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CSHP’s new CEO, Jody Ciufo, started in this role in January 2019, following Myrella Roy’s retirement from this position after 15 years.

The Enhanced Liability Insurance Program for CSHP members has improved coverage, reduced rates, and ongoing value. The new provider, BMS Canada Risk Services (BMS), offers a comprehensive and cost-effective insurance throughout the 2019-2020 membership cycle. As a member, this exclusive policy provides you with access to industry-specific risk management resources, experienced insurance and claims service and specialist legal support, including pro bono services.

On March 6, the federal government’s Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare presented its interim report. (The final report is expected to be released in the spring of 2019.) Many of these recommendations and the principles align with CSHP’s position statement on a national pharmacare program.

Here is an excerpt from that statement: The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) supports the development of a coordinated, national pharmacare program wherein the provision of medically necessary medications is recognized as an insured health service, meeting the primary objective of the Canada Health Act, regardless of where care is received in Canada. Such a pharmacare program would be accessible, portable, comprehensive, publicly administered, universal, and financially sustainable. It should include a national formulary of medically necessary drugs (built on a cornerstone of an essential medicines list). In addition, a pharmacare program should include information systems and decision support tools to assist prescribing and provide equitable access by patients to pharmacists regardless of location.

CSHP’s Board voted in March to endorse the Statement of Pharmacare Consensus Principles. In doing so, CSHP joins with more than 80 other organizations representing a diverse collection of healthcare professional associations, not-for-profit organizations, labour unions, patients, seniors, and academics.

Choosing Wisely Canada is a national campaign that aims to help clinicians and patients engage in conversations about unnecessary tests and treatments, and make smart and effective care choices.

CSHP is happy to present the member-generated recommendations for consideration when striving for excellence in providing patient care: “Six things that clinicians and patients should know about hospital pharmacy”. For details, click here.

The Board of the CSHP Foundation is seeking applications for a Pharmacist Trustee! Are you interested?

Information on Board Member responsibilities and an application form are available on the Foundation’s website at cshpfoundation.ca

Application Deadline: August 30, 2019
2019 Alberta Branch Awards
Call For Nominations

Dear Alberta Branch CSHP Members,

On behalf of the Awards Committee, I would like to issue the call for nominations for the 2019 Alberta Branch Awards Program. This is an opportunity for you, our members, to recognize excellence in your colleagues. Please take a moment to review the awards offered, and consider nominating a colleague. This year’s deadline for submissions is June 14, 2019.

**Mentorship Award**
This $1000 award was developed to recognize those pharmacists who are a positive influence on students, residents, and peers. Through teaching and creating learning or career opportunities for others, this is the person who is looked upon for support and guidance. We all had the person who made us feel welcome early in our career - nominate him/her!

**Practitioner Award**
This $1000 award is designed to recognize significant contributions to pharmacy practice. Is there a pharmacist who goes above and beyond their required work to provide exceptional service to their patients or profession? Is there someone who is considered a leader amongst their peers and health care team? What about someone who's always engaged in the latest developments in health care? This is your opportunity to give them the recognition they deserve!

**Donna Pipa Meritorious Service Award**
This $1000 award is offered to CSHP Alberta branch members to recognize exceptional contributions to the CSHP Alberta branch. Nominate the person you have looked up to, worked alongside with or whose hard work you benefit from!

**Recognition Program**
The Recognition Program gives us an opportunity to formally celebrate the efforts and attributes of our fellow pharmacists. The theme of the award changes each year to appreciate different qualities in our peers. This year’s theme is: “Leading the profession by inspiring innovative practices.”

Nominees will be recognized with a certificate at the Branch AGM and there is no limit to the number of recipients. Please note if a group of 10 or more pharmacists is nominated for a single recognition, only a group certificate will be presented.

One of the highest honors in a professional career is to have your efforts recognized by your peers. I invite you to consider nominating one of the many deserving Alberta Branch CSHP members for the 2019 Awards Program. For full awards criteria, as well as the electronic nomination form, please see the CSHP Alberta Branch Website at https://www.cshp.ca/alberta-awards.

Sincerely,

Ariel Xue
CSHP-AB Awards Committee Chair
CSHP-AB Nominations for 2019-2020 Council and Committee Positions

The Alberta Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP-AB) is now accepting nominations for positions on Branch Council as well as volunteers for committee positions.

For a more complete description of each position, visit the following link.

Please submit your nomination form/volunteer form by June 30, 2019. Visit the following link for the Council Position nomination form. Visit the following link for the Committee Position nomination form.

If you would like to learn more about the Alberta Branch Council positions or the committee volunteer positions, or have questions about the nomination process, please feel free to contact me directly at deonne.dersch-mills@ahs.ca

Thank you and I look forward to your participation.

