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Professional Practice Conference
Toronto, ON
February 2-5, 2019
Early bird deadline: November 30, 2018

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Greetings from CSHP Alberta Branch!

It is my pleasure to be able to serve as Branch President for the 2018-2019 year. I’ve had a chance to interact with many of you by way of my “day job” as a Clinical Practice Leader for Alberta Health Services, but I am excited to have this opportunity to connect with you about pharmacy practice in a different way. As members of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, we all share a common vision- to improve patient care through the advancement of safe, effective medication use in hospitals and other collaborative healthcare settings. With the broadest scope of practice in Canada, members in Alberta are developing unique and novel ways of achieving this – one of my favourite parts of being involved with CSHP-AB has always been hearing about all of the awesome things everyone else is doing, and finding nuggets of inspiration I can take back to my own practice.

My presidential year started at an event rich with this type of inspiration – our annual CSHP Alberta Branch Symposium, or CABS. Varied clinical and leadership topics, including a panel on innovative practices, made for an engaging day – and an evening barbeque and skyline luge made for a very fun conclusion! Some attendees were fortunate enough to capitalize on two days of learning, and participated in an expert workshop on physical assessment in heart failure the next morning. Congratulations to the Education Committee on another event well done!

I would also like to personally thank all of the past and current volunteers who do so much for our branch. From sitting on Council, to contributing an “Albertan voice” to National initiatives, to doing the much needed “boots on the ground” work of editing newsletters and reviewing award applications, YOUR contributions are what makes us such a vibrant, thriving organization.

The CSHP-AB Presidential officers (myself, Rene Breault- Vision, and Deonne Dersch-Mills- Internal) are all looking forward to an exciting year, including the launch of our new website, continued collaboration with other organizations, and the further development of our newer committees that focus on Research and Pharmacy Awareness Month initiatives. We encourage you to follow along by email, newsletter, and social media- make your voice heard!

Sincerely,
Mary Gunther, BScPharm, ACPR
President, CSHP Alberta Branch
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Meet your CSHP-AB council members

We asked them why they are part of CSHP and here are their responses...

Deonne Dersch-Mills  
Past-president, Internal portfolio  
I believe you can’t just sit back and “do your job”… that’s how to get in a rut and lose the enjoyment in your work. Participating in the profession (by belonging to your professional association) is how you can shape the profession, meet colleagues that inspire you to do new things, and keep things fresh in your day to day work. And its loads of fun too.

Mary Gunther  
President, External portfolio  
I’m a member of CSHP because I’ve found it’s an awesome way to connect with colleagues from other parts of the country. It’s great to have a network of like-minded peers to be able to ask for their experiences or advice!

Rene Breault  
President-elect, Vision portfolio  
I am a CSHP member because I believe strongly in the mission and values of the organization. Being a member offers the opportunity to network and engage with colleagues across the province and the country.

Ariel Xue  
Awards Committee Chairperson  
I volunteer with CSHP because I get to meet and collaborate with many talented colleagues to contribute to the future of our profession. Be the change you wish to see!

Ian Creurer  
Branch delegate  
I have been a CSHP member for almost 30 years as it is an incomparable resource for advancing hospital pharmacy. Standard setting, advocacy, education and a forum for professional interchange are just some of the benefits that I’ve experienced by being a member.

Melissa Chung  
Secretary  
I am a CSHP member because CSHP provides me with unique educational experiences through conferences and other presentations about relevant clinical hospital topics. CSHP also allows me to have opportunities to meet other pharmacists and learn about a variety of different hospital pharmacy practices and how I can expand my practice.

By being a part of CSHP-AB, I can give back to my profession. I’m excited to work with passionate, dedicated pharmacists from all over the province to help shape the future of pharmacy practice.

Lesley Beique  
Communications Chairperson  
Building a network, meeting like-minded individuals, being inspired, and learning to enhance your practice are only some of the reasons why I am a CSHP member. Not to mention the fun social nights, making new friends and great educational events!

