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MISSION

To optimize patient outcomes by advancing excellence in pharmacy practice and being the voice of pharmacy within healthcare-systems.

President’s Message

Dear CSHP BC Branch Members and Supporters,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had time this winter holiday season to connect with family and friends, rest and reflect on this past year.

As 2025 came to a close, council approved the CSHP BC Branch Strategic Plan for 2026 to 2029. Over the next 3 years the BC Branch will focus on advancing excellence in pharmacy practice and being the voice of pharmacy within the healthcare-system. The BC Branch will continue to grow strong relationships and engage regularly with local and provincial organizations to elevate the practice and scope of pharmacy professionals.

To help enhance communication and the work of the BC Branch we will be transitioning to Microsoft Teams. This change will help council and committees host meetings and collaborate more efficiently with volunteers and members going forward. If there are any changes to branch contact information, we will be sure to share this widely.

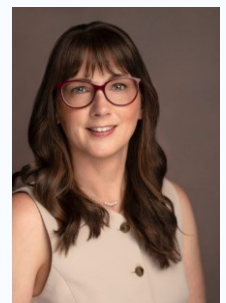
Pharmacy Awareness Month (PAM) is fast approaching; the 2026 theme is “Pharmacy Collaborates.” In alignment with the new strategic plan, this theme highlights the work of healthcare-systems pharmacy professionals with interprofessional teams and the impact these collaborations

have on patient care. This year, the branch will continue to follow the environmentally sustainable approaches introduced in 2025. We encourage local PAM events to consider environmentally sustainable prizes and the use of virtual buttons & posters where possible. Check the advocacy & student membership coordinator section for more information about PAM activities.

Lastly, a reminder that both CSHP National and the BC Branch have excellent education events planned for 2026! The first event starts in February with the **Harrison Hospital Pharmacy Management Seminar**. For details on upcoming BC Branch events, including the Spring Therapeutic Update, check the Programs section.

Thank you for your continued support of the BC Branch. We would like to invite you to continue to engage with the Branch by attending events (virtually or in-person), volunteering, applying for awards, or joining one of the new CSHP National Communities.

Kind regards,
Hilary Rowe
 CSHP BC President 2025-26



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 Vanessa Paquette
- Programs Chairperson Tamara Mihic
- Treasurer Kevin Kwok
- Membership Chair Shirin Malek
- Communications Officer Tracy Liu
- BC Advocacy Co-Chair Michael Kammermayer
- Fraser Valley Chapter Chairs Harleen Chohan & Kendra Southwood
- Co-Chief Residents Emma Fedusak & Marcus Wong
- CAPSI Representative Jeevan Gill & Jade Hoang
- Senior Student Membership Coordinator Billy Yu

BC Delegate

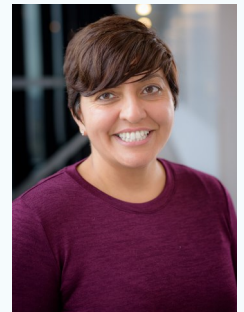
Welcome to 2026!

2025 wrapped up with the Fall Board Meetings and National AGM in October and the BC Branch’s Annual General Meeting in November. I am looking forward to working with our new Branch Council members in this coming year.

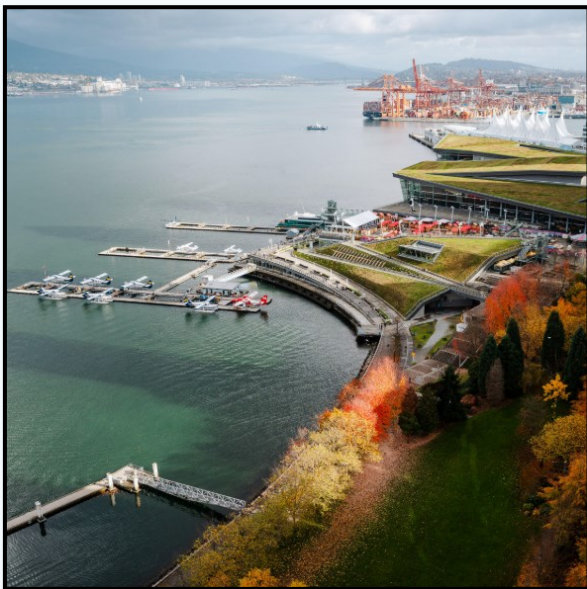
The first National council meeting will take place virtually at the end of January. In addition, there are many continuing education events upcoming. The **Banff Seminar** will be taking place March 13-15. The **Professional Practice Conference** will be in Halifax this year from April 30-May 2.

