

THE BC BRANCHLET

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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

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had some time over the holidays to relax, unwind and reflect.

2023 was a busy and eventful year for both the CSHP BC Branch and the profession of pharmacy. We saw advancement in pharmacist scope of practice in BC with the launch of the **Minor Ailments and Contraceptive Service** where pharmacists can provide prescriptions to BC residents for minor ailments and contraception. CSHP BC Branch council worked closely with the Ministry of Health as a key stakeholder to provide input on how best to support pharmacists working in collaborative care settings with this new practice.

We also renewed our **Branch strategic plan** which focuses on membership growth and engagement, partnerships and advocacy, and continuing education programs and resources. As we look forward to 2024, we are committed to providing opportunities to our members in the form of engagement and networking, advocating for our profession in terms of further scope advancements and the need for pharmacy specific health human resources planning, and in turn, improving care for our patients, and continuing to delivery high quality accredited education programs that are of interest to our members.

To kick things off, **Pharmacy Awareness Month (PAM)** is coming up quickly and our Advocacy Committee is hard at work planning activities for this year's theme "Pharmacy Does More – Expanding Our Role." We look forward to seeing what local initiatives our creative members come up with and encourage everyone to participate!

Other exciting events and education opportunities coming up to look forward to include the **Harrison Hospital Pharmacy Management Seminar in Harrison Hot Springs in February, the Banff Seminar in March, and the Professional Practice Conference in April in Niagra Falls!** Our local Branch event planning is also underway. Be sure to check out the Programs section of the newsletter to save the dates, including our first event of the year, **the Spring Therapeutic Update.**

I invite all of our members to take full advantage of what their CSHP membership has to offer this year and engage with us! Whether that's joining one of our committees, engaging with us on our social media channels, or attending an educational and/or networking/social event, we would love to hear from you! Also, don't forget to apply or nominate someone for one of our many awards.

Thank you for your continued support of the CSHP BC Branch!



Best Regards,
Vanessa Paquette
 CSHP BC President 2023-24

The CSHP BC Branch would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the council members who have completed their terms. Please join us in recognizing the following outgoing council members for their exceptional work!



Past President. **Vincent Mabasa**
Programs Chairperson. **Aliya Daulat**
Membership Chairperson. **Mahsa Movahedan**
Interior Chapter Co-Chairs. **Melanie Carter & Laura Beresford**
Vancouver Island Chapter Co-Chair. **Morgan Patrick**
Co-Chief Residents. **Shirin Malek and Jonathan Schwarz**
Senior Student Membership Coordinator. **Laura Frankow**
CAPSI Senior Representative. **Aneet Grewal**

Advocacy Committee

Dear CSHP Members,

A year into my role as Advocacy Committee Chairperson, I think back on the events of the past year and I am incredibly proud of all that our small but mighty committee has achieved. From position statements on expanded scope; strengthened relationships with the BC Ministry of Health; our scope survey to inform opinions, desires, and opportunities for scope expansion; to our ever popular and well attended Pharmacy Appreciation Month events and so many more behind the scenes activities that motivate us to keep moving forward. All of these events and achievements help fuel our desire to keep pushing the profession of pharmacy forwards.

The past quarter has been no exception. With many of you sharing your concerns with the **Health Sciences Association (HSA)/Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) pharmacist reclassification** announcement that came out in September, the Advocacy Committee felt compelled to act. Along with the CSHP BC Branch Presidential group, we have drafted an **open letter to both the President and CEO of HEABC and the President of HSA** outlining our concerns with this reclassification. These letters can be found on our website and were also sent to the two individuals. Although we have not yet had a response, we will continue to advocate for a better understanding of the structure of our profession.

With that, CSHP BC was invited to attend the **Ministry of Health’s Provincial Allied Health Association Collaborative Meeting** in October in which the 70 plus allied health provisions discuss strategies for recruitment, retention, and training within our professions. As the largest group within allied health, Pharmacy is well positioned to address issues for our profession, and we have started by bringing up concerns with patient ratios and allied health funding. Moving forward, this group intends to meet three times per year to inform health human resource (HHR) strategies.

