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President's Message

Dear CSHP BC Branch Members and Supporters,

Spring is a time of celebration in the pharmacy profession as it coincides with **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM)** and the **Spring Therapeutics Update.**

The incredible efforts of the PAM Planning Committee have led to another successful PAM campaign. This year's theme, "**Pharmacy Collaborates**" was in alignment with the new strategic plan, and highlighted the work of healthcare-systems pharmacy professionals with interprofessional teams across the province. The lunch time panel discussions demonstrated the impact these collaborations have on advancements in health care utilization, the use of technology, and patient outcomes.

Thank you to everyone who attended the lunch time events, contributed to the spotlight series, had fun playing PAM games with their colleagues and took the time to highlight the pharmacy profession at their work place this past month. PAM is a great opportunity to celebrate the work of our colleagues and the advancements in healthcare-systems pharmacy.

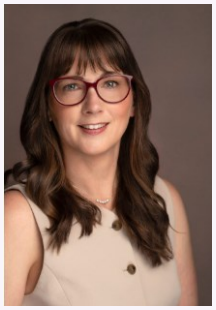
The **Spring Therapeutics Update** was also a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues and learn from specialists in our field. Thank you to the entire programs committee for organizing this continuing education event.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended one of the coffee break events hosted at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital and Surrey Memorial Hospital in February. We appreciated the opportunity to connect branch members with the **new CSHP National CEO, Karla Thorpe**.

The **BC Branch** also has an exciting **new volunteer position** that was just announced at the Spring Therapeutics Update. This position serves as the **BC Branch representative on the CSHP Banff Seminar Planning Committee**. The representative will help plan, organize, and promote a sustainable annual conference, providing high quality education and networking opportunities. The representative will also have the opportunity to attend the Banff Seminar each year. If you are interested, please see the Terms of Reference for this position posted online under the BC Branch manual, and note an **email will be sent on May 1st with application details**.

Lastly, a reminder that **both CSHP National and the BC Branch** have excellent **education events planned in 2026**! At the end of April, **Canada's Largest Pharmacy Conference**, **PPC** will be hosted in Halifax. For upcoming BC Branch event details, including the **Clinical Symposium**, see the **programs section and website.**

Thank you for your continued support of the BC Branch.



Kind regards,
Hilary Rowe
CSHP-BC President 2025-26

PHARMACY COLLABORATES

BC Delegate

I recently attended the **March Midterm Board Meetings in Ottawa**. The meetings started off with a Board Development session on **Governance Effectiveness** followed by an **overview of the CSHP by-laws**. Updates around **National's Advocacy efforts** were discussed. National has provided support for Branch's across Canada's advocacy initiatives. In addition, they have responded to a number of Health Canada consultations including recent ones on **Health Canada's clozapine dispensation program** and **NAPRA's non-sterile and sterile compounding model standards**. **Chief Pharmacy Officer Rita Dhami** presented on **antimicrobial resistance to two House of Commons committees** – the Standing Committee on Health and the Standing Committee on Science and Research.

During the Board meetings, the **new President Elect, Dr. Michael LeBlanc** from **New Brunswick**, was **confirmed for a 3-year term** ending at the 2029 AGM. Michael comes to the role with extensive experience with CSHP having served as a National Delegate, Branch President, and most recently as **Chair of the CSHP Research and Education Foundation Board.**

Dr. Lauren Bresee, a BC member who has taken over as **Editor-in-Chief of CJHP**, also provided an update at the meetings. Included in her update was the **confirmation of three new associate editors** for **CJHP**, including **one of our BC members, Dr. Sean Gorman**.

Other news from National include the **Professional Practice Conference**, which will be taking place in **Halifax from April 30th to May 2nd**. The **Hospital Pharmacy in Canada Survey Reports for 2023/2024** are now **available here**. And a reminder to check out **CSHP Communities** to **connect with others** in your **clinical interest areas**.

Kind Regards,
Karen Dahri
CSHP-BC Delegate

Awards

UPCOMING AWARDS

Pharmacy Appreciation Month Awards

What an incredible year it has been for Pharmacy Appreciation Month! Did you or your site truly shine this March? If so, we want to hear about it.

Consider applying for the **Pharmacy Appreciation Month Award** by end of day **April 30th**. This award is designed to recognize and celebrate the most impactful PAM campaigns across various categories:

- **Best Individual Effort**
- **Small Hospital Campaign**
- **Medium Hospital Campaign**
- **Large Hospital Campaign**

Don't miss the chance to showcase your team's hard work and creativity.

You can find **full application details and submission guidelines** here: **https://cshp-bc.com/pharmacy-appreciation-month-award/**

Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award

I am pleased to announce that the winner of this year's **Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award** is **Ms. Tanisha Misra**!

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

Laura Rozka
CSHP-BC Awards Chairperson

Programs

Thank you for joining us for another great year of CSHP-BC Branch events, beginning with our annual **Spring Therapeutics Update** on April 15, 2026, at the Italian Cultural Centre!