You can also learn more about CSHP’s ongoing Advocacy efforts [here](#). CSHP continues its efforts to address important issues such as drug shortages and antimicrobial resistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dahri
CSHP-BC Delegate



Programs



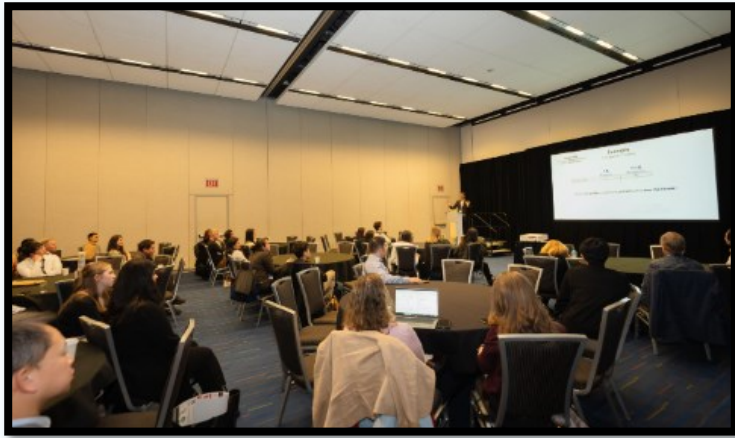
Thank you for a fantastic turnout at our last conference of the year, the CSHP-BC Annual General Meeting 2025!

This year we held our event for the first time at the beautiful Vancouver Convention Centre and welcomed our largest in-person attendance since the pandemic, with members joining us from across BC both in-person and virtually.

We look forward to keeping this momentum going in 2026 and continuing to enhance our events to create memorable experiences for our members.



Programs



A tremendous thank you to all of our CSHP-BC Programs Committee members who worked tirelessly to make our 2025 events a huge success!

Upcoming Events for 2026:

- **Harrison Seminar:** February 19-21, 2026 (in-person only)
- **CSHP Banff Seminar:** March 13-15, 2026
- **CSHP-BC Spring Therapeutics Update:** April 15, 2026 (hybrid)
- **Clinical Symposium:** September TBD (virtual only)
- **Annual General Meeting:** November 13-14, 2026 (hybrid)

We are always eager to hear your thoughts and welcome input to help shape our events. Suggestions for future topics, speakers, or overall improvements are appreciated and can be shared with us via email. In addition, we encourage **those interested in volunteering with CSHP-BC to consider joining the Programs Committee**. If you would like to learn more or get involved, please contact us at programs@cshp-bc.com.

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

Warm regards,
Tamara Mihic
CSHP-BC Programs



Advocacy Committee

As we begin 2026, the Advocacy Committee is focusing on advancing its work in line with the new CSHP BC Branch Strategic Plan, building on advocacy initiatives as well as strong relationships with local and provincial partners.

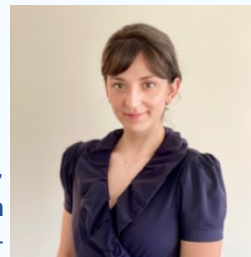
Pharmacy Awareness Month is fast approaching, and the 2026 theme, **Pharmacy Collaborates**, reflects both the strategic direction of the Branch and the reality of how pharmacy professionals practice. In support of this theme, the Advocacy Committee is developing a PAM speaker series to highlight interprofessional perspectives and real-world examples of collaboration. The goal is to showcase how pharmacy partners with other disciplines to improve care, solve problems, and support teams across the healthcare system. Teams across the province are encouraged to host local, collaborative events that celebrate interdisciplinary work and strengthen connections within their organizations.

