

# 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

Dear CSHP BC Branch Members and Supporters,

We have officially transitioned into Spring and I hope everyone has been enjoying the longer days, warmer weather, cherry blossoms and pockets of sunshine!

With the change to Spring in March, also came **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM)**! This year’s theme “**Pharmacy Does More**” highlighted the outstanding contributions to patient care each and every member of the pharmacy care team makes. It has been inspiring to see all of the featured **pharmacy spotlights** demonstrating the invaluable work of our members. We also had another successful year of excellent presentations during our **PAM lunchtime lecture series** where we had the opportunity to learn about reducing environmental impact on climate change, non-traditional and niche career paths in pharmacy, and the Hospital at Home program. Don't forget to submit your PAM campaign efforts for the **Pharmacy Appreciation Month Award**! All of the details can be found in the Awards section below in this newsletter. I would like to extend a big thank you to our advocacy team for all of their efforts in planning another fun filled month for PAM!

Another exciting announcement was made during PAM this year: CSHP BC Branch is going to fund our first grant aimed at improving environmental sustainability! **The Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant (SAVING)** will be given to a member of CSHP-BC Branch whose application shows significant and promising contribution to reduce pharmacy related impact on the environment. The grant will consist of up to \$5000! All of the details of the grant including the application and review process is available on our **website**. We look forward to reviewing all of the innovative submissions!

CSHP BC Branch has been working hard on planning another year of high quality accredited education events. I hope many of you were able to attend our **Spring Therapeutics Update (STU)** recently held at the Italian Cultural Center. It was great to get out and network with many of you in person. Thank you to our Programs Committee for organizing such a great evening! Make sure to stay up to date with CSHP events by checking out the Programs section of this newsletter or visiting **our website**!

CSHP BC Branch has also been busy behind the scenes with many of our ongoing important advocacy initiatives. We continue to have regular meetings with the **BC Ministry of Health (MoH)** as a key stakeholder to discuss critical pharmacy issues including pharmacist expanded scope of practice as well as providing feedback regarding a pharmacy health human resources strategy. Be sure to follow along with our advocacy work in the **Advocacy section** of this newsletter and on our website.

Thank you to all of our members and supporters for their hard work and dedication to the profession and support of CSHP!



Sincerely,  
**Vanessa Paquette**  
 CSHP BC President 2023-24

Dear CSHP BC Members and Supporters,

The beginning of Spring has become synonymous with **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM)**. This year's PAM continued to highlight all the unique roles and achievements within the profession of pharmacy. This year's theme was **#PharmacyDoesMore**, and this was highlighted with all the [many kudos and mentor profiles](#) submitted and posted on our social media platforms.


The PAM Committee also organized another inspirational round of [lunchtime presentations](#) on environmental impacts, some non-traditional career paths and niche roles in pharmacy, and how pharmacy is making an impact in participating with the ever growing Hospital at Home programs. Rounding out the festivities were our beautiful new posters and buttons created by the talented, **Will Shum**, and some excellent student programs with presentation booths at the **Kitsilano Neighbourhood House and the UBC Nest**. Finally, thank you to the **Georgia Straight** for once again featuring an article on primary care pharmacists as a vital part of the healthcare system. Catch the link on our website at <https://cshp-bc.com/bcs-primary-care-pharmacists-are-a-vital-part-of-the-healthcare-system/>.



Also announced during PAM was the new and exciting [Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant \(SAVING\) Competition!](#)

The grant offers up to \$5,000 to a member of CSHP BC Branch whose application shows a significant and promising contribution to reduce pharmacy related impact on the environment. If you and your team have a project in mind to reduce pharmacy related environmental impacts, consider applying.


See [application details here](#).

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**CSHP-BC Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant Competition (SAVING)**

Passionate about climate change?  
Have ideas to reduce pharmaceutical impact on the environment?  
A new grant is now available that can help you get started and contribute positively to environmental sustainability!

