

THE BC BRANCHLET

VISION 2022:

CSHP will be a thriving, progressive society, leading and inspiring excellent pharmacy practice integral to patient-centred care in hospitals and other collaborative healthcare settings.

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OUR ROLE

- CSHP will advocate on behalf of hospital pharmacists in a timely manner.
- CSHP will ensure organizational sustainability and effectiveness. CSHP will serve its members through improved membership services.
- CSHP will improve patient medication outcomes and safety by advancing practice excellence.

President's Message

Dear BC-Branch Members and Supporters,

As we leave behind the warm summer days, we look forward to fall and the end of the pandemic is 'in sight' as per the World Health Organization. This has been the most optimistic outlook yet on this multi-year health crisis. We know that there is still work to do and we are not there yet. Vaccination against COVID-19 still remains an effective way to help us out of the pandemic and I thank our members who have been involved in this process.

We recently heard some exciting news from the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, regarding changes to the pharmacists' scope of practice. More actions, details, and announcements will be coming soon. From a CSHP-BC Branch perspective, we are waiting to hear about how these changes affect our profession. Right now, the conversation is very much focused on community prescribing and we need to make sure that the collaborative prescribing piece remains at the forefront. We are continuing to strategize on how we can advocate for hospital pharmacists' scope of practice. We will communicate, engage and advocate with our members and key stakeholders.

Over the summer, your Branch Council stayed active and had been busy organizing the fall activities and events. The Programs Committee team recently hosted a well attended Clinical Symposium. This event was conducted in a hybrid format once again and we saw an increase in our in person attendance. The ability to join these events virtually has allowed members throughout our province as well as nationally to attend. We look forward to another great educational event at our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 18th and 19th!

Our student members also had a productive start to fall with the Career Avenues Night event and UBC Pharmacy Student Symposium. We had a very good turnout at both events and it was a pleasure to meet the students from all four years.

Kudos to Maddison Gahagan and Laura Frankow, our student membership coordinators, for all their hard work organizing these events and representing CSHP-BC Branch. Thank you to the Council members who helped in these events as well.

I would like to welcome the new council members who joined us recently: Karen Dahri (BC-Branch National Delegate), Shirin Malek and Jonathan Schwarz (BC Co-Chief Residents). I would also like to welcome our new Vancouver Island Chapter co-chairs Matthew Del Nin, Morgan Patrick, Kelly George, and Dorothy Lau.

Thank you to the outgoing Council members for their dedicated service. These members include Demi Asleson and Morgan Patrick (BC Co-Chief Residents), Celia Ma (Senior CAPSI representative) and Vancouver Island Chapter co-chairs Marina Simeonova, Karin Chisholm & Celia Culley.

This will be my last Branchlet submission for my term as President. It has been a pleasure serving our members over the past year. I hope that our transition went smoothly from a virtual world to one which allows us to see each other in person again and, at the same time, continue to interact with those who are farther away virtually. I encourage all our members to participate in events, in committees and in Council even if you are not located geographically in the Lower Mainland. Geographical diversity is essential to strengthening our BC Branch.



Warmest Regards,
Vincent H. Mabasa
 CSHP BC President 2021-22

Thank you

to all our speakers, attendees, CSHP-BC Programs Committee & Council, ICC team!



Dr. Eric Chu



Dr. Karen Ng



Dr. Ricky Turgeon

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped prepare the CSHP-BC Clinical Symposium in September!

Over 230 attendees joined us locally and across Canada - from Newfoundland & Labrador to British Columbia. Many thanks to the entire CSHP-BC Programs Committee and Council including Presidential Executives, Communications Officer, Fundraising and Membership Chairs, along with event benefactors and venue support teams

We enjoyed connecting with attendees virtually and also back at the Italian Cultural Centre! Many thanks to **Dr. Eric Chu, Dr. Karen Ng, and Dr. Ricky Turgeon** for interesting and practical presentations on **perioperative anticoagulation, opioid stewardship, and heart failure without reduced ejection fraction** respectively.



See you at the BC AGM!

Our next event will be the last BC Branch Programs event of the year - **the Annual General Meeting for 2022!**

Speakers will be presenting from November 18th to 19th at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel and via Zoom.

For additional information on the program schedule and details on how to secure your ticket, please visit <https://cshp-bc.com/upcoming-events/>.