On December 8th, CSHP BC was again invited to the twice-yearly **Ministry of Health Pharmaceutical, Laboratory & Blood Services Division Bilateral Engagement Session**. As this was our second meeting with this group for which CSHP BC gets to set the agenda based on certain Ministry priorities, we focussed again on expanded scope of practice, sharing some high impact prescribing scenarios for which pharmacist prescribing can improve outcomes. We also focussed on HHR discussing staffing ratios and support for residency positions.

With all of these important meetings and collaborations, we must not lose sight of our upcoming **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) activities**. This year, our theme will be “Pharmacy Does More – Expanding Our Role” in recognition of not only Pharmacist expanded scope, but also all of the other things that Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians and Assistants do to optimize patient care throughout the province. We look forward to bringing back Mentor Profiles, Kudos Corner, our Lunchtime Speaker Series, and all the swag, buttons, and posters that have come to mark this time of year!

Michael Kammermayer
CSHP BC Advocacy Representative



I had the pleasure of attending the **CSHP Annual General Meeting (AGM)** and the fall board meetings in Montreal this past October. The AGM was chaired by CSHP President Sean Spina of Victoria. The past year's finances and initiatives were reviewed and the installation of Ashley Walus of Winnipeg as President and Katie Hollis of Halifax as President-Elect. Overall CSHP sees continued growth with increases in membership numbers with members actively engaged. The plan for the coming year is to focus on strategic priorities which include a balanced budget for next year and an end to the planned deficits. Another priority is to increase engagement with pharmacy technicians so there will be specialized tracks for technicians at the upcoming conferences and CSHP foundation has added a technician member to their board. Presentations at the AGM included one by the Chief Pharmacy Officer, Rita Dhami, who outlined the multiple advocacy outreaches and meetings that she had attended since coming into her position. Both the Vision and Sustainability Task Forces presented their recommendations which were approved. The next year will focus on operationalizing their recommendations.

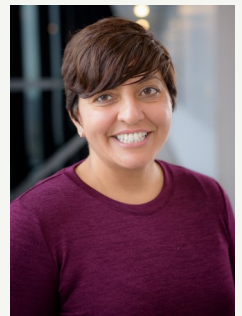
Upcoming webinars include "My Job is Hospital: Pharmacy Student Career Insight" on January 23rd and "Hospital Pharmacy in Canada Survey: NB Pharmacy Workforce Planning Project" on February 6th. **More information on the webinars can be found [here](#).**

Harrison Pharmacy Management Seminar will be taking place Feb 22nd to 24th. I am excited to be presenting on some of the work that the Sustainability Task Force has undertaken at this event. The **Banff Seminar** will be celebrating its 50th year and will be taking



place from March 8th to 10th. **Registration information is available [here](#).**

And PPC will be returning this year and will take place from April 19th to 21st in Niagara Falls. **Early registration is now [open](#).**



Kind Regards,
Karen Dahri
CSHP-BC Delegate

Programs

Another year of a successful series of continuing education events has passed.

Thank you to everyone for a great turnout for our last conference of the year, the Annual General Meeting and the After Party 2023! We hope you thoroughly enjoyed it.

Upcoming Events for 2024

Banff Seminar: March 8 -10th (hybrid)
Registration open [HERE](#)

Spring therapeutic update: April 11th (hybrid)
Clinical Symposium: September 12th (virtual only)
Annual General Meeting: November 15 & 16 (hybrid)

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! Thank you for your continuous support and attendance, and we hope to see you for another great year of education and networking with us!



Aliya Daulat
CSHP-BC Programs Chair 2023



I would like to say **THANK YOU** and recognize the members of the **CSHP BC Branch Awards Committee** and all our volunteer judges for taking the time to review and evaluate all of our award submissions. The awards Program would not be possible without all of your hard work!

