

THE BC BRANCHLET

VISION 2023:

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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 CSHP-BC Branch Members and Supporters,

Shorter days and cooler temperatures herald the start of the fall season, a welcome reprieve after another record-breaking wildfire season impacting many communities in BC. With unprecedented weather events on the rise, and an increasing urgency to address the climate crisis, many of us may be wondering what actions we can take. Pharmacy professionals have a critical role in promoting climate resilient, low carbon and sustainable practices. The [CASCADES group](#) (featuring a few of our BC Branch members!) has recently published a [pharmacy playbook](#) with 14 actions, and the **CSHP Sustainability Task Force**, chaired by Dr. Karen Dahri, CSHP-BC National Delegate, will be reporting on strategies to address sustainability in pharmacy practice at the upcoming national Fall Board Meeting.

A warm welcome to the **new Council members** who have joined us over the summer: Tanya Dhanoa and Jasmin Gill (BC Co-Chief Residents), Shaylee Peterson and Melissa Lane (Interior Chapter Co-Chairs) and Jeevan Gill (CAPSI Junior Representative).

Over the past year, BC Branch Council has been reviewing our strategic goals and priorities, and developing a strategic plan to guide the work of the branch over the next few years. **As reflected in the summary document, the three pillars of focus are Membership Growth & Engagement, Partnerships & Advocacy, and Continuing Education Programs & Resources.** Chairs of our Programs, Fundraising, Advocacy and Membership Committees will be working closely with committee members to develop and implement initiatives aligned with these goals. We hope to invite further engagement from our members in the future.

CSHP-BC Branch continues to build on a collaborative **relationship with the Ministry of Health** to advocate for expanded scope of practice changes for pharmacists. On September 27th, CSHP-BC hosted a webinar on pharmacist prescribing, featuring an update from the Ministry on the **Pharmacist Prescribing for Minor Ailments and Contraception (PPMAC)** initiative, results from the **CSHP-BC Survey on Expanded Scope**, and trailblazing health authority pharmacists sharing their early experiences with prescribing. Nearly 200 health authority pharmacy staff called in across the province - it is exciting to see so much interest in this topic! BC Branch will continue building on the momentum to advocate for further scope expansion to include independent prescribing, and working with the Ministry and health authority leadership partners.

Earlier in the spring, **CSHP-BC met with the Health Sciences Association (HSA)** to reiterate the importance of a classification system that recognizes clinical pharmacists' advanced education, including those with residency training. Advanced clinical education prepares pharmacists to provide better care for patients and optimize health outcomes. While all members are encouraged to follow the process for classification review as outlined by HSA, CSHP-BC will also be advocating for the Health Employers Association of BC and HSA to recognize and value those with additional training through differentiation in the classification system.

President's Message



CSHP BC BRANCH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023-2025



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MISSION

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Membership Growth & Engagement

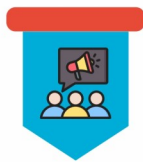


Improve **member engagement** and increase member awareness of advocacy efforts and CSHP and branch activities

Create **networking opportunities** for members and supporters

Foster **high quality opportunities** for member engagement and volunteering

Partnerships & Advocacy



Strengthen **public awareness** of how pharmacy professionals improve access, optimize patient flow and ensure value for patients

Advocate for **patient-centred care** in hospitals and other collaborative care settings

Engage with key stakeholders and advocate for opportunities to **advance practice**, including expanded scope

Continuing Education Programs & Resources



Advocate for and enable pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and other health professionals to promote **safe and effective medication use**

Provide high-quality, accredited and accessible **continuing education** content

Ensure **financial and organizational sustainability** of our continuing education programs

It has been a year of pivotal changes for the pharmacy profession. As my term as CSHP-BC President draws to a close following the branch AGM in November, this will be my final submission to the Branchlet.

I have been honoured to represent the CSHP-BC Branch, grateful for the dedication and commitment of our Council members and committee volunteers, and inspired by the many great discussions that have sparked new ideas.

Our collective voice is strengthened by the individual contributions of our members, and I encourage all of our members across the province to **explore opportunities to mentor others or volunteer with CSHP** at a local or national level. **Together, we will continue moving our profession forward!**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

Warmest Regards,
Winnie Ma
CSHP BC President 2022-23



BC Delegate



On June 27th, CSHP held virtual board meetings where updates from the Vision and Sustainability Task Forces were presented. In addition, the Chief Pharmacy Officer, Rita Dhami, presented on advocacy efforts of CSHP around drug shortages.

The CSHP 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held in Montreal October 22nd. Members can register for Zoom access prior to the event [here](#). I would encourage all CSHP members to attend!

CSHP CEO Jody Ciufu will be moderating the [Canada Healthcare Innovation Summit's](#) panel “Innovation in Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Management” during the Canada Healthcare Innovation Summit on October 12th. This event is a hybrid event with more information available about registration available [here](#).

A variety of topics from members across the country have been presented in the [CSHP Webinars](#). These are great learning opportunities and members can register to view them live or the recordings. Recent webinars have included overviews of the results from the [Hospital Pharmacy in Canada Survey Report 2020/21](#). I am looking forward to presenting myself in November on the recent updates to the COPD guidelines from the Canadian Thoracic Society.

