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# **NYSCHP** | New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists

## **President's Message**

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Hopefully your holiday season was joyous spending time with your loved ones (and some obligatory relatives). As pharmacists, I would think each of us encouraged seasonal influenza vaccinations as we wished everyone a happy and healthy new year!

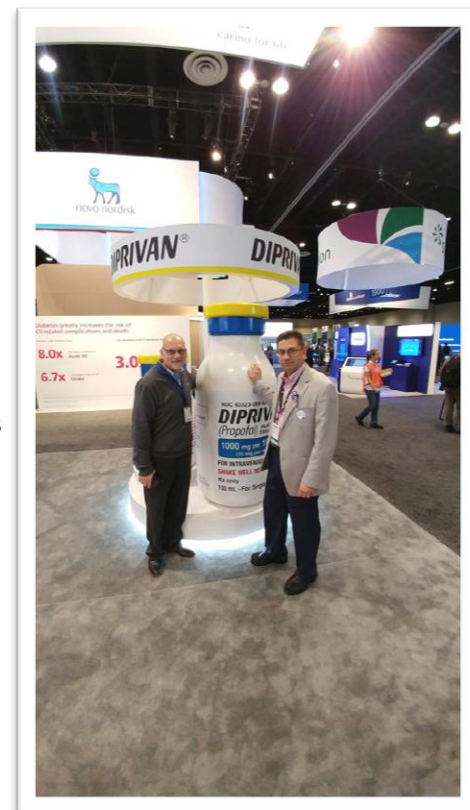
All joking aside, your Council leaders have already been working on advocating for legislation allowing interns to immunize, certified pharmacists to immunize adults with the entire CDC-recommended panel of vaccines, registering and certifying pharmacy technicians and laying the groundwork to continue, if not expand, collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM). However, I defer to our Vice President of Public Policy, Andrew Kaplan, to provide details on our advocacy plan and efforts as the session for the New York State Legislature begins this month.

I am excited to be privy to the craftsmanship of the Annual Assembly Committee, led by the Chair, Kim Zammit, in building a fantastic program scheduled for Saratoga Springs this coming April. The theme for this year's Assembly is, "Pharmacists as Providers: Completing the Circle of Patient-Centered Care." In addition to a phenomenal selection of novel educational programming, we are able to try a one-day House of Delegates (HOD). Under the innovative leadership of our HOD Chair, Marcia Gutfeld, the Council will start the process during our virtual HOD scheduled via conference call on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

In 2018, we will also be acknowledging the Council's 60<sup>th</sup> year representing the practice of pharmacy in hospitals throughout New York State which has evolved with the times to "health systems". In an effort to raise additional monies for the Council's designated Political Action Committee (PAC) account, donors may receive a limited-edition collectible commemorating our organization's anniversary.

As a supplement to our President-Elect Anthony Longo's comments last month about the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, I was impressed by the attendance at the New York State Reception co-sponsored by the Council and most NYS Schools of Pharmacy. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and re-connect with many of our colleagues who have a connection to pharmacy practice in the Empire State. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the number of industry sponsors at ASHP who continue to support the Council and make our own Annual Assembly possible year after year.

***Christopher Jadoch***  
***President***



# Meet the NYSCHP Student Committee

## Committee Chair

Stephanie Lombardi is a current P4 student from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences who serves as the chair of the NYSCHP Student Committee as well as student representative for the Board of Directors. Her main goals include maintaining student involvement in NYSCHP leadership, engaging more student and new practitioner members, and bringing forth student concerns to NYSCHP.

In addition to her current roles with NYSCHP, Stephanie has been involved with ASHP at the local, state, and national levels. She has held many roles with the ACPHS SSHP chapter since an undergraduate student and most recently served as President last year. Stephanie has been a NYSCHP Public Policy Committee student representative in the past, and is a current member of the ASHP Pharmacy Student Forum Policy and Legislative Advocacy Advisory Group. She could not be more grateful for all the experiences this organization has provided, especially in terms of professional development and networking. Stephanie is pursuing residency training in hopes of one day specializing as a critical care pharmacist.



## Education and Professional Development



Christian Bernhardt is in the midst of his P4 year at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and has been serving as a student representative of the NYSCHP Education and Professional Development Committee (formerly Continuing Competence Committee) for 2 years now. His main goal involves finding new ways to involve more students within NYSCHP and has been doing so by helping with student programming events and planning to make the Annual Assembly more student-friendly.