If you have any questions, please email programs@cshp-bc.com!



Merisa Mok
CSHP-BC Branch
Programs Chair 2022

The **CSHP Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 1:30-2:30pm EDT in-person at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Gatineau, QC and virtually via Zoom. Pre-registration is required by October 27, 2022. There will be two special resolutions that require a vote from membership regarding Articles of Amendment and a revision to By-law No. 1. More information is available [here](#). I would encourage all CSHP members to attend the AGM via Zoom to ensure we achieve a quorum and to vote on these important resolutions.

The **CSHP Fall Board Meetings** will also be held on October 29-30, 2022 in Gatineau, QC. The Society will also be co-hosting a joint educational symposium (both in-person and virtually) with Association des pharmaciens des établissements de santé du Québec (APES) on October 28-29, 2022 entitled "Pandemic Takeaways for Hospital Pharmacy." This symposium will be a fully bilingual event with simultaneous translation offered to all participants. It will be accredited by CCCEP for five continuing education credits. More information is available [here](#).

The second offering of the **CSHP Pharmacy Residency Application Roadmap** is currently ongoing. The deadline for applications was August 29, 2022. This course offers didactic sessions and take-home activities focused on honing participants' practical skills through mock interviews and personal branding/marketing assignments. Participants will also have the opportunity to write a draft Cover Letter and Letter of Intent, and receive individualized feedback from practicing pharmacists.

Thank you to everyone who completed the **2022 CSHP Membership Survey**. The results should be available to members in early 2023.

Banff is back! The **Together Conference** will be held again in 2023, but it will be a LIVE event at the Banff Centre. Save the date for March 10-12, 2023.

Sadly, this will be my last contribution to the Branchlet as BC Branch Delegate. It has been an honour to serve as the CSHP Board Member from BC for the past three years. I am excited that the CSHP-BC Council has appointed Dr. Karen Dahri as the incoming CSHP-BC Branch Delegate. Karen will be an outstanding addition to the CSHP Board. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to contribute to CSHP and the BC Branch. This society really does represent the highest standard of progressive and innovative clinical pharmacy practice. I am so proud to be a member of this organization, and look forward to future opportunities to contribute to CSHP and the BC Branch.



Arden Barry
CSHP-BC Delegate

Awards Announcement

Due to the overwhelming success in previous years, we are continuing... the **CSHP BC Branch VIRTUAL Poster Presentation and Competition Night on Wednesday November 16th, 2022 at 6:00 pm!** Come out and support and learn from your colleagues as they present their research findings!

How does a virtual poster presentation and competition work?

Each presenter will have 5 minutes to present their poster which will be immediately followed by a 5 minute question and answer period. The judges will ask questions first followed by attendees.

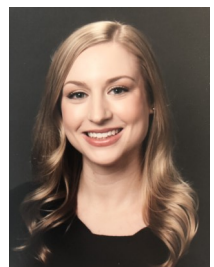
There will be two concurrent sessions. On the morning of the event you will be emailed a link to each virtual room along with which posters will be presented. You can choose to either enter virtual room 1 OR 2.

Posters will also be available for viewing on the CSHP BC Branch Website and in person at the CSHP BC Branch AGM.

This is a **FREE EVENT** (only available to CSHP BC Branch members and CSHP BC Branch AGM Attendees).

Sign up now at Eventbrite [\[here\]](#)!

For more information, view the brochure [\[here\]](#)!



Stacey Tkachuk
Awards Chairperson

Awards Announcement

CSHP-BC Branch Presents

VIRTUAL POSTER PRESENTATION AND COMPETITION



**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 16TH,
2022
LIVESTREAM ONLY
6:00 - 7:15PM PST**



FREE Event

CSHP BC Branch Members and AGM Attendees



Register Online at:

https://CSHPBC_PosterCompetition2022.eventbrite.ca

CSHP - BC Wishes You and Your Loved Ones

Happy Fall!

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Advocacy Committee

Dear CSHP Members – Happy Autumn!

The advocacy committee welcomes Fall with excitement and determination. September 29th was a truly momentous day for the pharmacy profession with the announcement of the New health workforce strategy that outlines expanded scope of practice for pharmacists to include prescribing for minor ailments and amendments with Professional Practice Policy-58. Advocacy committee will be actively looking to re-engage the B.C. Ministry of Health to provide recommendations and support to operationalize the key actions outlined; and ongoing advocacy for certified pharmacist prescribing. The details of this multi-year strategy can found [here](#).

