



Editors Note:

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President's Message

Greetings from the Saskatchewan Branch. In October we again held a successful Annual Sask Branch Education sessions and General Meeting. We congratulate the award winners and recognize their contributions to Pharmacy practice. Thanks again to the committees and volunteers who helped organize this event in Saskatoon.

We are happy to have a full slate on council this year. We welcome our new council members and volunteers on our committees. The committees are where the real action is and we appreciate each member's involvement.

Last year CSHP established an Advocacy committee whose purpose is to develop and employ communications and advocacy strategies to advance the interests of Canadian hospital pharmacists to a range of decision and policy makers including governments, non-governmental organizations, media, patient advocacy groups, professional regulatory bodies, faculties of pharmacy and health regions. Two issues currently under review are development of leadership in hospital pharmacy and the implications of entry level Pharm D. The committee is also looking for an

advocacy theme annually and would appreciate any suggestions.

This year we are considering strategies to grow our membership. However, one of the best tools is a personal invitation to join CSHP. We are also hoping to offer a smaller spring educational event.

We are one year closer to CSHP AGM 2007 in Regina and planning by the Host committee is underway.

We look forward to another great year in the Sask. Branch.

Paul Berg
President

Wanted Division 8 SCP Councilor

Melanie McLeod has decided to not to seek re-election for the Division 8 SCP councilor position. Thank you Melanie for all your hard work over the last couple of years.

Currently no nominations have been received for this position. It is an important that this position is filled as it provides an important link between hospital pharmacy and our regulatory body. If anyone is interested in the position, feel free to contact Melanie McLeod at melanie.mcleod@rqhealth.ca for more information.

CSHP SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH AGM AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM SASKATOON, OCTOBER 15, 2005

The Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists held its 52nd Annual General Meeting on October 15, 2005 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Saskatoon. The luncheon program honoured several hospital pharmacists, students and residents for their achievements.

The Orest Buchko Hospital Pharmacy Award, sponsored by the Branch, is annually awarded to a graduating student of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition who is pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy. Mr. Orest Buchko was in attendance to present the award to Aleksandra (Ola) Siwic.

The Pfizer Hospital Pharmacy Residency Award, sponsored by Pfizer Canada, is awarded annually to a Saskatchewan hospital pharmacy resident in recognition of a residency project which represents a significant innovation, practical application and/or development in an institutional pharmacy practice setting. This year's recipient was Tara Markowski, of the Saskatoon Health Region, for her project entitled "An Evaluation of a Multidisciplinary Approach to the Treatment of Osteoporosis in Patients Following a Low Trauma Hip Fracture".

The Saskatchewan Branch CSHP Pfizer Merit Award, sponsored by Pfizer Canada, is given in recognition of a project which could easily be accomplished regardless of hospital size or staff, and which serves a useful purpose. This year's recipients were Mellissa Glab, Ken Lepage, Nicola Rosaasen and Susan Teplitzky, all of the Saskatoon Health, for their collective efforts in the development of a Transplant Orientation Program for Pharmacists. Brenda Thiessen, Manager of Clinical Pharmacy Services for the Saskatoon Health Region, presented the award.

The Betty C. Riddell Award of Pharmacy Practitioner Excellence, sponsored by Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada, is awarded annually to a member of the Branch in recognition of outstanding achievement to patient care, contribution to the profession and long term service to the practice of pharmacy. Brenda Morari of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region was this year's recipient. Brenda is a most deserving winner due to her years of experience working as a pharmacist on the surgery team in Regina, garnering the respect of all her coworkers in the process. Donald Kuntz accepted the award on Brenda's behalf, as she was unable to attend the awards presentation. Mrs. Betty Riddell was in attendance.

The Pharmacist of the Year Award, sponsored by Apotex Canada, is awarded to a member of the Branch in recognition of outstanding achievement and long-term service to the practice of hospital pharmacy, both at the local and provincial level. Donald Kuntz was the recipient of this year's award for his many years of dedicated work at the Wascana Rehabilitation Center in Regina. Donald has also been an active member of the Branch, most recently serving as our national delegate on CSHP. Brenda Schuster, Clinical Coordinator for the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region presented the award.

The Past Presidents Award was presented to our two co-presidents, Piera Calissi and Monica Lawrence of Saskatoon and Regina respectively. Thank you both, once again, for all of your hard work on our behalf during this past year.

The Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada Continuing Education Grant was established to support the continuing education efforts of hospital pharmacists. Generously sponsored by PPC, the award is randomly drawn from a list of all Saskatchewan Branch CSHP members. This year's lucky winner was Doug Sellinger of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Doug will receive up to \$500.00 for registration and other expenses incurred with attending the 2005 CSHP Annual Banff Seminar. In addition to be awarded the Past President's Award, Piera Calissi was also the lucky winner of the **Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada Executive Banff Travel Award**. Congratulations to both Doug and Piera!

Bonnie Rasmussen from the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region was awarded the **AGM Poster Prize** of \$250 for her poster titled "Assessing Physicians' and Patients' Perception and Awareness of Cardiovascular Risk and Treatment in Type 2 DM".

At the completion of the Annual General Meeting, a text-book draw was held for CSHP members in attendance. Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada sponsors this draw as part of their continuing education fund for hospital pharmacists in Saskatchewan. The winners were Elaine Tatarniuk, Michelle Glab, Barry Lyons, Jane Richardson, Derek Jorgenson, Christina Swiatecki, Susan Poulin and Murray Wolfe.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients! Thanks again to all of our sponsors and presenters.

Award Report Cont'd

Notice for the 2006 Banff Poster Award

This \$250.00 cash award recognizes an outstanding Saskatchewan poster entry at the Banff Seminar. To qualify, the poster must be accepted and presented at the CSHP Annual Banff Seminar in March 2006. A copy of the poster abstract submission should be forwarded to the Awards Committee Chair. The winner will be selected from the submissions following the Banff Seminar. Good Luck!

Tara Markowski
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Brenda Schuster presenting the Pharmacist of the Year Award (sponsored by Apotex) to Don Kuntz (RQHR)

Disposition of Resolutions - 2004

- a) Be it resolved that the SK-CSHP endorses the National Resolution on providing a smoke-free environment at all CSHP sponsored events.
- b) Be it resolved that the SK-CSHP, on behalf of the members present at the 2004 AGM, extend appreciation to the Educational Services Committee, led by Chairman Jim Oxley and to all other committee chairpersons and members and executive officers for their work throughout the year.

SK-CSHP Resolutions 2005

Be it resolved, that CSHP-SK Branch continue to support and promote the role of the pharmacist in Primary Health Care in the province of Saskatchewan.

Be it resolved, that CSHP-SK Branch recognizes and endorses the importance of medication safety practices for our patients in all hospitals, institutions and practice settings by promotion of enrollment, sharing of information with the membership, promotion of new standards, and provision of educational sessions or materials.

Be it resolved, that CSHP-SK Branch, on behalf of its members present at the 2005 Annual General Meeting, extend appreciation to:
the Education Services Committee, chairperson, Dave Blackburn
all other committee chairpersons and members
all executive officers,
for their work throughout the year.

Be it resolved,
that CSHP-SK Branch encourage its members, as well as all pharmacists in Saskatchewan, to become knowledgeable regarding Quality Improvement (QI), why QI is important, and why pharmacists should participate in QI initiatives, and
that the CSHP-SK encourage its members to actively participate in QI initiatives and step forward as champions of QI particularly where pharmacotherapy plays a role.

Be it resolved,
that CSHP SK-Branch, a voluntary organization of hospital pharmacists, endorses access rights for their members to masked medication information obtainable through the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) and
that CSHP SK-Branch to clarify that: when a general consent is signed by a patient on admission to a hospital in Saskatchewan, access to masked medication information will be available to all healthcare workers in the circle of care through the PIP.

Be it resolved, that CSHP SK-Branch consider promoting the nomination of one or more of our pharmacy colleagues for the Saskatchewan Healthcare Excellence Awards (SHEA). This could be accomplished through Council, via promotion

CSHP 2006 Vision
society
The influential voice for hospital
pharmacy
Inspiring and supporting our
members

Congratulations on all our award winners !!!

Brenda Thiessen (left) presenting The Saskatchewan Branch CSHP Pfizer Merit Award to Nicola Rosaasen, Susan Teplitsky, Mellissa Glab (left-right) and Ken Lepage(absent) for their efforts in developing a Transplant Orientation Program for Pharmacists



Tara Markowski (left) awarded the Pfizer Hospital Residency Award For her project "An Evaluation of a Multidisciplinary Approach to the treatment of Osteoporosis in Patients Following a Low Trauma Hip Fracture" Jane Richardson presented the award.



Monica Lawrence (left) and Piera Calissi were presented the Past Presidents Award



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AGM REPORT

This year the CSHP Sask. Branch AGM and Educational Sessions were held October 14th and 15th in Saskatoon's Hilton Garden Inn Hotel. All sessions were well attended and registrants were treated to a number of excellent educational sessions.

