



Update From the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy - Division 8 Representative

The following report will highlight some of the issues that Council has discussed since last September. I have selected those topics that may be of most interest to hospital pharmacists. Please refer to your Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists Newsletter for a more comprehensive discussion of the range of topics that Council addressed.

Primary Care

SCP continues to participate in the Pharmacy Coalition on Primary Care, the Integrated Primary Health Care Working Group, and ongoing liaison with Primary Health Services Branch of Saskatchewan Health. Council has agreed that regulatory barriers to primary care should be minimized or eliminated. Such barriers are the requirement that the pharmacists must be present in the pharmacy at all time. In addition expansion of the role of the technician will be considered. Ray Joubert and Shannon Neubauber participated in a multidisciplinary study tour of the United Kingdom to learn about primary health care models and services in England and Scotland. They have shared their experiences in various venues (RBSP & SAHO conference, HQC), and are scheduled to present at our fall AGM educational session in Moose Jaw.

Linkage with Public

Council continued with their commitment to link with the public. An ad hoc committee met to identify priorities for issues to discuss with the public. These included Non-insured Health Benefit program, the Quality Agenda (pharmaceutical care, and public safety), primary health care and internet pharmacy. Different methods for linking with the public where identified.

One of our most important linkages with the public last year was with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations to examine how pharmacists can contribute to the health of First Nations people. Plans are underway to receive public input on drug abuse issues.

Malpractice Insurance

Council continues their philosophy that malpractice insurance is consistent with public protection, thus requiring practicing members to obtain malpractice insurance of the kind and quality we previously held through the Canadian Pharmacists Benefits Association. This was occurrence type insurance and because of its limited availability only through membership in RBSP, we are reviewing whether or not other types of insurance that are more readily available will adequately protect the public.

IMS Data

Medical organizations are objecting to the release of prescriber specific data to IMS and have asked SCP to prohibit this practice. Before finalizing a decision, Council met with IMS, the Saskatchewan Medical Association, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to learn more about how prescription data that IMS tracks is utilized and distributed. The key issue is that SCP guidelines permit pharmacists to disclose prescription information to third parties such as IMS as long as it does not identify the patient and that the disclosure of the information with respect to the prescriber/pharmacist/pharmacy is in an aggregate format (i.e. which does not disclose specific individual prescribing or dispensing information).

Editor's CORNER

- Please let me know if you would like to have your PostScript emailed to you instead of mailed. You can contact me @ 766-2388 or e-mail me at janis.johnson@rqhealth.ca

- CSHP National will be unveiling their new logo. Check it out at CSHP National website at www.chsp.ca

- Also available on the Branch website are past issues of the PostScript, CSHP news and upcoming events that may be a concern to our members. If you have any ideas for improvements to the Branch website, send your suggestions to webmaster@cshp-sk.org

- Don't forget to send in your registration for this year's AGM in Moose Jaw before Oct. 9th.

Standard of Practice

SCP has adopted the new national model Standards of Practice. These were presented and discussed at the District Meeting last year with member interest focused on documentation and the role of the technician. Member consensus suggests the need for properly trained technicians so that the pharmacists can fully accept the role described in the standards. Council has been in discussion with Bonnie Meier, BSP, Program Head, Pharmacy Technician Program at SIAST to ensure technicians will be able to fulfill this role. The Standards have been distributed to all pharmacists in Saskatchewan. This fall

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the District Meeting will focus on some of the practical aspects of implementing the new Standards, emphasizing tools for documentation and an enhanced role for technicians.

HIPA

The Health Information Protection Act (HIPA) became law in Saskatchewan on September 1, 2003. I refer you to the December 2003 memo to members that reviews this issue. In summary the regional health authorities are considered the trustee under HIPA, not the hospital pharmacists. Employers are required to ensure that employees comply with HIPA. However this does not absolve the pharmacist from ethical responsibilities to protect the patient's privacy and right to confidentiality. The issue of privacy legislation will be discussed by Ray Joubert at the AGM educational session.

Internet Pharmacy

As a result of monitoring activities that identified pharmacies or operations circumventing the bylaws, Council approved revisions to expand SCP authority over "International Prescription Service" pharmacies. The newest bylaws will require conditional pharmacy permits for any pharmacy providing services to patients outside of Canada, regardless of whether or not the internet is the method to promote the service.

District Meetings

These meetings continue to be an important part of SCP's strategy to dialogue with members. Last year the district meetings were poorly attended by hospital pharmacists. Many important issues were discussed including the new Standards of Practice and advising members of the new privacy legislation - both issues which impact hospital pharmacists. I continue to encourage you to attend these meetings. Nine meetings are scheduled for October 22 to November 4. Watch your mail for details.