This focus is particularly important in today's healthcare environment, where access pressures and increasing patient complexity are experienced daily by frontline teams. Pharmacy professionals continue to adapt, take on new responsibilities, and implement innovative approaches to meet patient and system needs.

Alongside PAM planning, the Advocacy Committee will prioritize highlighting the essential role of pharmacy professionals through a social media campaign, increasing public awareness of their expertise, value, and impact. We are committed to showcasing innovation, collaboration, and leadership within pharmacy, and ensuring that the expertise, dedication, and expanding contributions of pharmacy professionals are valued. With new responsibilities and advanced training to meet evolving patient and system needs, much of this work goes without the recognition and support it deserves.

We look forward to working with members across BC in the months ahead and encourage you to engage with PAM activities, collaborative events, and advocacy initiatives. Your work, your voice, and your expertise are essential to the future of healthcare-systems pharmacy.

With warm regards,
Kseniya Chernushkin
CSHP BC Advocacy Committee Chair



Awards Announcement

Congratulations to the CSHP BC Branch Award Winners of 2025!

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Continuing Education Travel Grants (Sponsor: Fresenius Kabi Canada Ltd.)	Liz Edwards Catherine Cheung Darren Feere Indraj Uppal Sophia Li Jenny Kang
Hospital Participation Awards - Small Hospital - Medium Hospital - Large Hospital	Small: Fort St. John Hospital Medium: Burnaby Hospital Large: Children and Women's Health Center of BC
Pharmacy Appreciation Month Awards - Individual - Small Hospital - Medium Hospital - Large Hospital	Individual: Uncontested Small: Richmond Primary Care Network Medium: Chilliwack General Hospital Large: Royal Columbian Hospital
Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award	Dr. Karen Dahri Dr. Michael Legal Dr. Colleen Inglis Dr. Catherine Koo Dr. Anthony Pookpun Ms. Tracy Shu
Future Professional Student Award	Ms. Ilianna Doornbos
Most Outstanding Recruiter of Active Members	Dr. Tamara Mihic
Most Outstanding Recruiter of Student Supporters	Dr. Cesilia Nishi
Publication Award – Original Article	Dr. Shirin Abadi
Publication Award – Review Article	Dr. Arden Barry, Dr. Mahsa Movahedan
Pharmacy Practice Residency Awards (Sponsor: Pfizer Canada Inc.)	Dr. Alyssa Azote (LMPS) Dr. Xandra Klein (LMPS) Dr. Olivia Burton (Island Health) Dr. Shiyang Yang (LMPS) Dr. Catherine Koo (LMPS) Dr. Leslie Guo (LMPS)
Pharmacy Practice (AGM Poster) Award	New Researcher(s): Mr. Corbin Patterson Co-Authors: Dr. Erin Ready, Dr. Alice Tseng Veteran Researcher(s): Dr. Blair McDonald Co-Author: Dr. Sheri Koshman
Canadian Society of Healthcare-Systems Pharmacy British Columbia Student Award	1) Ms. Meghan MacLaren 2) Mr. Matthew Heymen
New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award	Dr. Harleen Chohan
Mentorship Award	Dr. Karen Dahri
Meritorious Service Award	Dr. Dan Martinusen



Awards Announcement

I would like to recognize the members of the CSHP BC Branch Awards Committee and Ad-Hoc Non-Member Judges for taking the time to review and evaluate award submissions. Recognizing our CSHP-BC members with awards would not be possible without all your hard work. Thank you!