Deonne Dersch-Mills, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD
Chairperson, Nominations Committee
Past-President (Internal Portfolio)
CSHP Alberta Branch

Council Positions

AWARDS COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
BANFF SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
EDUCATION COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Committee Positions

AWARDS COMMITTEE
BANFF SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
PAM COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
PRESIDENT ELECT (INTERNAL)
RESEARCH COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRPERSON
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
PHARMACY AWARENESS MONTH COMMITTEE
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
Residency Project Presentation Teaser

Join us for the 2019 Pharmacy Residency Research Project Presentation Day!
Wednesday, June 26 from 11:00 am (sharp!) to 4:00 pm
Location: University of Alberta, ECHA 2-490

You will hear about 12 fascinating research projects completed by this year’s AHS Pharmacy Residents. Learn from their results and be inspired by their process. Refreshments will be served.

Project titles include:
- A Comparison of Risk Scoring Systems for Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia in Cardiac Surgery Patients, by Jackson Stewart
- Antipsychotic Polypharmacy Efficacy in Schizophrenia, by Alex Bartman
- Prescribing Practices of Clinically Deployed Pharmacists in Adult Ambulatory Cancer Centers in Alberta, by Kyia Hynes
- Peer Assisted Learning- Fitting the Pieces of the Learning Puzzle Together, by Sahiba Khurana
- A Retrospective Analysis of Outcomes in Overweight Patients with Acute Venous Thromboembolism Managed with Novel or Traditional Anticoagulant Regimens, by Steven Quan
- Interprofessional Team Based Systematic Evaluation and Management of Lipids in Cardiac Rehabilitation Patients with Coronary Disease, by Pawandeep Gill
- Assessing the Impact of Aprepitant on Response to Dose-Intensive Cyclophosphamide, Etoposide, and Cisplatin (DICEP), by Kevin Thai
- A Pharmacist-led Initiative for the Management of Hydroxyurea Therapy in Pediatric Sickle Cell Anemia, by Amanda Sha
- Survey of Natural Health Product Policies in Canadian Hospital Inpatient Pharmacy Departments Study, by Jaksa Novovic
- Analysis of Single Dose Pre-Operative Gabapentin and Celecoxib on Post-Operative Recovery and Opioid Consumption After Colorectal Surgery with the ERAS Protocol, by Priya Samuel
- Patient Factors Associated with Intravenous Iron Prescribing: A Descriptive Study, by Thomas Brownlee
- Pharmacy-based Research on Assessment of Current Enablers and Barriers in Therapeutically-practicing Pharmacists in the Institutional Care Environment, by Aliaksandr Savin

Dear CSHP members and supporters,

As summer sets in, many pharmacies and hospitals across the province, from High Level to Medicine Hat, welcome first and second year pharmacy students for a month-long clinical placement. The students will get a chance to apply what they have learned so far under the mentorship of a clinical pharmacist. Many third year students packed their bags early this spring and flew into Italy to learn about Intercultural Exploration of Pharmacy and Health. Fourth year students, now called Pharmacy Interns, have just completed their PEBCs, and will soon be joining Albertan pharmacists in the provision of patient-centered care.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to pharmacists for hosting students, facilitating shadowing opportunities, and precepting students. Students appreciate your mentorship efforts in passing along your knowledge and experiences to the future generation of pharmacists. As the newly elected CSHP-AB Student Representative, I look forward to another busy and successful year with CSHP Alberta Branch.

Regards,
Mina Nagib
Communications/Membership Student member
CSHP-AB Student Rep 2019-2020

2. Hip Fractures in Older Adults in 2019
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2733663

3. Dabigatran for Prevention of Stroke after Embolic Stroke of Undetermined Source
https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1813959

4. Pharmacists’ Lack of Profession-hood: Professional Identity Formation and Its Implications for Practice

5. Guidelines for Perioperative Care in Cardiac Surgery. Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Society Recommendations
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2732511

6. Opioid Medication Discontinuation and Risk of Adverse Opioid-Related Health Care Events
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2019.05.001

7. Dapagliflozin and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

8. DSM-5 Cannabis Withdrawal Syndrome: Demographic and Clinical Correlates in U.S. Adults
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2018.09.005

9. A Comparison of Pediatric and Adult Safety Studies for Antipsychotic and Antidepressant Drugs Submitted to the United States Food and Drug Administration
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2018.12.033

10. Professional Abstinence: What Does It Mean For Pharmacists?
https://doi.org/10.1177/1715163519840055

Membership Benefits and Renewal Reminder

The membership year officially starts on July 1st, but renewals and applications are already being accepted! Click here to renew online today!