2023 CSHP BC Branch Awards Committee

Ms. Aileen Mira	Dr. Jason Tan	Ms. Melissa Lane
Dr. Amanda Sambrielaz	Dr. Jennifer Kendrick	Dr. Natasha Kwan
Dr. Anne Nguyen	Dr. Jennifer Wong	Dr. Rajwant Minhas
Ms. Brittney Mathers	Dr. Kiana Rahnama	Dr. Robin Cho
Dr. Caitlin Chew	Dr. Laura Beresford	Ms. Sarah Li
Ms. Candy Lee	Ms. Laura Rozka	Ms. Sarah Masson
Dr. Carolyn Bubbar	Ms. Lori Blain	Dr. Vanessa Paquette
Dr. Colette Raymond	Dr. Marianna Leung	Dr. Victoria Cox
Dr. Hilary Wu	Dr. Matthew Tsang	Dr. Yolanda Lin

UPCOMING AWARDS

Recruitment Awards

Established in 2012 by Mr. Mits Miyata, who believes that the strength of our organization is in our numbers, the purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding membership recruitment efforts by members. There will be two categories for this award:

Category 1: Most Outstanding Recruiter of Active Members (excluding students)

Category 2: Most Outstanding Recruiter of Student Supporters

Award recipients will receive a plaque and a cash prize. All other recruiters will have their names entered into a raffle.

Click here for more information, no application is required for this award, **new recruits will be counted up until October 31, 2024: [HERE](#)**

Pharmacy Appreciation Month Awards

The purpose of these awards are to recognize the most impressive Pharmacy Appreciation Month campaigns and **four awards** are available to recognize individuals and small, medium and large collaborative care teams

Start planning your PAM activities and consider showcasing your campaign this year by applying for the PAM Award!

Deadline is April 30, 2024.

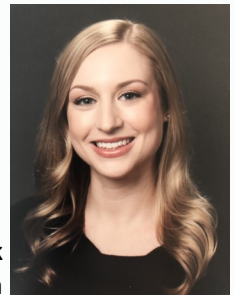
Click here for more information and application form for the Pharmacy Appreciation Month Award: [HERE](#)

Compassionate Membership Grant

This grant is intended to assist CSHP-BC Branch members to continue their involvement with CSHP, even at times of financial hardship. Up to 3 applicants annually may receive this grant to renew their CSHP membership.

Click here for eligibility and application form for the Compassionate Membership Grant: [HERE](#)

Stacey Tkachuk
Awards Chairperson



Awards Announcement

Congratulations to the CSHP BC Branch Award Winners of 2023!

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Continuing Education Travel Grants (Sponsor: Fresenius Kabi Canada Ltd.)	1) Ms. Angela Tong 2) Dr. Ginny Chen 3) Ms. Janice Munroe 4) Ms. Vanessa Lee 5) Ms. Cathy Li 6) Dr. Alicia Klaassen
Hospital Participation Awards - Small Hospital - Medium Hospital - Large Hospital	Small: G.R. Baker Memorial Hospital Medium: Burnaby Hospital Large: St. Paul's Hospital
Pharmacy Appreciation Month Awards - Individual - Small Hospital - Medium Hospital - Large Hospital	Individual: Dr. Amy Lim Small: Richmond Primary Care Network Medium: Lion's Gate Hospital Large: Surrey Memorial Hospital
Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award	Dr. Marcus Lo, Dr. Catherine Cheung, Dr. Marianna Leung
Future Professional Student Award	Ingrid Frank
Most Outstanding Recruiter of Active Members	Mrs. Julie Gagnon
Most Outstanding Recruiter of Student Supporters	Uncontested
Publication Award – Original Article	Dr. Nils Moser
Publication Award – Review Article	Dr. Arden Barry
Pharmacy Practice Residency Awards (Sponsor: Pfizer Canada Inc.)	1) Kathleen Lau 2) Amy Jradi 3) Zoe Hopkins 4) Alison Bentley 5) Franklin Hu
Pharmacy Practice (AGM Poster) Award	Dr. Marianna Leung, Dr. Cindy Luo
Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists of British Columbia Student Award	1) Laura Frankow 2) Annie Vo
New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award	Dr. Naushin Hooda
Mentorship Award	Dr. Kendra Sih
Meritorious Service Award	Dr. Gabriel Loh
Past President Award	Ms. Winnie Ma
CSHP BC Branch Distinguished Service Award	Dr. Tim Lau

