

CSHP Board and Branch Reference Manual

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

CSHP strives to maintain its values, its integrity, and its national scope when it forges alliances with other organizations. Consideration must be made to ensure that the strategic alliance does not disadvantage the membership of CSHP or threaten the future of the Society.

POLICY

The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP), all of its branches and the CSHP Foundation shall not enter into a joint membership agreement with any other organization.

CSHP, but not its branches nor the CSHP Foundation, may consider strategic alliances with other organizations to provide enhanced benefits to the membership which otherwise cannot be attained outside of an alliance.

Strategic alliances with other organizations must be approved by the CSHP Board.

Strategic Alliances may only confer the benefits of CSHP Supporters to the members of the other organization. Members of the other organization do not become Members or Supporters of CSHP. Receipt of or participation in CSHP Supporter benefits by members of the other organization is voluntary basis.

A strategic alliance may not alter the composition of the CSHP Board or the governance of CSHP.

A strategic alliance must not negatively impact the CSHP national and branch membership fees.

This policy applies to CSHP National and all its branches.

PROCEDURES

1. Requests for entering into strategic alliances with other organizations should be forwarded to the Executive Director.

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2. The Executive Director will discuss the appropriateness of such alliance with the President and/or the Executive Committee.
3. If deemed appropriate, the Executive Director will enter into discussions with the other organization.
4. The Executive Director will consult with the Executive Committee and/or the Board, as necessary, during discussions with the other organization.
5. A draft version of the strategic alliance will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval.