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### **A Message from Our President**

Dear Sherri:

First, I would like to thank you, our members, as healthcare professionals, for your hard work, and dedication to our profession and our patients that you give year round, and especially in this time of emergency. The last two months have certainly looked different than anyone was expecting, and during these uncertain times, you have stepped up to the plate. Thank you!

Just days prior to the Covid-19 restrictions going into effect, members of the CSHP leadership met for our first ever, formal strategic planning session. Anne Policastri, PharmD, MBA, Director, Affiliate Relations for ASHP's Office of Member Relations, facilitated a full day session held at the EastConn Conference Center in Hampton, CT. This very productive day resulted in a "roadmap" that outlines goals and strategies to direct us in our planning and initiatives, and provide leadership focus, for several years to come. Click to review our [Strategic Plan](#).

CSHP has been working hard to make sure that you have the resources you need to do your job best. We have been working with ASHP and have signed onto multiple letters supporting positions related to drug shortages, changes in DEA rules, and reimbursement. Our Legislative Committee continues to work on your behalf, even as the legislature has not been in live session (see update below). We've held multiple educational events including a COVID webinar and the annual compounding conference (held virtually), in collaboration with the Connecticut Pharmacists Association and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacist.

Our Pharmacy Technician Task Force also held a virtual Compounded Sterile Preparation Training workshop for over 50 pharmacy technicians throughout the state (and Rhode Island). And, as our residents in the state are not able to attend their annual meetings, CSHP will be hosting the CT Pharmacy Residency Conference, an opportunity for all CT residents to present their research and be in consideration for presenting at "The Great Eight". Details on these and other initiatives are included in this News Brief.

We're proud of what we've accomplished this year and as we continue to grow through this

pandemic, we want to hear from you! Membership in CSHP is critical to sustaining our mission. Don't forget to encourage colleagues to join or renew at [Join CSHP](#). Please consider joining a committee by filling out the online form: [Get Involved](#).

We look forward to a time when we can see you again in person. In the mean time, we will continue to adapt and expand our initiatives virtually. We'll see you soon!



Elizabeth A Cohen, PharmD, BCPS  
2020 CSHP President

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### May 2020 CSHP Legislative Report

*Submitted by Thomas Buckley, RPh, MPH, CSHP Legislative Chair*



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect healthcare and virtually every aspect of our lives.

At the time of this writing, the Connecticut General Assembly may be going back into a special session sometime this summer, although it is unclear what type of legislation may be deliberated. There have been multiple considerations of how pharmacy could be impacted and play a more expanded more role during the pandemic, with potential implications of a lasting impact after the pandemic period. The Governor's office and the various health agencies have been contacted by numerous entities within and outside of the state, with potential pharmacy public health roles at both the local and state level. ASHP has created a document with a sample list of these roles that can be accessed [here](#).

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including (just in!) Governor's order authorizing pharmacists to order Covid-19 tests.

## INSIDE CSHP

### Attention Pharmacy Technicians (and their colleagues)

*Submitted by Sara Fern, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician Task Force Coordinator*

First and foremost, I would like to thank all pharmacy technicians for their hard work, flexibility, and extra efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. These have been trying times for everyone, and you continue to do your part in helping your patients. I am proud of the work we do and to call you all my peers!

I would also like to thank Doug Winans, CPhT, CSPT, who presented our Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician: Exam Study Workshop CE on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

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### A Remedy for Social Distancing For members only!

In these challenging times of social distancing, it's important to stay in touch with other members including those at other facilities.

Through the CSHP website, members may contact other members by email. Just log on (don't forget to set up your password) and enter a person's name.

Note: Your privacy is protected. Only your name with credentials and place of employment will be visible. No personal information or email address is revealed.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION



### Compounding Conference Home Study Now Available

Did you miss the April 21st Connecticut Compounding Conference jointly presented by CSHP, CPA and ASCP/CT? The programs are available for home study "On-Demand".

**Click on these links for the individual programs.**

<https://ctpharmacists.org/pathogenesis-of-covid-19-impacts-on-pharmacy-compounding/>

<https://ctpharmacists.org/usp-800-highlights-and-lingering-questions/>

<https://ctpharmacists.org/how-will-usp-chapter-affect-long-term-care-pharmacies/>

<https://ctpharmacists.org/a-closer-look-at-the-proposed-usp-guidelines/>

<https://ctpharmacists.org/compounding-for-animals-where-we-are-and-how-we-got-here/>



### CT Pharmacy Residency Conference

**Thursday, May 28, 2020**

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Virtual

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### The Great Eight

Annual, juried spotlight on the work of CSHP Resident Members

**Thursday, May 28, 2020**

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

A complimentary CE Program (.2 CEU) for current CSHP members

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## March CE Highlights

*Submitted by Abigail Zeiner, PharmD, CSHP Junior Director and Continuing Education Program Chair*

On Monday, March 23, 2020, CSHP hosted the virtual CE program, "Pharmacists and the Pharmaceutical Industr.". Over 35 participants heard from our panel members: Carl J Possidente, PharmD, FASHP, a Medical Outcomes Specialist at Pfizer Inc. and the CSHP Industry Partners Task Force Chair; Marla Campbell, BSc Pharm, PharmD, a Medical Science Liaison in Travel Vaccines at GlaxoSmithKline; Cindy Fong, PharmD, BCPS, Account Medical Advisor Associate Director at Boehringer Ingelheim; and Rob Picone, RPH, PhD, a Senior Medical Science Liaison at Alexion Inc. in the Rare/Ultra-Rare Disease Division.

During the first portion of the panel discussion, each of the speakers spoke about their career paths in the pharmaceutical industry. This included previous positions in hospital pharmacy, academia, university research, and long term care.

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## SPECIAL FEATURE

### How to Put Your Best Foot Forward for a Position in the Pharmaceutical Industry

*submitted by members of CSHP's Industry Partners Task Force (IPTF)*

Should you ask 10 individuals working in the pharmaceutical industry to describe their career path, you will likely receive 10 different answers and more often than not, working in industry was

not a career aspiration upon graduation. However, whether you are an experienced pharmacist or a recent pharmacy graduate, the skill sets needed to best position you for a position in industry are the same. The most direct route continues to be completing a post-graduate residency/fellowship in industry. Similar to a pharmacy residency, it affords you the opportunity to work with different preceptors and departments to help you decide on an area of interest and focus, develop connections and demonstrate your ability to potential managers.

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## STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

### UConn *Submitted by Mehak Sharma, 2022 PharmD Candidate*

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY** First and foremost, UConn CSHP hopes that everyone is doing well and staying healthy. It is unfortunate that the semester got cut short, and the Chapter was not able to carry out a couple of the end of the year events that we had planned. Many of our Florence Mill clinics were canceled. The P4 panel was not able to carry on as expected; instead, it was held in a question and answer session via email.

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*Submitted by Nicole Stepak, 2021 PharmD Candidate, Immediate Past President*

Amid these times of change, the USJ School of Pharmacy has worked to maintain our rigorous educational schedule for students. We have been kept to the same high standards and are working hard through our courses. As the end of the semester nears, we congratulate P3 students on their hard work and dedication throughout the pharmacy program, and we wish all students the best of luck in their future endeavors post-graduation!

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### **CSHP is your professional community.**

For over 70 years, we have represented the interests of health-system pharmacy professionals and those training to enter the profession. We provide professional development opportunities, advocacy and a community for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, aspiring pharmacists and our industry partners.

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***Our Value Statement*** CSHP provides you with a community of pharmacy professionals who share their time, resources, and expertise to work together toward a common goal of professional growth and enhanced patient outcomes.

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