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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,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Whether you are traveling or spending time locally, hopefully you can get outside and enjoy some beautiful warm weather!

It is another summer of announcements regarding pharmacists' expanded scope of practice in BC. Last year it was announced that pharmacists can prescribe for 21 minor ailments and contraception. This year, **effective August 30th, pharmacists will be recognized as referring practitioners in the Laboratory Services Regulation under the Laboratory Services Act**, allowing them to order certain laboratory tests for medication management. The announcement and all of the **details currently available can be found [here](#)**. This new authority will enhance pharmacists’ ability to perform comprehensive patient assessments for drug therapy management in both collaborative care and community settings.

CSHP BC Branch Council has had a busy summer so far as we continue to advocate for our profession. We continue to meet regularly with the Ministry of Health and continue to be included in the **Ministry’s Bilateral Engagement Sessions with the Pharmaceutical, Laboratory & Blood Services Division**. Along with our ongoing advocacy work for pharmacist expanded scope of practice, we have focused on raising concerns and providing feedback on pharmacy specific health human resources and have an upcoming meeting with the **Provincial Chief Allied Health Officer** to discuss the how pharmacy fits into the **Provincial Allied Health Strategic Plan**.

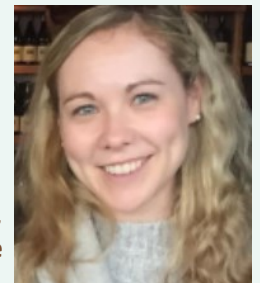
Our Programs Committee continues to be hard at work planning our next continuing education events including both our **Clinical Symposium and Annual General Meeting** scheduled for the fall.

In addition, our Membership Committee is putting together an additional **networking event for our student members set to kick off this September**, so make sure to stay tuned for all the details!

CSHP BC Branch also wants to give a big congratulations to the winner of our inaugural environmental sustainability grant, **The Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant (SAVING)**. Congratulations **Dr. Rosanne Thalakada** and team for their project entitled “A Planetary Health Initiative to Reduce our Environmental Impact of Using Highly Bioavailable Intravenous Antimicrobials Over Oral Administration at Vancouver General Hospital.” We are looking forward to this project getting underway and following along with its progress!

There are so many upcoming opportunities to be involved with CSHP, both at the branch and National level. If you are thinking about **getting involved in one of our committees or a position on council**, please feel free to reach out at csHPbc@gmail.com

Thank you to all of our members and supporters for their continued 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,

Summer is upon us and despite a break in meetings over the summer months, our advocacy efforts continue. We are so thrilled with the news from the **Ministry of Health that pharmacists are to be classified as referring practitioners for laboratory services effective August 30th**. Although many of us are long acquainted with ordering bloodwork to monitor our patients' drug therapy, the addition of our profession to the **Laboratory Services Act** further enables pharmacists across disciplines and practice settings to engage in optimal patient care. This is something that CSHP-BC has been advocating for for some time now, so to see it on the horizon is beyond exciting. For **full details check out the Pharmacist Lab Test Referrals page [here](#)** and/or consider **joining the BCPhA supported Ministry of Health webinar on July 25th from 6-8pm** that will discuss this topic as well as other Ministry initiatives.

Pharmacist lab test referrals

✦ Last updated on July 9, 2024

Webinar: BC Provincial Pharmacy Initiatives Update

Register for free online: [Webinar: BC Provincial Pharmacy Initiatives Update](#).

We are also pleased to announce the first ever **Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant (SAVING)** competition winner, **Dr. Rosanne Thalakada and her SPIRES team at VGH!!**

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

Dr. Thalakada's project is titled "A Planetary Health Initiative to Reduce our Environmental Impact of Using Highly Bioavailable Intravenous Antimicrobials Over Oral Administration" and the goal is to reduce the environmental impact of unnecessary intravenous use of highly bioavailable antimicrobials and to promote oral administration when feasible.

We look forward to updates from Dr. Thalakada and her team in their pursuit of a greener pharmacy practice!