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Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a restful break and is excited to start another brand-new semester. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at UBC once again!

This spring is shaping up to be very exciting as we reintroduce initiatives that cater to the growing interest in clinical pharmacy among our students. With **Pharmacy Awareness Month (PAM)** quickly approaching, we're eager to relaunch our **Spotlight Series featuring clinical pharmacists from around the province.** Additionally, students can look forward to our **Student Clinical Symposium and our Resident Showcases events** coming up in the months ahead.

Our **Student Mentorship Program** continues into this semester after a fantastic round of applications! At this time, we have been able to match 53 students with hospital pharmacists across BC, providing a unique opportunity for our students to learn more about hospital pharmacy and the role of the clinical pharmacist. As always, we're expanding our program to include a variety of mentors from different health authorities and specialties, offering our students the opportunity to explore the vast range of positions and responsibilities that clinical pharmacists can hold in hospitals. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our mentors who volunteer their time and expertise to mentor students, answer their questions, and offer valuable feedback and guidance.

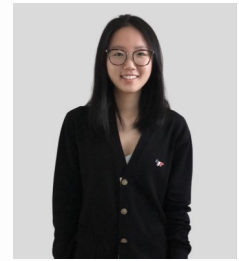
If you would like more information about the program, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com.

We would like to extend our **congratulations to Laura Frankow** on the **completion of her term as CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinator.** Her dedication over the past two years has been invaluable, and we wish her all the best in the final stages of her PharmD journey. Thank you, Laura, for your hard work and dedication to CSHP and we look forward to seeing your continued success in your future endeavors!



Lastly, we are pleased to introduce **Billy Yu as our new Junior Student Membership Coordinator.** Billy is currently a second-year PharmD student at UBC. He is very passionate about hospital pharmacy and is excited to bring his own unique experiences and perspectives to this role in the coming years.

As we prepare for another busy term, we wish everyone a safe and happy semester! Stay tuned for more updates about our events taking place later this semester, and please feel free to get in touch with us with any questions!



Respectfully submitted,
Billy Yu and Brina Kim
CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinators

Welcome and Thank You to Our New and Returning 2024 Council Members!

President. **Vanessa Paquette**
Past President. **Winnie Ma**
President Elect. **Asal Taheri**
Treasurer. **Kevin Kwok**
Secretary. **Sarah Masson**
BC Delegate. **Karen Dahri**

Programs Chairperson **Colin Lee**
Membership Chairperson. **Shirin Malek**
Communications Officer. **Tracy Liu**

BC Advocacy Chair **Michael Kammermayer**
Fundraising Chairperson **Jacqueline Kwok**
Awards Chairperson. **Stacey Tkachuk**

Fraser Valley Chapter Chair **Harleen Chohan & Kendra Southwood**
Northern Chapter Chair. **Katie Bellefeuille**
Interior Chapter Chair **Shaylee Peterson & Melissa Lane**

Vancouver Island Chapter Chair. **Matt Del Nin, Dorothy Lau, Kelly George**

Co-Chief Residents. **Jasmin Kaur Gill & Tanya Dhanoa**
Student Membership Coordinator. **Jawon (Brina) Kim & Billy Yu**
CAPSI Representative. **Mark Seo & Jeevan Gill**





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