Pharmacy Practice Residency award:

Matthew Wiens, resident at Vancouver General Hospital, for his project titled "Adequacy of antidote stocking in British Columbia Hospitals: the 2005 antidote stocking study."

Eva Cho, resident at Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia, for her project titled "Prolactin level monitoring in pediatric cystic fibrosis patients receiving domperidone."

Pharmacy Practice Award (Best Poster Presentation at Clinical Symposium)

Dr. Anne Nguyen for her poster titled "An assessment of academic detailing on heart failure using a prospective randomized design in North Vancouver".

Publication Awards

Review Article:

Dr. Carlo Marra and his co-authors Drs. Charlie Wang, Hin Hin Ko, Eric Yoshida, and Kathryn Richardson for their article entitled "Interferon-based combination anti-viral therapy for hepatitis C virus after liver transplantation: a review and quantitative analysis" and published in the American Journal of Transplantation.

Original research:

Dr. Mary Ensom and Dr. Nilu Partovi and their coauthors Drs. Lillian Ting, Robert Levy, and Wayne Riggs, for their article, "Limited sampling strategy for predicting area under the concentration-time curve of mycophenolic acid in adult lung transplant recipients" published in the journal Pharamcotherapy.

Maria Machado Award

Kelowna General Hospital Pharmacy department for an education program implemented entitled, "The importance of up to date patient medication cards in the emergency department: a patient education program"

Pharmacy Awareness Week Award

Ridge Meadows Hospital

BC Branch Participation Award

Large Hospital – UBC Hospital

Small Hospital – Ridge Meadows Hospital

Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada (PPC) Continuing Education Travel Grant

Winnie Chan

Anita Lo

Dawn Dalen

Sue Corrigan

Anisha Lakhani, BScPharm, PharmD

Awards Chairperson



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Lynn Trottier Memorial Geriatrics Award (UBC)

Lynn Trottier (1951 – 2006)

Lynn graduated from UBC's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1974 with the Horner Gold Medal for top student in the pharmacy graduating class, and the Edith Jacob Buckshon Award for the highest standing in clinical pharmacy courses.

After completing her hospital residency, Lynn further developed her expertise especially in the areas of pharmacotherapy in the geriatric population and ophthalmics. She practiced clinical pharmacy for 30 years and joined UBC Hospital in 1981.

Lynn's instructional role with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences began in 1977, and she served in several capacities including Clinical Instructor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Drug Information Pharmacist for the Seniors Medication Information Line.

Friends and colleagues know that Lynn brought a passion to everything she did – that “she was an absolute joy to work with and had a very positive impact on the quality of continuing pharmacy education offerings throughout the province”. Lynn will be remembered for her many wonderful qualities, including her professionalism, genuine concern for others, her beautiful smile, enthusiasm, and laughter.

An award has been established at UBC in Lynn's name to create a lasting legacy and benefit the students she loved so much. If you wish to contribute to the Lynn Trottier Memorial Geriatrics Award, please contact Mandy Trickett at 604-822-1328 or mtrickett@interchange.ubc.ca



Mr. Daryl Beckett
Director, Professional Regulation
Ministry of Health
Legislation and Professional Regulation
5-2, 1515 Blanshard Street
Victoria BC V8W 3C8

February 19, 2007

RE: Pharmacists Regulation for the Health Professions Act

Dear Mr. Beckett,

Recently, the British Columbia (BC) Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) had the opportunity to review the proposed Pharmacists Regulation for the Health Professions Act. Please accept and consider the following summary of our feedback.

Based on our review, we, as advocates of both the profession of pharmacy and the patients of British Columbia, strongly urge you to **consider a six-month extension of the February 21, 2007 deadline** for review of the Pharmacists Regulation. This extension will enable further consideration and the stakeholder consultation critical to the resolution of the significant outstanding issues addressed below.

1) Prohibiting delegated prescribing authority limits patients' access to safe and appropriate medication therapy

We believe the Pharmacists Regulation in its current form would compromise both hospital patient safety and timely access to treatment.

CSHP advocates the role of pharmacists as capable prescribers and supports delegated prescribing authority to help improve patient health outcomes and increase the successful and efficient delivery of pharmaceutical care.