Advocacy continues to look for ways to strengthen and develop strategic partnerships to further pursue our goals. As such, we continue to meet monthly with the **Ministry of Health's Clinical Services and Evaluation Branch of Pharmaceutical, Laboratory & Blood Services Division**, we have recently attended our third **Bilateral Meeting** with the Executive team of the Ministry of Health's Pharmaceutical, Laboratory & Blood Services Division in order to discuss and inform their strategic plan, and we continue to engage with the Provincial Allied Health Association Collaborative. With these partnerships, our main advocacy includes optimizing pharmacist scope and addressing some of the health human resource challenges that plague the pharmacy profession (Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacists alike).

As the weather heats up, I hope you all find time to enjoy some well deserved time off! I look forward to bringing more exciting announcements in the fall.

Michael Kammermayer
CSHP BC Advocacy Representative



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BC Delegate

Our June Board meeting included the approval of our new strategic plan that we have been working on this year. Stay tuned for more information about the plan in the coming months!

The **Professional Practice Conference** made its return this year in Niagara Falls this past April. The conference was a success and saw over 482 attendees taking part in both in-person and virtual educational offerings. The shift in timing of the conference will continue next year with **PPC 2025 being planned for June 6 – 8th in Ottawa.**

CSHP's **Sustainability Implementation Task Force** is proud to have contributed to **Choosing Wisely Canada's new Climate Conscious Recommendations** which are available [here](#). CSHP also contributed to a special edition of **Hospital News** highlighting the work CSHP and our members are doing to tackle climate change. That edition can be viewed [here](#).



The **Fellows Recognition Committee** is currently accepting applicants from members who have demonstrated sustained service for CSHP and excellence in their respective practice. **More information can be found [here](#).**



Kind Regards,
Karen Dahri
CSHP-BC Delegate

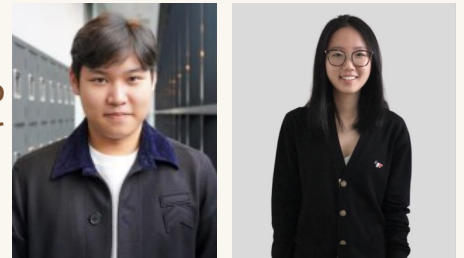
Student Mentorship

We hope everyone has been having a lovely summer so far, whether you've been relaxing or working hard at your placements. We can't wait to see everyone back in school in September!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 19th, 2024, for our annual CSHP-BC Student Symposium!** This year, we're excited to introduce a networking event immediately following the presentations, connecting students with clinical pharmacists across different specialties, pharmacy residents, and more. **Dinner will be provided for those who RSVP**, and don't forget about the door prizes and exciting activities! **Registration information will be available on the CSHP BC Branch Students Facebook page closer to the event.**

As we wrap up the **Student Mentorship Program** for this year, we would like to extend a big thank you to all our pharmacist mentors across the province who have participated. The program continues to provide students with an **early exposure to the roles and responsibilities of hospital pharmacists and helps foster long-term career aspirations.** This program would not be possible without the dedicated contributions of our amazing mentors. We hope you will continue to be part of our program this fall. If you would like to participate as a mentor in the upcoming school year, or know a colleague interested in sharing their passion and expertise, look out for our registration **email or contact us at:** cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com.

Finally, we would like to **congratulate the 2024 graduates of the Entry-to-Practice PharmD program and all those that have been accepted into the Hospital Residency programs for the 2024-25 year.**



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

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Awards Announcement

Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) Awards

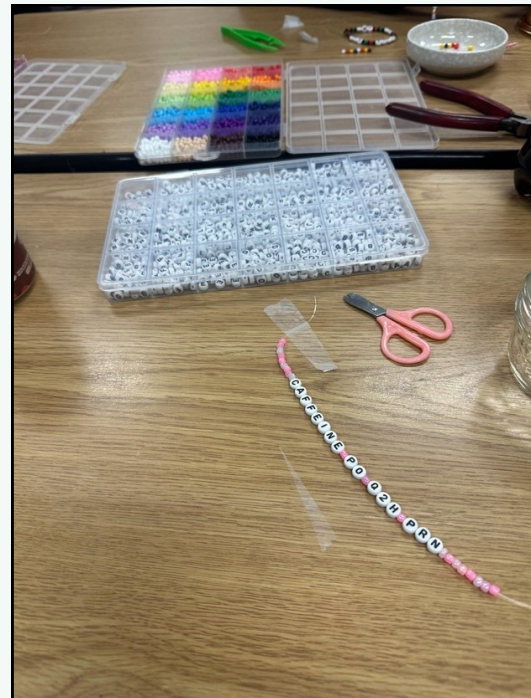
March 2024 was Pharmacy Appreciation Month! Pharmacy teams from across the province held campaigns to celebrate and promote the profession of pharmacy. The Pharmacy Appreciation Month awards are given annually to **three BC Collaborative Care Pharmacy Teams that display the most impressive PAM campaigns**. The awards are divided into large, medium and small site categories based on the size of the pharmacy staff.

I am very pleased to announce and congratulate this year's award winners:

Large Site: There was some tough competition this year for the Large Site PAM Award with 2 tie breaking rounds of judging. After a thorough review of all the PAM campaigns, the winner of the large site award is...**St Paul's Hospital (SPH)**.



SPH Pharmacy team members hosting an afternoon of coffee and snacks



Bracelet making session organized by SPH PAM committee

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Awards Announcement

Medium Site: Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre (JPOCSC)



JPOCSC showing off their pharmacy staff member profiles they created for PAM



JPOCSC Pharmacy department celebrating PAM with cake


Small Site: Vancouver Primary Care Network (PCN)



Melanie, PCN pharmacist with PAM posters displayed in patient care areas

Celebrate Pharmacy Appreciation Month with us!
 Your Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Team: **Amneet, Charlotte, Melanie, Mildred, Ruby and Sandy**

Contest rules: Complete either 1 row OR 1 column OR 1 diagonal (*Total 5 questions*)
 Submit by **End of day Apr 2/24** for a chance to win prizes! (10 lucky winners!)



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PAM virtual BINGO for interprofessional team

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Upcoming Awards

There are three upcoming awards that have deadlines fast approaching!

Publication Awards: Original Research and Review Article

Purpose: To recognize excellence in pharmacy publication

Deadline: August 31, 2024

Award: A plaque and a single cash prize of \$250 to the authors who are CSHP members for each category

Pharmacy Practice Residency Awards (sponsored by Pfizer)

Purpose: To recognize excellence in hospital pharmacy residency projects

Deadline: August 31, 2024

Award: A plaque and a cash prize of \$1000 for each winner

New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award

Purpose: To recognize significant contributions to the profession within 5 years of pharmacy practice

Deadline: August 31, 2024

Award: A plaque and a cash prize of \$500

Please visit the Awards section of the CSHP BC Branch website for all of the details: [HERE](#)

Judges Needed!

We are currently in need of volunteer judges to help evaluate the **Pharmacy Practice Residency Awards and the Ontario Branch Literary Awards!**

This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and learn more about research completed by the hospital pharmacy residents around BC and research completed by your colleagues in Ontario.

To **volunteer or to find out more**, please email me at: [awards@cshp-bc.com!](mailto:awards@cshp-bc.com)

Did You Know?!

CSHP BC Branch has a Recruitment Award!

That is right, you can win an award just for recruiting colleagues to become CSHP members!

There are two categories for this award:

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

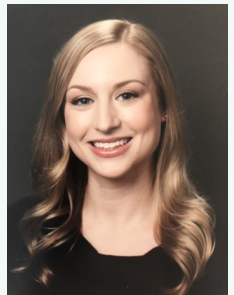
Category 2: Most Outstanding Recruiter of Student Supporters

The award consists of a **plaque and cash prize of \$150.00 (Category 1) and \$50.00 (Category 2)!**

A raffle draw for 4 separate prizes will take place at the AGM for all other recruiters.

Each new recruit confers one extra raffle for the recruiter!

To find out more, please visit: [HERE](#)



Stacey Tkachuk
Awards Chairperson

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