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*Wishing you a
happy and Healthy
holiday Season!*



Year End 2020 E-Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Dear Sherri:

One year ago, at my acceptance speech, I talked about making CSHP the place to be for all pharmacists. What can we provide to you and your colleagues that you don't get anywhere else – or as a state chapter of ASHP – on a more local level. I also specifically highlighted the importance of mentorship. This year in all its complexities has been critical to that mission – making CSHP the place for you.

Here are just a few of the things that we've done and the people who have led them.

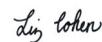
- Lead by Molly Leber and other past presidents; we have completed a total overhaul of our bylaws, making them up-to-date and more reflective of our commitment to our members
- The entire board and committee chairs created a 3-year strategic plan, which is available on our website, to commit to the important issues we want to ensure we are working on
- Colleen Teevan and Abby Zeiner did an excellent job of pivoting programming and adding educational events focused on the needs of our members when COVID-19 became all-encompassing, including COVID-19 updates and a wellbeing program in conjunction with other state and regional organizations
- Chandra Cooper and Colleen Teevan led the charge for the first annual CT residency conference to ensure our residents had an opportunity to present their research
- Our first ever technician program on compounding led by Sara Fern and Kent Owusu
- Gianna Girone, Madeline Aquilino, and Abdalla Ammar have doubled down on our social media efforts and other communications to make sure that you know what we're working on and things that might interest you and
- Jason Lew and Charlie Jones worked to expand our hospital ambassador program, hoping to get you more involved even in small ways
- Although not what we originally planned for this year, our legislative efforts have been important and crucial to pharmacy practice in Connecticut. I want to recognize Tom

Buckley, who has served as our legislative chair for 26 years as he steps into "retirement" and down from our legislative committee's chair and passes the reigns to Steph Luon and Cory Heck.

- The Resident Networking Task Force led this year by Nick Pugliese, Lynn Germaske, Youssef Bessada, and Jordan Siembor have led some new networking opportunities for our residents during the pandemic
- Our students, this year led by Jenessa Teta (USJ) and Lauren Bronson (UCONN), continue to host excellent events with collaboration from CSHP.

Even these initiatives are just a few things that we've worked on this year, and these would never have been accomplished without our board members and committee chairs who worked so hard to do our best for you as our members. I'm looking forward to helping continue all the amazing things we've started and to watch the new ideas this board and committee chairs will think of next!

Thank you for all that you do and your ongoing support!



Elizabeth A Cohen, PharmD, BCPS
2020 CSHP President

INSIDE CSHP

CSHP's 2020 Honorees

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The Paul G. Pierpaoli Award was presented to Amanda Williams, PharmD, BCACP, CDE, Clinical Pharmacist, Ambulatory Care, and PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency Program Director, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

The Paul G. Pierpaoli Award is given annually to a CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through significant contributions, of a long-term nature, to the practice of pharmacy in Connecticut and the development of high standards of pharmacy practice.



CSHP's Pharmacist of the Year is Jason Lew, PharmD, BCPS, Emergency Medicine Pharmacist, Backus Hospital

The Pharmacist of the Year Award is given annually to a CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through their cooperation with the entire health care team, service to the profession of pharmacy and service to the community.

Membership Committee

The 2020 Membership Drive winner is **Anne Marie Calamari**, Middlesex Hospital's Director of Pharmacy. We appreciate her efforts in helping CSHP to grow.

It's renewal time.

Please log into your existing listing on the [CSHP web site](#) (do not create a duplicate listing) **before January 1st** to renew your membership and update your record.

If you are a PGY-1 Resident, you can change to a PGY-2 Resident or Active Pharmacist membership. All pharmacists not involved in sales and marketing should renew as Active Pharmacist members.

Resident Task Force

Submitted by Youssef Bessada, PharmD and Jordan Siembor, PharmD

The 2020–2021 CSHP Resident Task Force has hit the ground running, overcoming multiple obstacles that this year has brought current and new residents by creating multiple new opportunities. The Task Force has implemented 4 new subcommittees; Advocacy, Professional Development, Networking and Social Media, with 18 residents from across the state hard at work to connect and inform their peers.

- The Advocacy subcommittee has prepared their first issue of their legislative update, which provides important State, Federal and COVID-19 updates.
- The Professional Development subcommittee has collected CVs from residents and students to be disseminated to clinical pharmacists in the field for feedback. These reviews, along with upcoming Mock Interviews will help residents and students prepare for “Virtual Interviewing” and strengthen their applications.
- Lastly, the Networking and Social Media subcommittees have been creating new ways for residents across the state to interact and connect including regular social media initiatives such as spotlights and events including “Speed Networking” opportunities, Ginger-Bread House competitions and T-Shirt design contests!