The event featured three engaging speakers, offering the opportunity to learn from our very own experts in BC on a diverse range of clinical topics:

- Dr. Vivien Cao - *New Medications in Neurology*
- Mr. Mark Ho - *Hot Topics to Di-alyze for*
- Dr. Ivy Chow - *Approach to Shortening Durations of Antibiotics*

As part of our ongoing commitment to hosting more sustainable events, we introduced our **"Go Green Raffle"** to encourage eco-friendly transportation this year, and we look forward to continuing to work with our branch members to make future events even more sustainable.

Thank you again to all our speakers, Programs Committee members, Council members, and attendees for making the evening such a success! If you missed any part of the event, all registrants have access to the recordings to rewatch at their convenience.

As we look ahead, we invite you to mark your calendars for two key events coming up this year:

- **Clinical Symposium** - *Virtual Event - September 10, 2026*
- **Annual General Meeting** - *Hybrid Event - November 13-14, 2026*

We are also pleased to announce that our **Annual General Meeting** is returning as a **two-day hybrid event** for the first time since before COVID-19! Join us at the beautiful **Vancouver Convention Centre** - stay tuned for more details! We're always happy to hear from you! Whether you have ideas, feedback, or are interested in volunteering, we'd love to connect. Reach out anytime at **programs@cshp-bc.com**.
Wishing you all a lovely spring, and **we look forward to seeing you at our next event!**

Warm regards,
Catherine Koo
CSHP-BC Programs Chair 2026

As **Past Programs Chair,** I represented the **CSHP-BC Branch as a member of the CSHP Banff Seminar Planning Committee** and hosted the **Friday evening social event** on behalf of the BC Branch. The **"Royal Rush"** scavenger hunt was a high-energy highlight, getting participants moving, collaborating, and connecting in a fun and engaging way.

The **Banff Seminar** brought together attendees from across the **Western Provinces** for a weekend of educational sessions and valuable networking and valuable networking opportunities. At the **Saturday Gala**, we were also proud to **celebrate UBC PharmD student Tanisha Misra**, recipient of the **BC Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award.**

We look forward to welcoming CSHP-BC Branch members to next year's Banff Seminar in March 2027!

Warm regards,
Tamara Mihic
CSHP Banff Seminar BC Branch Representative

Advocacy

This spring, the Advocacy Committee delivered another engaging **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) campaign**, highlighting the many ways pharmacy professionals collaborate across the healthcare system. Special appreciation goes to **Renée Deganais**, whose leadership and dedication continue to guide the PAM team each year. Her leadership and coordination ensure that events are fresh, well-organized, and impactful. I would also like to recognize **Will Shum**, who has consistently volunteered his time and creativity to bring the PAM theme to life each year through an evolving PAM button and visually engaging posters.

This year's **PAM Speaker Series highlighted innovation and collaboration across interprofessional teams**. The sessions included **Hospital at Home: Team-Based Acute Care Beyond the Hospital, Primary Care Pharmacists in Action: Teaming Up for Better Care, and AI in Pharmacy Practice: Opportunities, Insights, and What Comes Next**, with each session drawing a number of attendees and sparking meaningful dialogue. I want to express my gratitude to all speakers and moderators for making these sessions a success. **Recordings of all PAM Speaker Series sessions will be available on the CSHP-BC website for members who were unable to attend.**

There are many who generously volunteer their time and energy to bring PAM together. I would like to express my **heartfelt appreciation to the entire PAM Committee, including Carolyn Bubbar, Michael Kammermayer, Solomon Chow, Correy Jeffries, and Dorothy Lau**, for their incredible contributions in bringing the campaign to life. **Special recognition goes to Dorothy Lau** for her **creativity and enthusiasm** in bringing one of this year's highlights, our **PAM Games, to life**.

Beyond PAM, the Advocacy Committee continues to meet monthly to identify opportunities to advance the profession and advocate for issues that are important to members. This includes recent participation in the Ministry of Health's public consultation on the expanded scope of practice for pharmacists. We look forward to new opportunities to advocate for the interests of our members in the months to come.

Kseniya Chernushkin
CSHP-BC Advocacy Chair

Student Mentorship

Congratulations on finishing another school year, everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful semester and had the chance to take part in **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) 2026.**

We kicked off the semester with a **CSHP Coffee Chat and Meet-and-Greet featuring the new CSHP National CEO, Karla Thorpe, on February 18**. This event provided students with the opportunity to connect and engage in conversations about career pathways and involvement with CSHP. **A big thank you to Karla for taking the time to speak with UBC students and share her insights!**

For our **PAM community outreach this year**, we revisited **Kitsilano Neighbourhood** House to speak with seniors about osteoporosis and fall prevention, and we also hosted a booth at the UBC Student Nest to educate students about party drugs and the pharmacy profession. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Solomon Chow for his contributions!

To conclude PAM 2026, we collaborated with the **Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) to host our annual Lunch and Learn**. This year, we were thrilled to welcome **Dr. Colin Lee** to speak about antimicrobial stewardship. The topic was highly relevant and provided attendees with practical insights applicable to both coursework and clinical practice.

We wish everyone the best of luck with final exams and summer practicums. **Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and all new incoming hospital and primary care residents!**

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

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