2025 CSHP BC Branch Awards Committee

Dr. Amanda Sambrielaz

Dr. Jason Tan

Dr. Melanie Hempel

Ms. Brittney Mathers

Dr. Katie Haubrich

Dr. Stacey Tkachuk

Dr. Caitlin Chew

Dr. Laura Beresford

Ms. Sarah Masson

Dr. Carolyn Bubbar

Ms. Melissa Lane

Mr. Timothy De La Torre

Dr. Colette Raymond

Dr. Marianna Leung

Dr. Vanessa Paquette

Dr. Hilary Wu

Dr. Matthew Tsang

Dr. Victoria Cox

Ad-Hoc Non-Committee Member(s):

Dr. Gabriel Loh

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, 2026**.

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: April 30, 2026.

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

Laura Rozka
Awards Chairperson



Student Mentorship

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a relaxing break and is ready to kick off another semester. It's always exciting to see students back at UBC, and we're looking forward to the months ahead! This spring, we're bringing back some familiar initiatives to continue supporting students' interest in clinical pharmacy. With Pharmacy Awareness Month (PAM) quickly approaching, we're excited to announce some new initiatives focused on engaging the public and showcasing the important role of pharmacists. Stay tuned for more details about these events in the coming weeks! In addition to PAM, students can look forward to the return of the Spotlight Series, where we highlight various practices and roles in healthcare-systems pharmacy across BC, as well as the Student Clinical Symposium and Resident Showcases. These events offer fantastic opportunities to learn more about healthcare-systems pharmacy and connect with pharmacists and residents across the province.

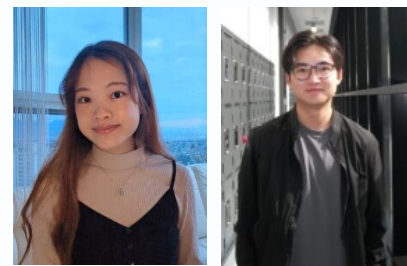
Our Student Mentorship Program is also well underway. This year, we've matched 87 students with pharmacists from various health authorities and specialties across BC. These pairings provide a valuable opportunity for students to connect with mentors, explore career paths, and gain insights into clinical pharmacy roles. We are incredibly grateful to our mentors for dedicating their time and expertise to supporting our students.

If you'd like to learn more about the program, feel free to reach out to us at: cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Billy Yu for his outstanding work as CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinator over the past two years. His dedication has been invaluable in shaping our initiatives and programs. As Billy enters the final stages of his PharmD journey, we wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors. Thank you for all you've done, Billy!

At the same time, we're delighted to welcome Jayden Pun as our new Junior Student Membership Coordinator. Jayden is a second-year PharmD student with a strong passion for healthcare systems pharmacy. He's excited to contribute his ideas and experiences to the team, and we're confident he'll bring great energy to the role.

As we head into a busy term, we wish everyone a safe and successful semester. Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming events, and don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.



Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lee & Jayden Pun
CSHP-BC Student Membership Coordinators

Welcome and Thank You to Our New and Returning 2026 Council Members!

President. **Hilary Rowe**
Past President. **Asal Taheri**
President Elect. **Cesilia Nishi**
Treasurer. **Iona Berger**
Secretary. **Mahsa Movahedan**
BC Delegate. **Karen Dahri**
Programs Chair **Catherine Koo**
Membership Chair. **Elizabeth Chan**
Communications Officer. **Ingrid Frank**
BC Advocacy Chair. **Kseniya Chernushkin**
Fundraising Chair **Trana Hussaini**

Fraser Valley Chapter Chair. **Florian Zhou**
Northern Chapter Chair. **Katie Bellefeuille**
Interior Chapter Chair. **Lauren Siemers & Jasmin Gill**
Vancouver Island Chapter Chair. **Matt Del Nin & Dorothy Lau**
Co-Chief Residents. **Sarah Kim & Emily Galey**
Student Membership Coordinator. **Amanda Lee & Jayden Pun**
CAPSI Representative. **Simrat Sekhon & Dilnar**



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