[Click for more updates from the CSHP Resident Task Force.](#)

If you have any questions or would like to know how to get involved with the CSHP Resident Task Force, please contact [Jordan Siembor \(Jordan.Siembor@trinityhealthofne.org\)](mailto:Jordan.Siembor@trinityhealthofne.org) and [Youssef Bessada \(bessada@uchc.edu\)](mailto:bessada@uchc.edu).

Pharmacy Technician Task Force

A Leadership Trio for CSHP's Pharmacy Technicians Task Force

[CLICK to read all about them](#)



Phil Rosselli



Tiffany Gray



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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, job title and place of employment will be visible. No personal information or email address is revealed.

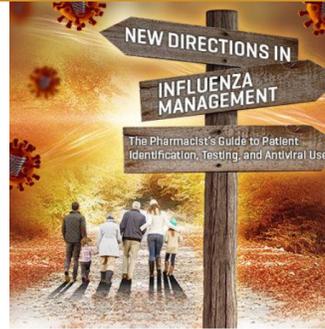
CONTINUING EDUCATION

**New Directions in Influenza Management:
The pharmacist's guide to patient identification, testing,
and antiviral use**

January 26, 2021 7 p.m. on Zoom

Speaker: Karen Lusardi, PharmD
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Antimicrobial Stewardship,
UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock, AR

Registration Information Coming Soon



Catch the Wave *of quality continuing education*

Catch the Wave 2020 – A Virtual Success

*Submitted by Colleen Teevan, PharmD,
Catch the Wave Conference Chair*

CSHP's annual Catch the Wave meeting was recently held over several weekday evenings from October 27th to November 10th. While the meeting format was virtual this year, the speakers' lineup and quality of education were still top-notch. Over 100 people logged in to attend at least one session over the course of the event. We started to Catch the Wave with our first-ever virtual reverse expo. Fifteen pharmacy representatives had the opportunity to speak with industry representatives in a round-robin format. It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to connect and learn about new products. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our second evening started with installing our new officers by Kristy Butler, from the ASHP Board of Directors. [CLICK TO READ MORE](#)

CSHP's 2021 President

[Read Teresa Papstein's speech](#) after being sworn in at the Catch the Wave Annual Meeting.



Catch the Wave Posters

[Click to view](#) "Assessing the role of tocilizumab in the treatment of COVID-19 patients at a community hospital" presented by Diana Costa, PharmD, Middlesex Health/USJ

[Click to view](#) "Evaluation of adequate sedation and analgesia with the use of continuous infusion neuromuscular blocking agents across a health system" presented by Raymond Hau, PharmD, Lawrence Memorial Hospital

[Click to view](#) "Kit Processing Software for Managing Emergency Kits: Setting Up for a Safer Process?" presented by Hannah Pamer, PharmD, The Hospital of Central Connecticut

[Click to view](#) "Impact of discharge medication reconciliation across a five hospital health system" presented by Bailey Thayer, PharmD Candidate 2021, University of Rhode Island

[Click to view](#) "The Use of Insulin Infusions for Severe Hypertriglyceridemia in an Acute Care Setting" presented by Myranda Williams, PharmD Candidate 2022, USJ School of Pharmacy

[Click to view](#) "Evaluation of telephonic comprehensive medication management review and multi-dose medication packaging among geriatric patients" presented by William Wilson, PharmD, MCPHS University/ Apothecare

[Click to view](#) "Measuring an emergency medicine pharmacist's impact in an acute care community hospital" presented by May Zhang, PharmD Candidate 2022, UConn School of Pharmacy

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

ASHP Foundation Leadership Academy

This yearlong program, designed for emerging or experienced leaders, features seven online courses taught by pharmacy leaders. Participants will develop leadership skills to address healthcare challenges and make organization-wide changes. Graduates of this highly respected program receive the designation of Diplomate, Pharmacy Leadership Academy (DPLA) to recognize this achievement in leadership. The Academy is also recognized by colleges and universities that

allow participants to earn graduate credits towards a master's degree. Apply by Feb. 16 for an early bird discount. [MORE >>>](#)

