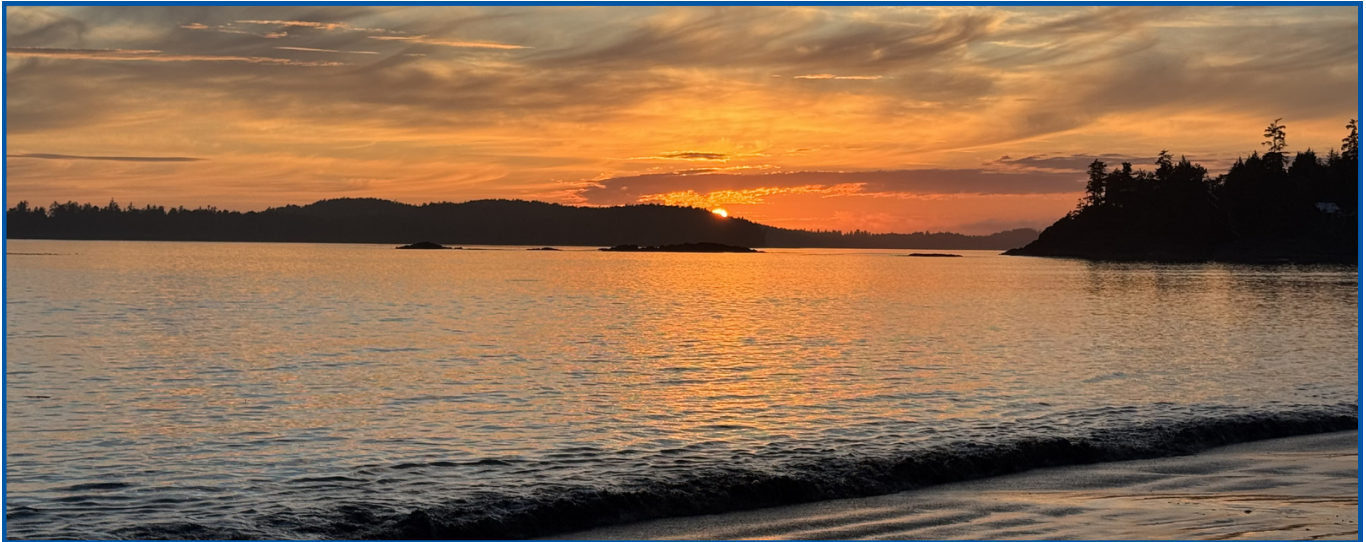




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CSHP BC Branch Members and Supporters,

I hope your summer is off to a great start, whether you are camping, travelling, cheering on your favourite soccer team or just enjoying the extra hours of sunshine!

I would like to begin by sharing a thank you [card](#) from the Provincial Pharmacy Residency Coordinators, for the generous support of the 2025–2026 Residency Research Night. The BC Branch is proud to support this event as it highlights the important research and quality improvement projects completed by residents in collaboration with pharmacy professionals across the province.

CSHP BC Branch Council has had another busy start to summer. We continue to meet regularly with the Ministry of Health and continue to be included in the Ministry's Bilateral Engagement Sessions with the Health System Policy and Oversight Division. Along with our ongoing advocacy work on the future direction of expanded scopes of practice for both pharmacists and technicians, we continue to advocate for other important professional advancements including new technologies that are improving healthcare delivery and improving access to drug coverage for patients.

This summer we are excited to make two announcements. The first is the recipients of this year's Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant (SAVING) Award. Congratulations to Roxane Carr and co-investigators Karin Tse, Kendra Sih and Stacey Tkachuk of BC Children's Hospital for receiving this award for their project titled: [Advancing Environmental Sustainability Through Digital Stewardship in Pharmacy Practice](#).

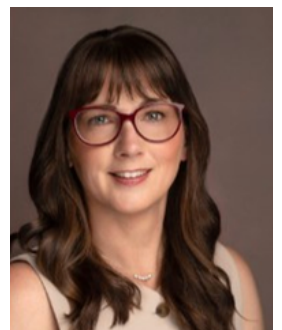
The purpose of this project is to reduce digital data waste in hospital pharmacy practice by applying evidence-based digital decarbonisation principles. We are excited to learn more about potential solutions to this timely and relevant environmental issue.

The BC Branch council would also like to announce that Cloe Cullen is the new BC Branch representative on the CSHP Banff Seminar Planning Committee. Cloe will help plan, organize, and promote a sustainable conference, providing high quality education and networking opportunities at the annual Banff Seminar.