Completion of Duties

This is my last report as Division 8 representative on the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacist. Melanie McLeod will be taking on this role, and I know with her experience on the Branch that she will be excellent addition to the Council table. At a time when the Branch is needing volunteers to participate in our profession I would like

to encourage you to "go for it". This last six years have always been interesting, rewarding and fun.

I would sincerely like to thank all members of both SCP Council and Sask. Branch CSHP. You are a dedicated group of people and I admire your ability to debate issues, to encourage diversity in opinions, and at the end of the day make the difficult decisions. I would also like to thank my colleagues at the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for their support over the last six years while I was away from the hospital on SCP duties.

Respectfully submitted,
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SMALL HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A Small Hospital Pharmacy Contact List with address, name of facility, telephone numbers and e-mail for 2004 has been compiled and distributed to all small hospitals and also to the executive of CSHP Sask. Branch.

Provincially there continues to be a Small Hospital Communication Network. This consists of pharmacists that e-mail each other when we want to know what is happening regarding operational concerns, medication stock, policies and procedures. If you are not on the list please let me know at ekachur@seh and I will put your name on the list.

Each year at the CSHP Sask. Branch AGM, there is a Small Hospital Pharmacist Meeting. The agenda is based on issues that have been in the forefront for the past year or topics that are of concern. You do not have to be in management to attend as all pharmacists are welcome.

Thank-you for the opportunity to represent Small Hospital Pharmacists.

Ellen Kachur
Small Hospital Representative

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Sask. Branch CSHP has numerous vacancies on executive for the upcoming 2004-2005 year. These vacancies include Secretary, Membership/PR, President Elect, President, Education Chair and Branch Delegate. Nomination forms for these positions can be found on the CSHP Sask Branch website as well as in this issue of the Postscript. Serving on Council can be a very rewarding and satisfying experience as well as an excellent way to support your Branch! Options exist for anyone who would be interested in co-chairing for any of these positions or who may be able to commit to a shorter term than specified in the position criteria. Interested individuals may contact Melanie McLeod (nominations chair) or Monica Lawrence for further information.

Representatives from CSHP National and CSHP Sask Branch plan to conduct site visits in the near future. Site visits are an excellent way to meet members and promote the value of CSHP. Look for further information once final arrangements are confirmed.

The CSHP Sask. Branch Educational Services Committee has put together an exciting educational line-up for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Educational Sessions to be held October 23 and 24th at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw. Registration brochures will be available by mail and on the CSHP Sask. Branch website in late August. Plan today to attend!

A call for Posters for the AGM has been issued. Individuals or groups involved in projects, studies, or pharmacy services which would be of interest to other pharmacists should submit abstracts for poster presentations prior to October 13. For more information please contact Barry Lyons, Pharmacy Department, Nipawin Hospital.

Nominations are now open for a variety of awards which are to be presented at the AGM in October. You, or a pharmacist you know, may be eligible for these awards. Please take a moment today to nominate a pharmacist deserving of recognition! Nomination and award criteria may be found on the CSHP website. For further information, please contact Sandra Howie, Pharmacy Department, St. Paul's Hospital.

Plans to incorporate a CHSP Student Representative into the structure of the CSHP Sask. Branch Council are being

finalized. Terms of reference have been developed and an election process is being put into place for the coming year. Thank you to Bonnie Rasmussen, past Student Representative for CSHP National, for assisting with this process.

Thank you to Richard Cashin, the past Membership and Public Relations Chair. Richard has departed for Toronto to return to school and obtain his Pharm D. Best of luck in your studies!

CSHP National will be conducting a visit to Saskatchewan this fall to investigate possible sites for the 2007 CSHP National AGM to be held in Regina. This visit is contingent upon CSHP Sask. Branch being viable in the coming year. A list of volunteers has been compiled for this event. A final call for volunteers will be circulated at the Sask. Branch AGM in Moose Jaw in October for those interested individuals who have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer. Co-chairs, Doug Sellinger and Monica Lawrence will be contacting those who have volunteered in November to begin the planning process.

OPEN LETTER TO SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH CSHP MEMBERS FROM NATIONAL

Colleagues,

Since 1947, the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) as a volunteer professional organization has advocated for and developed the professional practice of hospital pharmacists. The Saskatchewan Branch was formed in 1953, and since that time our members from Saskatchewan have played key leadership roles in the development of the profession within the province and across the country. For many years the Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy, CSHP's official journal, was published in Saskatchewan. In addition, many individuals have provided leadership to projects, task forces and committees as well as serving as Presidential officers.