Anil Vyas  
Membership Committee Chairperson  
I am a CSHP member because it affords me the opportunity to meet and learn from other pharmacists. It also allows me to give back to the profession while having fun!

Jordan Kelly  
Student Representative  
CSHP has been an essential resource to guide my opportunities as a pharmacy student. CSHP has provided me with many educational, networking and professional opportunities that I will be able to build off of and continue to take with me for the rest of my pharmacy career.

I volunteer with CSHP because I want to help support my colleagues through learning and provide them with opportunities for networking with the many wonderful pharmacists that practice all around us. There are numerous innovative and impactful pharmacists that practice around Canada, and being part of organizations such as CSHP allows me to collaborate and share experiences with some of these pharmacists, and advocate for our profession.

Mark Diachinsky  
Educational Services Committee Chairperson
Thank you to Daniel Leung, Helen Marin, Tam Duong, Irina Rajakumar, and Jenna Smith for participating in the second annual CABS facilitated poster session! It was great to see the interesting research that is being done by our AB Branch members. If anyone in attendance at CABS has any feedback about the session, please feel free to email Jenny at jennifer.shiu@ahs.ca.

Keep an eye out for more research initiatives in the coming year!

Jenny Shiu, Chair Research Committee

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**News from the Faculty**

- Dean Neal Davies has written a history book entitled *The Indispensable History of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta* – featuring all alumni, staff, and students from 1914-2018. Book launch events took place in Edmonton on November 1st and will take place in Calgary on November 22nd.

- This year’s winner of the Preceptor of the Year award is Jane Ward, a pharmacist at the Calgary remand Centre. In total, 78 preceptors from AHS/Covenant Health were recognized with the preceptor recognition award. The full list of award winners for 2018 can be found [here](#). Preceptors will be recognized in Edmonton and Calgary during the book launch events.

- This past September marked the first intake of students into the new Entry-to-Practice PharmD Program. Students who are currently in the Bachelor’s program will have the opportunity to transfer into a PharmD bridging program after their third year of studies. Pharmacists who have graduated with a BScPharm degree are eligible to apply to the PharmD for Practicing Pharmacists Program. For more information on the various programs at the Faculty, see: [www.pharm.ualberta.ca](http://www.pharm.ualberta.ca)

- Dr. Sharon Mitchell retired from the Faculty in June 2018.
CABS 2018 recap

It was another successful year for CABS (CSHP Alberta Branch Symposium). It was held in Calgary on September 22nd and 23rd. On Saturday, 112 pharmacists attended the conference and AGM.

The conference started off with a thought-provoking discussion on leadership that had our attendees engaged with the keynote speaker, Dale Cooney. That was only the beginning of the Saturday conference that included topics on technology, scope of practice, research, toxicology, key clinical trials and updates in internal medicine and heart failure. In the afternoon, we followed up the breakout sessions with a panel discussion with pharmacists practicing in diverse clinical areas, highlighting some innovative and unique pharmacy practices that occur in Alberta. The evening was topped off with a social event that allowed attendees to get competitive in their racing gear as they sped down the Skyline Luge.

The weekend wrapped up on Sunday with a physical assessment workshop on heart failure and allowed for those attending to show off their skills measuring a JVP on each other. This was also the inaugural year for the Fun Bus, that allowed travelers from Edmonton and Red Deer (including a stow away from Calgary named Deonne) to relax and mingle with other colleagues on a rented bus! The feedback to date has been positive, and we will continue to provide both clinical and non-clinical streams, and work hard finding as excellent of speakers as we had this year.

Stay tuned for details on CABS 2019 in Edmonton this year! And again, a big thank you to our speakers and sponsors for everything they provided this year.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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Congratulations!
Award winners

Donna Pipa Meritorious Service Award

**Tania Mysak**

This award is presented to a member of Alberta Branch in recognition of exceptional contributions to CSHP at the branch and chapter levels.