Lastly, a reminder that both CSHP National and the BC Branch have excellent education events this summer and fall. For upcoming BC Branch event details, including the virtual 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



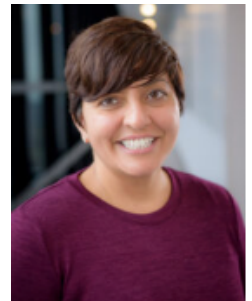
The Professional Practice Conference (PPC) took place in Halifax from April 30th to May 2nd with over 400 attendees! I had the pleasure of attending and representing the Branch. We had a number of attendees from BC which was great to see! BC was well represented during the sessions with excellent presentations from Dr. Arden Barry and Dr. Vanessa Paquette. Dr. Olivia Burton and her project group won the Excellence in Pharmacy Practice – Leadership Award for her study addressing the need for guidance on integrating Indigenous traditional medicines with western pharmaceuticals. Congratulations Olivia! For those of you looking to attend in the future, PPC 2026 will be returning to its roots and be in Toronto next year.

We had our Summer Board meeting at the end of June. We reviewed our progress on our strategic plan. Our next Board Meeting will take place in the fall.

CSHP's Annual Report for the 2024-2025 year is now available and can be accessed [here](#).

And lastly, please remember to renew your [membership](#).

Kind regards,
Karen Dahri
BC Delegate



PROGRAMS

Clinical Symposium 2026 registration now open!

Join us on **Thursday September 10th** from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for our fully virtual event featuring exciting speakers including:

Dr. Jessica Farrell, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacist
"Rheumatology Treatment"

Dr. Katelyn Halpape, BSP, ACPR, PharmD, BCPP
Clinical Pharmacist – Dube Centre for Mental Health
"Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Primer"

Dr. Jennifer Bolt, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD, MHA
Clinical Pharmacist, Assistant Professor (UBC)
"Update on Dementia Treatment"

This event will be accredited for **2 CEUs**!

Visit our website for full details and to register [HERE](#)



CSHP-BC BRANCH Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists BC BRANCH

Clinical Symposium

10 THURSDAY September 2026 **6:00 - 8:30 PM**

PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE:

Rheumatology	Dr. Jessica Farrell (PharmD)
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	Dr. Katelyn Halpape (PharmD)
Dementia	Dr. Jennifer Bolt (PharmD)

OPTIONS TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY & EARN UP TO 2 CEUS

Virtually in real time via Zoom	Video on demand recordings post-event
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Please refer to our event website for full program details, agenda, and learning objectives.

PROGRAMS

Save the Date! Annual General Meeting 2026:

CSHP-BC Programs Committee is excited to welcome you to our **Annual General Meeting 2026** returning as a **two-day hybrid event** on **November 13-14!** Join us at the beautiful **Vancouver Convention Centre** for an exciting event featuring engaging speakers, networking opportunities, and an epic after party!

Event registration will open soon, please keep an eye out for further email updates!



Warm regards,
Catherine Koo
CSHP-BC Programs Chair 2026



ADVOCACY

As summer begins, the Advocacy Committee's regular activities will slow, with most work pausing until we reconvene in September. This time will also allow us to reflect on the committee's priorities and consider where our advocacy efforts can be most useful in the coming year.

Although activity is lighter over the summer, we will continue to engage with the Ministry of Health as opportunities arise and bring forward important questions affecting healthcare-systems pharmacy. These include the evolving roles of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, opportunities created by expanded prescribing authority, pharmacy involvement in the design and delivery of new healthcare-systems programs, and the impact and potential of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

We are also pleased to congratulate the recipients of this year's Pharmacy and Sustainable Environment Grant (SAVING) Award: Principal Applicant Roxane Carr and Co-Investigators Karin Tse, Kendra Sih, and Stacey Tkachuk.

We appreciate the contributions and perspectives shared by members throughout the year and look forward to reconnecting in September and continuing to advance advocacy priorities relevant to healthcare-systems pharmacy across British Columbia.



Kseniya Chernushkin
CSHP-BC Advocacy Chair

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

We hope everyone's summer has been off to a great start! Whether you're recharging, traveling, or gaining valuable experience on various placements, we wish you all the best as the new school year approaches.

Preparations are underway for this fall's CSHP-BC Student Symposium, our biggest student event of the year. The post-symposium networking event will also take place on the same night; this will be a great opportunity to connect with clinical pharmacists from a variety of specialties, pharmacy residents, and fellow students in a relaxed and engaging environment. Dinner will be provided for those who RSVP, along with door prizes and fun activities! Registration details will be posted on the Facebook PhUS Pharmacy Hub and shared across all cohort pages once the date and event details are finalized.