Warm Regards,
Karen Dahri
CSHP-BC Delegate



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Programs



We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the 2023 Clinical Symposium at the Italian Cultural Centre! However, don't lose the momentum yet! The [CSHP-BC Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) is coming up soon on **November 24-25** both **in person** at the Marriott Downtown Pinnacle Hotel in Vancouver and **virtually via zoom**.

We have a line up of excellent topics that are accredited, passionate speakers, engaging poster presentations, manufacturer's booths to visit, and plenty of networking opportunities! Also, due to popular demand, the **annual AGM after party is back** and will be happening right after the last session of the AGM.

Topics and speakers for the AGM include:

- Update on Inflammatory Bowel Disease - Dr. David Choi
- Minor and Major Ailments Jeopardy - Dr. Adrienne Lindbland
- Climate Change and Pharmacy - Dr. Celia Culley and Valeria Stoyanova
- Controversies in Antiplatelet Duration - Dr. Elaine Lum
- Pharmacy Informatics 101 - Ms. France Mytropan and Mr. Josh Batterink
- Transplant Infectious Disease - Dr. Alissa Wright
- Pediatric Respiratory Illnesses - Dr. Laura Beresford
- Deprescribing From ICU - Dr. Shirley Su

We welcome your feedback and ideas for all our events! If you have **suggestions for future topics and speakers or how we can improve our events**, please e-mail us. Also, new members to the Programs Committee are always welcomed!

We are constantly seeking volunteers to bring fresh ideas and to help plan and organize upcoming events.

Please contact us at programs@cshp-bc.com for more details!

We hope to continue to see you in all our educational and networking events.



Aliya Daulat
CSHP-BC Programs Chair

Student Mentorship



Welcome back, everyone! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2027. We hope you are all having a great start to your school year! 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 took place again at UBC in the Pharmacy Building.** Many new and returning students had questions about CSHP and the Student Mentorship Program. We are very excited by the continuing interest in hospital pharmacy practice and look forward to hosting many informative events for students this year! **The annual Hospital Residency Open House** was held on two dates this year: virtually on September 19th, 2023, and in person on September 21st, 2023. We were very fortunate to have all 5 BC residency program coordinators as well as resident representatives attend this event. There was high interest from students to learn more about the residency programs, application process, and career prospects within hospital pharmacy in BC.

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 programs, and more! 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!

Last but not least, we had Dr. Winnie Ma, Dr. Mahsa Movahedan, and Dr. Tracy Liu join us for **PhUS's Career Avenues** where students visited booths around UBC pharmacy to learn about the different career options upon graduation. Thank you to everyone who came by to chat with us.

We're excited for another great year filled with events and opportunities to allow students to explore hospital pharmacy. We are grateful for all the continued



Respectfully submitted,
Laura Frankow and Brina Kim
CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinators

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Dear CSHP Members,

As we all get back to our regular routines after summer holidays and vacations, I continue to be inspired by the tireless work of the Advocacy Committee. Over the summer, we released our CSHP BC survey to gauge health authority pharmacists' interest and opinions around expanded scope of practice. With approximately 200 responses to the survey from both members and non-members representing all of the health authorities within BC, we were excited to share your voice in advocating for continued expanded scope as well as supports needed for optimal implementation of **pharmacist prescribing for minor ailments and contraception (PPMAC)**.

Part of our continued efforts in advocating for expanded scope included organizing **CSHP BC's first ever joint webinar with the Ministry of Health on September 27th** in order to share our successes, experiences, hopes, and visions for what pharmacist's expanded scope could look like. With more than 180 participants, we were delighted to share the Ministry of Health's update on PPMAC to date, the results of the CSHP BC survey, first hand experiences from health authority pharmacists who have successfully implemented PPMAC into their practice areas, and some answers to some very thoughtful questions via our Slido Q&A section. **A huge thanks to all of our presenters** – I Fan Kuo, Director of Optimal Use and Evaluation at the Ministry of Health, Vanessa Paquette, CSHP BC President Elect, Winnie Ma, CSHP BC President, and our three health authority pharmacist presenters Nadheen Murray, Rob Gair, and Sarah Masson.

Moving forward, we will continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Health Authority leadership in order to fully answer your Slido questions from the webinar. These will be posted, along with the results of the survey, on our CSHP BC webpage, so stay tuned.

As we move further into fall, I want to ensure you all that we have heard you and will continue to advocate for a **Health Sciences Association (HSA) pharmacist classification structure** that best represents our profession within the health authority setting. The reclassification announcement that came out in September has been disheartening for many of our members. It is meant to be the first step towards a new classification system to better represent all HSA professions in future contract negotiations. We will continue our advocacy to help ensure that it meets this goal without compromising roles and responsibilities that optimize patient care. We want to encourage all those who feel that this reclassification does not appropriately represent their role to follow the grievance process outlined in the email that they received from their employer mid September (from Profile Job Match), as well as the process outlined on the [HSA website](#) no later than **November 15th**.

A very happy Fall season to you all and I hope you enjoy all of the holidays and festivities of the season that bring us closer to the ones we love!



Michael Kammermayer
CSHP BC Advocacy Chairperson

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