Hospital pharmacists currently practice with approved delegated prescribing authority granted by Medical Advisory Committees in situations including but not limited to the following:

- Prescribing and monitoring certain antibiotic therapies that require specialized pharmacokinetic assessments (Gentamicin, Tobramycin, Amikacin and Vancomycin); this includes ordering of applicable laboratory tests
- Adjustment of medication doses based on patients' renal function
- Prescribing and monitoring anticoagulation therapy such as warfarin and low molecular weight heparins; this also includes ordering laboratory tests
- Assessing and prescribing oral step-down therapy for intravenous antibiotics when medically appropriate

If delegated prescribing authority is prohibited within the proposed Health Professions Act, then delays in access to treatment for patients will occur if pharmacists or nurses have to contact a physician for each order adjustment. Restricting this authority also undermines the pharmacist's role as a drug expert and, we believe, inhibits the optimal functioning of the healthcare team.

In the proposed Health Professions Act under Part 4.1 Reserved Actions, Section 50.3 Delegation of Reserved Actions, it is unclear how such delegated prescribing activities described above are permitted. This collaborative and delegated prescribing practice by pharmacists is a widely prevalent and accepted practice throughout BC hospitals. It allows for greater application of a pharmacists' specialized training in the assessment and monitoring of drug therapy for achievement of better patient outcomes.

2) Collaborative and delegated prescribing is missing from the definition of the “health profession of pharmacy”

In the proposed Pharmacists Regulation, the definition of the “health profession of pharmacy” is lacking the specific service of “assessment of patients” for identifying drug-related problems. We also believe that in recommending courses of action to prevent or resolve those problems, pharmacists engage in “collaborative and delegated prescribing” which is absent from this definition. We suggest these omissions be addressed by either

- (a) adding a section similar to the Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioners Regulation that has Reserved Actions for certified practices; or
- (b) identifying Reserved Actions that pharmacists can do independently upon a physician's order.

Hospital pharmacists have shown they are very capable of assuming additional patient-related responsibilities, such as an increased role in prescribing drug therapies. A recent report by CSHP showed that a broad range of pharmacist-managed or collaborative drug therapy programs exist in Canadian hospitals. Collaborative practice models utilizing pharmacists in a prescribing capacity have been shown to result in improved outcomes and better patient care. As an example, there is extensive evidence in Canada and the U.S. that pharmacist-managed anticoagulant programs result in fewer adverse events and improved patient outcomes.

3) Nursing regulations restrict pharmacists’ ability to write orders

We are also concerned about the impact the Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioners Regulation will have on the ability of nurses to follow orders or ‘prescriptions’ written by pharmacists in hospital settings. In their regulation, a “health professional” is defined as dentists, medical physicians, midwives, podiatrists or nurse practitioners; and “pharmacists” are defined separately. However Section 9.2.b(i) indicates that a nurse may carry out an order given by a “health professional” which therefore excludes the ability of a nurse to carry out an order or prescription given by a pharmacist. This restriction will once again result in delays in timely access to treatment for patients and may compromise patient safety.

4) Potential loss of BC pharmacists as a result of restrictions imposed by these regulations

We are concerned about the significant impact of these proposed regulations on the practice of pharmacists in the province of BC. There has been an ongoing shortage of qualified, residency-trained pharmacists in BC and we fear that further restrictions on our ability to provide optimal pharmaceutical care to patients may result in pharmacists leaving our province to practice elsewhere, such as Alberta, where legislation allows for better application of our specialized skills and medication knowledge in caring for patients.

Ongoing staff shortages have grave implications for patient safety, placing additional pressure and strain on a health system that is already trying to cope with increased patient loads and acuity. In 2001/2002, 60% of respondents to a hospital pharmacy survey noted that services had been cut due to the staff shortages. Of those, 80% indicated that direct patient care or clinical services had been curtailed.

Working alongside physicians, nurses and other health care professionals, hospital pharmacists have demonstrated the significant contributions they can make to patient care, and progressively proven the value of their unique expertise. In order to continue to advance the practice of pharmacy in British Columbia, and help ensure increasingly positive patient outcomes, we believe the above concerns and suggestions merit further discussion.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our feedback with you and look forward to continuing to work together to deliver a strong and healthy health care system.

Sincerely yours,



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