As the 2025–26 Student Mentorship Program comes to a close, we would like to extend a big thank you to all the pharmacist mentors who participated this year. Your time, guidance, and support continue to make this program a valuable experience for students of all years exploring hospital pharmacy. We hope many of you will return this fall, and we welcome anyone new who is interested in joining.

Watch for the registration email in the coming months or contact us at:
studentcoordinator.bc@cshp-bc.ca

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Finally, we would like to congratulate the 2026 PharmD graduates and all those who have been accepted into hospital residency and primary care programs for the 2026–27 year. We wish you the very best as you begin this exciting new chapter.

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



COMMUNICATIONS

Are You Receiving CSHP-BC Emails?

CSHP-BC regularly sends emails with Branch news, event announcements, professional development opportunities, advocacy updates, and other important member communications.

If you notice that CSHP-BC emails are being delivered to your junk or spam folder, please mark them as "Not Junk" or move them to your inbox. This helps your email provider recognize future CSHP-BC messages as safe and can improve email delivery moving forward.

CSHP-BC Volunteers Wanted!

CSHP-BC is currently **seeking volunteers!** We welcome interest from CSHP members at all stages of their careers, including students, residents, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. If you are interested in learning more, please email communications.bc@cshp-bc.ca

We've Updated Our Email Addresses

Over the summer, the CSHP-BC Branch transitioned to new email addresses ending in @cshp-bc.ca. Our website will also be updated soon to reflect these changes.

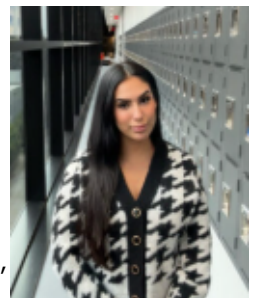
Stay Connected

In addition to email, you can stay up to date with CSHP-BC through our website and social media channels:

- **Website:** www.cshp-bc.com
- **Instagram:** [@cshpbcbranch](https://www.instagram.com/cshpbcbranch)
- **Facebook:** [CSHP-BC](https://www.facebook.com/CSHP-BC)
- **LinkedIn:** [CSHP-BC](https://www.linkedin.com/company/CSHP-BC)

Please note that CSHP-BC is no longer active on X (formerly Twitter).

Warm regards,
Ingrid Frank
 CSHP-BC Communications Chair



Pharmacy Appreciation Month 2026 Winners

March 2026 marked Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM), celebrated this year under the inspiring theme, "Pharmacy Collaborates." Pharmacy departments across the province brought this theme to life with creative, high-impact campaigns promoting the vital role of the pharmacy profession. Each year, the PAM Awards recognize three outstanding BC pharmacy teams for their exceptional campaign efforts. Divided into large, medium, small, and individual categories, these awards celebrate excellence in collaboration. I am absolutely delighted to announce and congratulate this year's winners:

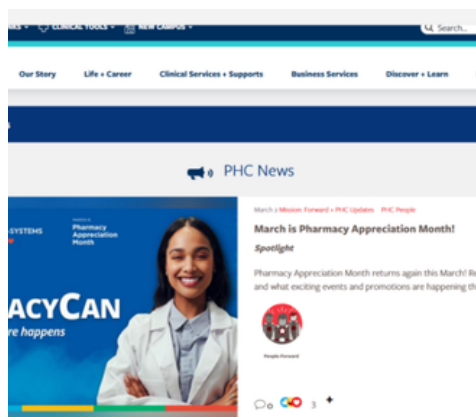
Individual Award: *This award was uncontested*

Please consider applying for this award next year!

Large Site: Providence Health Care (St Paul's Hospital and Mount St Joseph Hospital)

Submitted by: Brittany Buffone, Laura Frankow, and Leanne Leung

To raise awareness, they published promotional features and staff spotlights on PHC Connect, displayed campaign posters on hospital monitors, and shared an educational behind-the-scenes dispensary video. They also drove department engagement by personally visiting staff with thank-you gifts, hosting weekly Wordle challenges, and organizing a Pharmacy Appreciation Staff Treat event complete with Jeopardy and a live "collaboration win" display. Finally, to mark the final celebration at the current St. Paul's Hospital before the February 2027 move, they hosted a collaborative paint-by-numbers activity of the historic building, which will be the first piece of artwork displayed in the new facility.

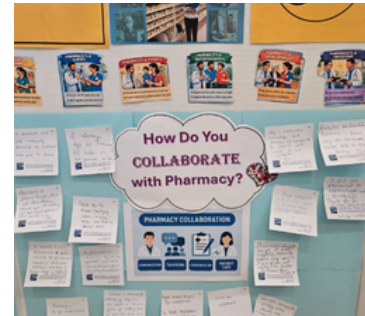


Medium Site: Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre

Submitted by: May Leung

During March 2026, the JPOCSC Pharmacy planning committee celebrated Pharmacy Appreciation Month with a campaign centered on the theme "Pharmacy Collaborates."