Deadline: April 22, 2024



Spring is also a time for growth and renewal, and with that, CSHP BC Branch continues to strengthen its relationship with the **Ministry of Health**. We will soon be attending our 3rd round of bilateral meetings with the Pharmacy, Laboratory, and Blood Services Division where we will continue to pursue pharmacist prescribing while advocating for strategies to support the hiring, training, retention, and job satisfaction of pharmacy professionals within health authority settings. With minimum nursing to patient ratios recently announced province wide, and the recent cap to Hospitalist patients within Fraser Health, we are eager to devote some time within these meetings to push for the same for pharmacists. **Stay tuned...**



**Michael Kammermayer**  
CSHP BC Advocacy Representative

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In January, CSHP welcomed pharmacy technician, **Faith Norris**, to the role of **Professional Practice Coordinator**. Faith will help coordinate the workflow and operations of various educational events and provide support for the committees and task forces. Welcome Faith!

In March, I virtually attended the Spring Board Meetings where we began work on our next strategic plan. I was excited to see how the work from those meetings evolves in the coming months to set the direction of the organization. Look for opportunities to learn more and provide feedback. During the Board meetings, **Mary Gunther**, the Alberta National Delegate, was voted into the President-Elect position. Mary has an outstanding record of contributions to CSHP and will bring a depth of experience to this role. One of the other highlights from the meetings was the decision by the Board to **offer free membership to students** beginning in the next membership cycle. In addition, students will also be able to pay a pro-rated membership fee if they join later in the year which they were unable to do before. The objective of these initiatives is to begin to optimize the ways that we **engage with pharmacy students**. The **Education and Development Committee** has also been redesigned with new terms of reference approved at these meetings. The hope with the new committee structure and focus is to better engage with the Branch's and allow for more streamlined educational offerings while supporting CSHP's new status as a CCCEP accreditor.

The **Professional Practice Conference** will be taking place April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> in Niagara Falls. Information on the conference can be found [here](#).

A variety of topics have been covered in the **CSHP webinars** with prior recordings available [here](#).

The **2022-23 Annual Report** is also now available and can be accessed [here](#).

Kind Regards,  
**Karen Dahri**  
CSHP-BC Delegate



## Programs

We hope everyone is looking forward to another fantastic year of educational events. This year, we kicked things off with **Spring Therapeutics Update** held at the **Italian Cultural Center in Vancouver** on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Our attendees had an exciting night of networking, delicious Italian buffet dinner and dessert, and heard from 3 engaging speakers while earning **2.0 CEUs!**

### Featured presentations and speakers included:

Dr. Kseniya Chernushkin - Level Up Your Practice in Pain and Opioid Management

Dr. Steven Danylchuk - Seizing the Moment: The Cocktail Menu for Status Epilepticus

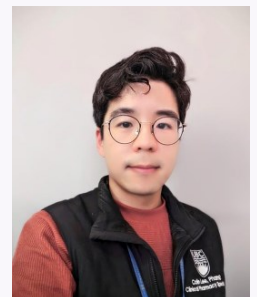
Dr. Arden Barry - Practical Update on the Management of Dyslipidemia

The Programs team will continue to work hard putting together high value events throughout the year! Please save the date for other upcoming events - **Clinical Symposium (Sept 12th)** and **AGM (Nov 15th and 16th)**. Notably, AGM will be held at a new venue, **Elements Hotel Metrotown**, in Burnaby this year!

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 feel free to contact us at [programs@cshp-bc.com](mailto:programs@cshp-bc.com). 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.

We hope to see you for another great year of education and networking.

**Colin Lee**  
CSHP-BC Programs Chair 2024



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# Awards Announcement

## Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award

I am pleased to announce that the winner of this year's Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award is Simroop Ladhar!

This award is presented annually to one pharmacy student who displays student professionalism and who is considered to be a future leader of the profession.