In addition to the above efforts, in the coming months, we are excited to propose and present our advocacy campaign to increase presence and knowledge of what we do to patients and the public. Stay tuned and a sneak peek may be revealed during Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM)!

As we get ready and plan for PAM 2023, we are excited to bring back the swag to share as part of your PAM campaign! Our most popular swag item has always been the beloved PAM button, so we wanted to bring it back with a fresh new look.



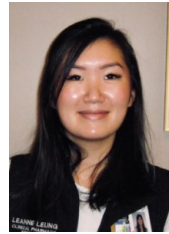
For this, as you may have already seen on our social media platforms, we are hosting a PAM button design contest! The winner of the contest will not only have their design proudly worn across BC throughout the month of March 2023 and beyond, but will also receive free registration to a CSHP-BC Continuing Education event of choice between Jan-Oct 2023.



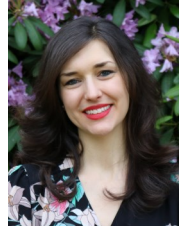
Please submit your design by **December 1st, 2022** to advocacy@cshp-bc.com.

We look forward to seeing your best design!

Leanne Leung
CSHP BC Advocacy
Chair



Renée Dagenais
CSHP BC Pharmacy
Appreciation Month Chair



(Draw and label a picture of what you want to be when you grow up.)



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Why did you pick this job?

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and- sick- - -

A CSHP-BC Member's Daughter, Jaime, When Asked What She Wanted to Be When She Grows Up

[Draw and label a picture of what you want to be when you grow up]

Answer: Farmissia (Pharmacist)

[Why did you pick this job?]

**Answer: To help pipul ho are ingurd and sick
(To help people who are injured and sick)**

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Student Membership

We hope everyone is having a lovely start to their school year so far!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the incoming Class of 2026. We are looking forward to another exciting school year packed with events and new opportunities for students at UBC.

During the second week of September, Clubs Night was held again at UBC in the Pharmacy building atrium. Many new and returning students had questions about CSHP -- with respect to getting more involved, about pharmacy residency programs, as well as about the Student Mentorship Program. We were very pleased with the continuing interest in hospital pharmacy practice and look forward to hosting many exciting and informative events for students again this year.

On October 14th, we held our annual CSHP Student Symposium – Information Session in-person at the UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences building. This year, we were so grateful to welcome four guest speakers: CSHP-BC's Dr. Vincent Mabasa, Dr. Winnie Mah, as well as two current hospital residents, Amy Jradi (Northern Health) and Elisa Colasurdo (LMPS Pediatrics Pod). Our presenters spoke on topics including the roles of a hospital pharmacist and their personal journey to becoming a hospital pharmacist. At the end of the presentations, we held a Q&A session where students asked our presenters questions they had about joining CSHP, completing a residency and about more ways to explore hospital pharmacy practice during their studies. A big thanks to our speakers and to the students who came to listen! Students with any follow-up questions about the event or CSHP are welcome to reach out to us via email.

The Student Mentorship Program is now open for student registration, which can be accessed [here](#)! With the growing interest in hospital pharmacy practice, this program is a great avenue for students to connect with professionals in the field and learn more regarding the role of a hospital pharmacist, the residency

We are very thankful for all of the mentors across BC who have signed up so far this year. Your continued commitment to connecting with students is greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for more mentors to share their knowledge, passion, and expertise with students, to help them personalize their pharmacy journey. If you are interested in being a mentor, please sign up [here](#)! If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to us at cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com and we would be happy to help.

Students had another opportunity to speak with representatives from CSHP at PhUS's annual Career Avenues event that took place on October 13, 2022 from 5:30-8:30pm. We had members of the CSHP-BC executive council, including Dr. Gabriel Loh, Dr. Mahsa Movahedan, and Dr. Jenah Alibhai in attendance. This event was free and open to all current UBC Pharmacy students. Thank you to all students who came to chat with us at the CSHP-BC booth!

We are excited for another exciting year ahead and look forward to connecting with you all! If you are looking for more ways to stay involved and get the most out of your CSHP membership, check out our infographic outlining opportunities for students [here](#).



Respectfully submitted,
Laura Frankow and Maddison Gahagan
CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinators

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