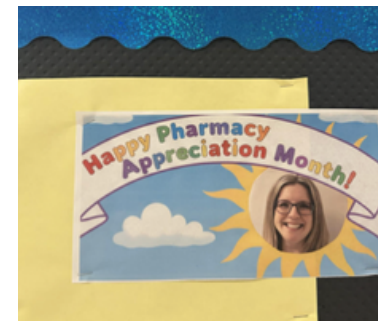
In partnership with Social Work colleagues, they hosted an interactive lobby booth featuring staff-designed poster boards, a collaborative feedback display, and a trivia contest that engaged over 50 in-person and online participants. The committee also submitted three CSHP staff recognition awards and concluded the month with a thank-you message to the hospital and an internal food celebration for the pharmacy team.



Small Site: Ridge Meadows Hospital

Submitted by: Rezin Jasim, Siva Ramesh, Sarah Masson, and Marsha Fajardo

For this year's Pharmacy Appreciation Month, the team created a vibrant, interactive "Recognition" board in a high-traffic area to celebrate the people and relationships behind pharmacy care. Using a playful Teletubbies-inspired theme, they crafted colorful character cutouts with personalized write-ups that highlighted individual staff members' unique strengths and personalities, using a color palette aligned with CSHP branding. Surrounding this central display were educational posters emphasizing pharmacy's vital collaboration with nurses, prescribers, patients, and allied health professionals. Ultimately, the campaign successfully combined creativity and storytelling to foster team identity, educate visitors, and drive meaningful appreciation for pharmacy services.



Upcoming Awards

There are a number of upcoming awards that have deadlines fast approaching. Please consider submitting an application!

AUGUST

Pharmacy Practice Residency Awards (sponsored by Pfizer)

Purpose: To recognize excellence in hospital pharmacy residency projects

Deadline: August 31

Award: Certificate and a cash prize of \$1000

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/pharmacy-practice-residency-award-2/>

Pharmacy Practice (AGM) Poster Award (New Researcher and Veteran Researcher)

Purpose: To recognize member's projects encompassing clinical research, pharmaceuticals/basic research, case reports, pharmacy practice, administration, pharmacoeconomics and drug use evaluations. Note that there are 2 categories, one for New Researcher and one for Veteran Researcher

Deadline: August 31

Award: Certificate and a cash prize of \$250 (for each category)

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/pharmacy-practice-poster-awards/>

Publication Awards (Original Research and Review Article)

Purpose: To recognize excellence in pharmacy publication

Deadline: August 31

Award: Certificate and a single cash prize of \$250 (for each category)

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/publication-awards/>

New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award

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

Deadline: August 31

Award: Plaque, a cash prize of \$500, and AGM attendance

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/new-hospital-pharmacy-practitioner-award/>

Upcoming Awards

SEPTEMBER

Maria Machado Educational Program Award **NEW DEADLINE**

Purpose: To recognize hospital pharmacist(s) who have expanded or initiated a patient counseling and/or education program

Deadline: August 31

Award: Plaque for one recipient, a cash prize of \$250, and AGM attendance

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/maria-machado-memorial-education-program-award/>

Mentorship Award **NEW DEADLINE**

Purpose: To recognize members who have made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy through teaching or mentorship in Hospital Practice

Deadline: August 31

Award: Plaque, a cash prize of \$500, and AGM attendance

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/mentorship-award/>

Meritorious Service Award **NEW DEADLINE**

Purpose: To recognize members who have made exceptional contributions to the BC Branch and chapters through voluntary services and activities

Deadline: August 31

Award: Plaque, a cash prize of \$500, and AGM attendance

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/meritorious-service-award/>

Distinguished Service Award **NEW DEADLINE**

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding achievements and long-term service to the practice of hospital pharmacy of a member of the CSHP BC Branch

Deadline: August 31

Award: Plaque and an option of a \$1000–2000 cash prize (see details in 'More Info')

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/cshp-bc-distinguished-service-award/>

Upcoming Awards

OCTOBER

Recruitment Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding membership recruitment efforts by members (2 categories, one for recruiter of active members and one for recruiter of student supporters)

Deadline: October 31

Award: Certificate and AGM attendance

More Info: <https://cshp-bc.com/awards-2/recruitment-awards/>

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.bc@cshp-bc.ca

Laura Rozka
CSHP-BC Awards Chairperson



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