CSHP Future Professional Award

Sponsored by McKesson

**Madellyn Heth**

This award recognizes one pharmacy student from each of the Western Branches’ Faculties of Pharmacy who displays student professionalism and is viewed as a future leader.

Alberta Hospital Pharmacy Residency Awards

Sponsored by Fresenius Kabi

**Helen Marin and Jenna Smith**

This award recognizes the top residents based upon the residents' overall year's work.

Alberta Hospital Pharmacy Residency Preceptor of the Year Awards

Sponsored by Fresenius Kabi

**Luiza Radu and Jenny Shiu**

This award recognizes pharmacy residency preceptors who have served as role models and excelled in the training of pharmacy residents.

Pharmacy Residency Project Award

**Daniel Leung**

Annual award presented to the pharmacy resident whose major project is judged to be the most deserving in terms of representing a significant innovation, practical application and/or development in an institutional pharmacy practice setting.

CABS Poster Award

**Jenna Smith**

This new annual award is presented to the person with the highest numeric score after assessment of CABS poster presentations.
Congratulations!
Award winners

Mentorship Award
Deonne Dersch-Mills
This annual award is presented to a pharmacist who has had a positive influence on the pharmacy practice of students, residents, peers and/or staff through teaching, sharing and mentoring.

Practitioner Award
Gerda Tawfik
This annual award is presented to a pharmacist in recognition of significant contributions to hospital pharmacy practice.

Recognition Program - Creating Efficiencies to Strengthen our Health Care System

Calgary Zone Emergency Department Pharmacists - For involvement in antimicrobial stewardship activity allowing them to utilize their full scope of practice

Connect Care Pharmacist SMEs - For all the hard work to support shaping the future of pharmacist practice in AHS

Angela MacBride - For supporting staff in achieving excellence at ACH

Unit 57 Clinical Pharmacist team - For supporting hematology/bone marrow transplant patients at FMC

Kimberly Defoe, Krista McKinnon, Esther Jadusingh and Humirah Sultani - For their part in the creation of a pharmacist-managed hydroxyurea program at ACH

Alison Gordon - For work done on the IV dose rounding policy at ACH

Nathan Morin - For leading the development and implementation of a pharmacist-led initiative aimed at improving blood glucose control and clinical outcomes in perioperative patients with diabetes at SHC
**PPC preview**

The Professional Practice Conference (PPC) 2019 will be held February 2-5, 2019 at the Hilton Downtown in Toronto, ON. This year is the 50th annual conference and will provide the opportunity to learn, engage and network with colleagues nationally from varied scopes of practice.

The keynote speaker will be Jon Montgomery, Olympian and Host of The Amazing Race Canada.

The conference will feature topic tracks on Research, Acute Care, Specialty Therapeutics, Primary Care and Administrative/Policy.

**Some highlights include:**

- Hospital Pharmacists Communicating with Patients: How Well Do We Do It?
- Discharge Medication Reconciliation for Patients Returning to a Reserve
- 2018 CCS Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines: What Pharmacists need to know
- CSHP Guidelines for Preventing, Identifying and Responding to Opioid Diversion

You can register online and find the preliminary program on the CSHP website: https://www.cshp.ca/2019-ppc-program.

For more information, contact the Event Planning and PSN Administrator, Susan Malin, at conference@cshp.pharmacy.

Early registration rates are available until November 30, 2018.

Register online today at: https://www.cshp.ca/ppc-2019-registration, through my.cshp.ca or contact Susan Maslin via e-mail at conference@cshp.pharmacy or call 1-613-736-9733 ext 229.

**PPC Travel Grant!**

In celebration of PPC's 50th anniversary, we are providing up to 3 travel grants for CSHP Alberta Branch members to attend and show our Alberta pride!

For details, [click here.](#)

To enter into the draw, [click here.](#)

Deadline to enter is November 23rd!