Seventy-two registrants attended Dr. Gary Altman's Friday evening seminar entitled, 'Focus on ADHD: A New Treatment Perspective'. Dr. Altman reviewed important issues surrounding management of ADHD and implications of the disorder. This was followed by a wine and cheese reception. Thank you to Eli Lilly Canada for fully sponsoring this event.

Saturday morning started off with a Breakfast Symposium entitled, 'The future of antibiotic resistant infections' featuring Dr. George Zhanel, an infectious disease specialist from Winnipeg. Dr Zhanel discussed significant trends in antibiotic resistance and how many industries besides health care contribute to the problem. Seventy-one registrants enjoyed the informative presentation as well as the excellent breakfast. Thank you to Sanofi-Aventis for fully sponsoring this event.

One hundred nineteen people registered for the AGM and Educational Sessions. There were 6 professional posters and 23 pharmaceutical displays. We were very fortunate to have an additional display from the Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership (SHIRP). Only 9 pharmacy students were able to attend the event due to an unfortunate conflict with their yearly recruiting/job fair. The educational sessions received very high evaluations by those who attended. Topics included drug administration and feeding tubes, antibiotic resistance, adverse drug reactions, illicit drug abuse, and cardiovascular risk factors. A very special thank you to all of the speakers, sponsors, registrants and volunteers who helped ensure that the 2005 AGM and Educational Sessions were an overwhelming success. A personal thanks to the many enthusiastic individuals on the Educational Services Committee who worked diligently on this conference. They include Barb Evans, Jane Cassidy, Cheryl Kolbinson, Joyce Walker, Sarah Jacques, and Jennifer Dyck (corresponding member).

Mark Your Calendar! The 2006 Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions will be held in Regina next October. The new ESC chair is Jennifer Dyck. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of her committee do not hesitate to contact Jen at jen-jie@gmail.com.

Also, don't miss the 32nd annual Banff Conference to be held March 10-12th at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. A number of diverse and informative educational sessions have been organized. Registration packages will be sent to all CSHP members via email. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact Jeff Kapler at jeff.kapler@calgaryhealthregion.ca.

David Blackburn
Educational Services Chair, 2004-2005

Congratulations

Congratulation to Piera Calissi, Barb Evans and Susan Poulin for receiving CSHP Fellowship status. Fellowship status is awarded to those who demonstrate noteworthy, sustained service and excellence in the practice of pharmacy in an organized healthcare setting.

Piera, Barb and Susan have all filled various position on Saskatchewan Branch CSHP Executive. Their contributions to CSHP have been too numerous to mention on this page alone.

They have done wonderful work in their clinical practices and continue to be mentors to their fellow staff, pharmacy residents and students.

Congratulations.

(Please see the January PPC Supplement I of the CJHP for further bio information)



Susan Poulin has also been named as the 2006 Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) Isabel E. Stauffer Meritorious Service Award Recipient. The Isabel E. Stauffer Meritorious Service Award is given in recognition of significant, sustained contributions to CSHP, primarily at the Branch or Chapter levels by a member of the Society. Susan received this award in February at PPC. Susan has decided to retire and will be leaving the RQHR as of Feb. 10th. We wish her the best in her retirement and hope she visits us frequently.

CSHP SK Branch presents

Quality Improvement – Putting Knowledge into Practice

An interactive workshop for frontline hospital pharmacists

Saturday, April 8, 2006

0830-1200

Concurrent sessions in Regina and Saskatoon

Workshop Outline:

- **Introduction to Quality Improvement (QI)**
- **Work with other participants to apply the QI process of Plan-Do-Study-Act to a practical issue in hospital pharmacy practice**
- **Hear from other pharmacists who have worked on QI projects**
- **Discuss challenges and opportunities that may arise with QI projects**

What is quality improvement?

Quality Improvement (QI) is incorporating new ideas into your every day practice. Having a process to plan, test, and implement your new idea allows you to reach your goals and then share your process with others.

I don't have time for a big project. Isn't quality improvement a lot of work?

Large improvement actually consists of a series of small changes. This workshop will give you the opportunity to apply a simple process to a common issue encountered in everyday hospital pharmacy practice.

For further information, contact:

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Pharmacy Awareness Week

March 6-12, 2006

Pharmacists– Your prescription for Care

Next week, try to get out and promote pharmacy to your colleagues, the public and even other staff members at your workplace.

CHPA has some wonderful resource materials available off their website that you can use (i.e. coloring pages for kids, patient education sheets).

CSHP also has a Hospital Pharmacy Brochure that you can order off the National website at www.chsp.ca.

Have a great Pharmacy Awareness Week.