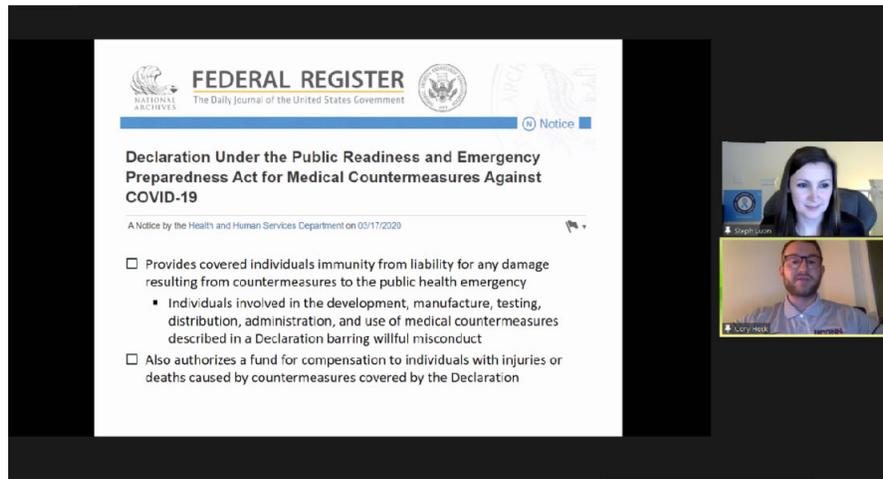
ASHP Foundation Optimizing Technology Solutions Innovation Grant

This grant was created in partnership with the ASHP Innovation Center and supports projects to stimulate and demonstrate the impact of technology solutions to enhance safe and effective medication use. Priority will be given to projects that measure meaningful outcomes to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of care and improve organizational, and/or patient outcomes.

Supported by a generous donation from Omnicell. [MORE >>>](#)

ADVOCACY

Our new Legislative Committee Leadership, Steph Luon, PharmD, BCACP, BCPS, and Cory Heck, PharmD, BCCCP, presented an excellent program during Catch the Wave entitled, "Be the Change: Strategies and Opportunities for Advocacy to Advance Pharmacy Practice".



STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS



Submitted by: Lauren Bronson, PharmD Candidate 2022; Student Chapter President

The light at the end of the tunnel is becoming more and more visible as we approach winter break! Reflecting on this semester, UConn CSHP has achieved a lot so far through our virtual events.

On Oct. 20th, we had a great event in collaboration with CSHP! CSHP was gracious enough to develop content and host an E-Professionalism seminar for both UConn and USJ students. We are trying to navigate the new world of virtual interviews and virtual conferences. We had a great turnout and received very useful advice for our careers!

We also held our Clinical Specialist Panel with various clinical pharmacists from hospitals across the state. Thank you to all the CSHP pharmacists who participated! We had a lively discussion, supplemented with breakout rooms in Zoom for students to meet with the pharmacist of the student's clinical interest. It was another excellent turnout with students learning from our mentors.

Before the semester ends, we have another main event coming up. We are planning a winter fundraiser for the end of the semester. All the proceeds will be donated to Connecticut Children's Medical Center to buy new toys for children for the holidays. We are very excited to be finishing up this semester strong! Everyone here at UConn CSHP hopes we all stay safe and healthy this holiday season!



Submitted by Jenessa Teta; PharmD Candidate, 2022; ASHP-SSHP President, 2020-2021; APhA-ASP, Vice President 2020-2022

This semester is practically flying by, but we are so happy with everything we have been able to do and are planning to do to finish off the year on a high note ... despite the pandemic! Both the P1 and P2 classes have just 2 courses left for the semester, and P3 students are on their fourth APPE rotation. We hope that each student can finish the year on a high note to fully enjoy a much-deserved winter vacation.

We are happy to announce our newly elected P1 positions: Anhar-Shannon Eldesouky is our President-Elect, Christian Ciarlo and Tara Tallon are our up-and-coming Heart Health Co-Chairs and Ola Bulli and Kevin Munoz are our up-and-coming ODAP Co-Chairs.

The Clinical Skills Competition had a great turnout, and USJ will be sending Jansher Khan and Veronika Latawicz to compete at the national level. We also hosted an E-Professionalism Presentation and a Clinical Pharmacist Panel in collaboration with UConn which had about 50 students in attendance. A huge thank you, once again, to our presenters and panelists.

Philippe Recalt and Jenny Wahl presented "Trial of Upadacitinib or Abatacept in Rheumatoid Arthritis" for our October Journal Club, and Sana Khan and Jenessa Teta presented "Once-Weekly Insulin for Type 2 Diabetes without Previous Insulin Treatment" in November.

We also are thankful for Dr. Malm and Dr. Rotelli for giving us a crash course in residency as our first Lunch and Learn of the semester. We are looking forward to more Lunch and Learn sessions as the school year progresses.

As we look to the spring semester, we hope to have the chance to take part in an advocacy event and host an informational session about board certifications. We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year!

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.

We invite all members to become active participants in CSHP. Click to [Activate your membership](#) and please encourage your colleagues to join us.

Have you just completed a residency and started a new job? Did you graduate last spring and are now a resident? Please log into your contact listing on the CSHP web site and update your information. We also encourage you to update your membership status: Resident to Active Pharmacist; Student to Resident or Active Pharmacist.

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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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