Today CSHP has over 2,200 members across Canada. Our new strategic plan, Mission and Vision have refocused the Society on its role of advancing the role of the hospital pharmacist. Our new Executive Director, Myrella Roy is providing exemplary leadership and is moving the Society forward in its mission and in adding value to our members. Furthermore CSHP has developed an active advocacy agenda. Most recently in the wake of the tragic medication errors in Calgary, CSHP advocated for a balanced review of the situation and for the role of the hospital pharmacist in patient safety. This

advocacy made a difference in Calgary, in the media and in the provincial legislature. In addition, CSHP's advocacy of the role of the hospital pharmacist in patient safety earlier this spring saw over 1,000 letters delivered to political leaders and policy makers across this country. CSHP is acting as the voice of hospital pharmacy.

Throughout its long history, CSHP has relied on the volunteer work of its membership. Indeed this spirit of volunteerism in its commitment to the profession has set CSHP apart from other volunteer pharmacy organizations across Canada. The work that has been outlined above has come with the help of our small staff, but has also been delivered through the strong commitment of pharmacist CSHP members like you across the country. Volunteers are the life-blood of our Society.

The Saskatchewan Branch is now facing a very real challenge in its volunteer ranks. In order to represent our members in Saskatchewan and deliver the high quality local programs and services that you have come to expect from the Society, new volunteer leaders are needed – today. The current leaders have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving you and many have served multiple terms in different positions. **It is now time for new volunteers to come forward and advance our profession and Society.** Specifically, the branch needs members to fill the roles of:

- Branch President-Elect (03-04),
- President-Elect (04-05),
- Secretary (04-05)
- Branch Delegate to National Council (04-07)
- Membership and Public Relations.

The health and vibrancy of our Branches is key to CSHP's success. Your Society is making great strides to advance hospital pharmacy and exciting initiatives and advances are soon to come. I expect that our membership ranks will grow as pharmacists across Canada see the new revitalized CSHP at work. Our national and provincial leaders are looking for new and innovative ways to ensure the health of our branches.

As a CSHP member, I have served as a volunteer for over 12 years. Each new role that I have taken on has been exciting and rewarding. The opportunity to advance the profession, meet new colleagues and serve the profession is indeed an honour. I invite you to join the Saskatchewan branch leadership team today. **Without you, current initiatives and successes cannot be maintained.** Past experience is optional; the rewards are great; and you will be supported by many past leaders, in Saskatchewan and across the

country who share the same commitment to our profession.

New volunteers like you are needed immediately to ensure that the Saskatchewan Branch continues to make a difference. I invite you and I challenge you to contact a Saskatchewan Branch Council Member (see contact information below) today to join their team today!

Thanks for making CSHP a success through your volunteer contributions

Neil Johnson, RPh, MBA
President,
Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists

Awards Committee: CSHP Sask. Branch Poster Award and Book Award

At the Annual General Meeting, Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada will sponsor a poster prize as well as money towards various textbooks. To be eligible to win the poster prize, you must submit your poster to Barry Lyons (Educational Services Committee), attend the AGM and have a current CSHP membership. A panel of judges will evaluate the posters. Book prize winners will be drawn randomly from the submitted names of AGM registrants having a current CSHP membership.

Other Committee Notes

- The winners of the Capsi Poster competition were Ian Delmage and Danielle Bernstrom.
- The deadline for awards Nominations has been extended until Oct. 1st. We all work with excellent practitioners, so please consider nominating them for one on the following awards: J.L Summers, Pharmaceutical Care, Merit Award, Betty Riddell and Pharmacist of the Year.

What's Up

- I would like to extend congratulations to Bonnie Bateman and Kevin James on their marriage that took place on August 14, 2004.
- SK. Branch CSHP would like to thank all the health regions for supporting CSHP initiatives and endeavors. With out their support, SK. Branch CSHP would have difficulty in accomplishing it directives.

Thanks Again.

CALL FOR POSTERS

CSHP - SASK BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday October 23rd, 2004
Temple Gardens Mineral Spa
Moose Jaw, SK

The Educational Services Committee is calling for poster presentations for the Annual Meeting, Saturday October 23rd, 2004 in Moose Jaw.

Individuals or groups involved in projects, studies, or pharmacy services which would be of interest to other pharmacists are encouraged to submit abstracts for poster presentations.

FORMAT OF ABSTRACT

TITLE should be brief and clearly indicate the nature of the presentation. Do not use abbreviations in the title. List author(s), degrees, institutional affiliation, city and province.