**Below is Simroop's essay describing an inspiring experience as a student:**

"The most memorable experiences in my pharmacy career thus far center around my engagement in initiatives at the intersection of pharmacy and climate change. Connecting with like-minded professionals, I have had the opportunity to contribute towards promoting environmentally sustainable pharmacy practices. Notable moments include involvement in projects aimed at reducing medication wastage in clinical settings, collaborating with the University of British Columbia Faculty to integrate climate change and sustainability topics into the PharmD curriculum, and active participation with the Canadian Association of Pharmacy for the Environment. These experiences have taught me that pharmacists play a pivotal role in reducing the environmental impact of pharmaceuticals and in the development of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies for healthcare. Moving forward in my pharmacy career, I am committed to continue this work by promoting, advocating for, and implementing sustainable pharmacy practices to ultimately foster a greener and more responsible healthcare industry."



**Congratulations Simroop!**

## Upcoming Awards

### Pharmacy Appreciation Month Awards

Pharmacy Appreciation Month has officially come to an end but there is still a chance to showcase all the advocacy work you have done this year by applying for the Pharmacy Appreciation Month Award!

The purpose of this award is to recognize the most impressive Pharmacy Appreciation Month campaign. Four awards are available to recognize small, medium and large collaborative care teams separately as well as one award for individuals who are not associated with a collaborative care team.

**Deadline is April 30, 2024.**

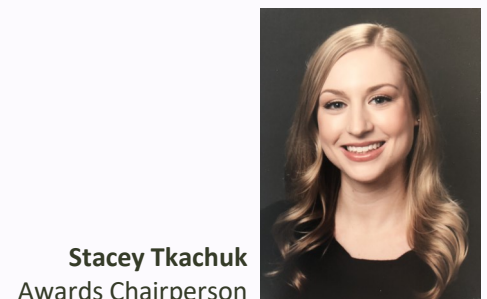
Click [HERE](#) for more information and application form for Pharmacy Appreciation Month Award

\*Please note, teams that won the PAM award the preceding year will not be eligible to win 2 years in a row. For example, winners of the 2023 PAM award are not eligible to win in 2024 but are again eligible and encouraged to apply in 2025. This is to be able to recognize the advocacy efforts and impressive PAM campaigns of other teams.

### 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](#)



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# Student Mentorship

## Congratulations on finishing another school year everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful semester and took the opportunity to engage in **Pharmacy Appreciation Month 2024**.



We started pharmacist appreciation month collaborating with **Pharmacy Teaching and Learning Club (PTaLC)** to host our annual lunch and learn. This year, we were delighted to have **Dr. Karen Dahri** speak about the new COPD guidelines and treatment best practices.

To conclude PAM 2024, we held the **Pharmacy Residency Showcases** event on April 2nd, 2024. This event featured two current residents who presented a unique patient case they encountered during their rotations. They walked us through the patient presentation, therapeutic considerations, current evidence, and final recommendations for the patient. Additionally, they also shared clinical pearls about each case, as well as highlighted their in providing patient care. Thank you to **Lucy Zhou (LMPS)** and **Parisa Safavi (LMPS)** for participating in this event and sharing your experiences with us!

We wish everyone **good luck with their final exams** as the semester comes to an end!

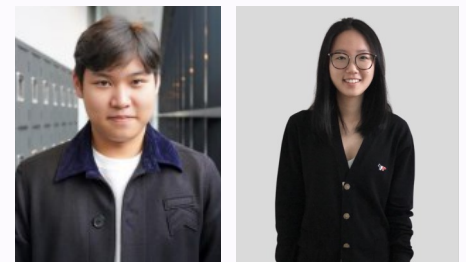
**Congratulations to all graduates and to the new incoming Hospital Residents.**

Best of luck to all students on practicums this summer!

For Pharmacist Awareness Month (PAM), we revisited the **Kitsilano Neighborhood House** to speak to parents about cough & cold for kids and **UBC student Nest** to speak to UBC students about pharmacists prescribing contraception services.



Our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers **Nour Mishel Ghashghaei (PY3)**, **Lutfiyya Devji (PY1)** and **Dr. Solomon Chow** for their participation!!



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

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