ORGANIZE BODY OF ABSTRACT as follows: 1. purpose; 2. description or methodology; 3. summary of experience or results; 4. implication to hospital pharmacy practice.

TYPING INSTRUCTIONS. The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words.

DEADLINE. All abstracts must be submitted for review prior to October 13th, 2004.

POSTER SCHEDULE

Saturday October 23rd, 2004 0900 - 1000h
1500 - 1530h

For more information, please contact:

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The Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists has created a brand new Advocacy Committee. This committee is looking for interested pharmacists to help shape the goals and terms of reference for the committee. It is anticipated the role will include informing the public of the current role of the pharmacist and the importance of pharmacists on health care teams, facilitate other health care providers understanding of our current and potential roles, promote new and expanded roles for pharmacists and assist pharmacists in performing current and expanded roles. Those interested are asked to contact Allison Marcil, RBSP Hospital Pharmacy Representative via email at allison.m@sasktel.net or phone at 585-3702.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee calls on Branch members for the submission of Resolutions to the Executive Committee.

Resolutions are intended to present a point of view of the author. They should reflect standards of practice, acknowledgements, political viewpoints, etc. Resolutions are received by the Executive Committee, then presented to the membership at the Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a vote. If you are interested in submitting a Resolution, but are unsure of the format for writing one, please refer to *The Postscript (Volume 19, No.4)* (available at www.cshp-sk.org) which lists the Resolutions presented at the 2002 Branch AGM. You may also contact the Resolutions Committee Chair at the address below, to obtain samples of past resolutions.

The deadline for submitting Resolutions for the 2004 Branch AGM is September 26, 2004.

Resolutions should be forwarded to:

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Chair, Resolutions Committee
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Mel's Picks

Here's a neat website that has over 600 patient information leaflets on Health & Disease. <http://www.patient.co.uk/pils.asp>

<http://fpnotebook.com> is a great site to find "text book" chapter information on disease states.

Media Doctor is a web site dedicated to improving the accuracy of media reports about new medical treatments. Media Doctor reviews current news items about medical treatments, assesses their quality using a standardized rating scale and presents reviews of good and bad examples of reports on this web site. <http://mediadoctor.org.au>

Melanie

**Saskatchewan Branch
Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
Call for Nominations**

Dear Member:

I'd like you to take the time to consider becoming MORE actively involved in the Saskatchewan Branch, CSHP.

Enclosed is a nomination form for the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Becoming an active participant of the Branch is a rewarding experience. You help determine the activities of the Branch and interact with several of your colleagues from around the province on a regular basis.

Below are summaries of these positions:

President-Elect:

The incumbent in this position uses the year to learn the workings of the Branch and assist the President in performing his/her duties. The President-Elect, along with Branch Delegate, attends the National Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet pharmacists from across the country, including the National Executive and some of the Office staff who assist them. The following year, the President-Elect assumes the position of President and represents Saskatchewan hospital pharmacists on various committees and at meetings throughout the province. (i.e. SHA, HSB, SCP, Task Forces, etc.). The President-Elect attends all Executive Committee Meetings as a full voting member.

Treasurer:

The incumbent in this position develops the Branch's budget and chairs the Finance Committee. As well as maintaining our "books", the Treasurer presents status reports at each Executive Committee Meeting and Branch Annual General Meeting. We are in a good financial position at present and our financial dealings are straight forward (i.e. you don't have to be Chartered Accountant to handle the job!). The Treasurer attends all Executive Committee Meetings as a full voting member.

Secretary:

The incumbent in this position takes minutes at all Branch meetings (approx. 6/year), and distributes information (e.g. minutes, agendas, reports, etc.) to members as required. The Secretary attends all Executive Committee Meetings as a full voting member.

If you are interested, but are still unsure, don't hesitate to call any past or present Branch Executive Committee member for further details. Also, if you know of a colleague who would be interested in one of these positions, ask them to consider letting their name stand. You won't regret the experience.

Barry Lyons
Chair, Nominating Committee

**Nominations for the Officers of the Saskatchewan Branch
Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
(President-Elect, Secretary & Treasurer)**

We the undersigned, active members of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, hereby nominate:

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

for the position of: _____
(President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer)

1. _____
(Print Name)

(Signature of Active Member)

(Address)

2. _____
(Print Name)

(Signature of Active Member)

(Address)

I, _____, accept the nomination for office and all the
(Signature) responsibilities it involves.

(Date)

Please complete and return to the Nominating Committee Chair:

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