He was the past treasurer of his school's SSHP and wants to encourage students to utilize all the benefits of being a NYSCHP member on both a local and state level. He plans to complete a PGY1 and PGY2 residency upon graduation and to ultimately practice as a clinical pharmacist with a career in academia. He is beyond grateful for all of the leadership experience and professional development he has gained from NYSCHP thus far. Please email Christian ([cabernha@buffalo.edu](mailto:cabernha@buffalo.edu)) with any concerns or ideas to help student involvement within the Annual Assembly this upcoming year.

## University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Liaison

Courtney Skriptshak is a current P3 student at University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She hopes to complete a residency after graduation in 2019. After completing the role as UB SSHP's president-elect last year, she is taking on the role as SSHP president this year. She is also serving as the liaison between NYSCHP and UB's SSHP chapter. Her goal is to make this a successful year for SSHP and to help get students who are interested in health-system pharmacy the information and resources they need to succeed.



### Education and Professional Development

Merin Panthapattu is currently P3 student at University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She hopes to complete a residency after graduating with a focus in ambulatory care. Merin has been the WNYSHP student liaison during her P1-3 years and served as a bridge for SSHP between the collegiate and local chapters.

As a student representative for the NYSCHP Education and Professional Development Committee, Merin's goal is to increase student presence at the Annual Assembly by collaborating with the NYSCHP board to improve student targeted programs!



### Membership



Rachael Cardinal is a fourth year pharmacy student at the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences who plans to pursue a PGY-1 pharmacy residency after graduation. She was the past president of her school's SSHP chapter and believes that her involvement with SSHP, WNYSHP, NYSCHP, and ASHP has had a positive impact on her development as a professional and as a leader.

As the student representative for the NYSCHP Membership Committee, Rachael's goal is to continue to find ways to increase student involvement at the local, state, and national level after graduation as well as relay student concerns to the committee for improvements on the membership process. Please email Rachael at [rmcardin@buffalo.edu](mailto:rmcardin@buffalo.edu) with any questions or concerns.

### Public Policy

Kelsey Violanti is a P4 student attending the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences who plans to pursue a PGY-1 residency after graduation. She was the Director of Communication for SSHP during her P3 year. Being a member of NYSCHP has allowed her to meet pharmacists from all over the state, and these pharmacists continue to motivate her to stay actively involved in advocating for our profession.

As the student representative for the Public Policy committee, Kelsey is committed to helping inform/educate students about current pharmacy related issues/policies within New York State. In addition, she tries to encourage student participation in Lobby Days in order to help educate our legislators on current pharmacy laws for which our profession is advocating. Please email Kelsey at [kelseyvi@buffalo.edu](mailto:kelseyvi@buffalo.edu) with any questions or ideas on how to improve student involvement within public policy.





## Communications



Kaitlyn Victor is a P4 student attending the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She was involved with her school's SSHP as the student liaison for WNYSHP her P1-P3 years. Kaitlyn is in the process of applying to PGY-1 residency programs and believes NYSCHP has given her numerous opportunities that will allow her to stand out from other candidates.

As the student representative for the Communications Committee, Kaitlyn's goal is to increase student involvement in NYSCHP through the News Brief's "Student Corner." She encourages SSHP e-board members to submit descriptions and pictures regarding their organization's events. She also invites students to submit their individual pieces to the Student Corner. Anything from a drug information question to a new drug update will be considered. Please email Kaitlyn at [kaitlynv@buffalo.edu](mailto:kaitlynv@buffalo.edu) with questions or submissions.

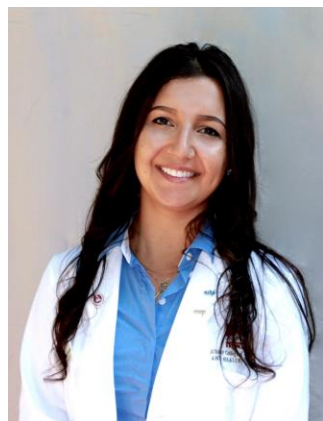
## St. John Fisher Liaison

Jordan Siembor is a current P3 student at St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Pharmacy. She serves as the SSHP president of SJFC with a goal to promote health-system pharmacy and make students aware of the vast possible career opportunities for them in the future. After graduation, she hopes to continue her training with a residency program. Jordan believes that serving as a liaison and participating in events hosted by NYSCHP has improved her leadership skills and will positively impact her as a future pharmacist.

The SSHP chapter at SJFC WSoP has recently completed providing a "Brown Bag" and Blood Pressure Event at the Rochester Public Library.



## Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Liaison



Victoria Ostrovskiy is a P4 student attending Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. In the past, Victoria has served as a Poison Prevention Co-Chair for ACPHS's SSHP Chapter, helping to schedule and host events educating those in the community about household poison dangers. She now serves as a liaison between NYSCHP and ACPHS's SSHP Chapter, helping to voice student concerns and furthering student involvement with NYSCHP.

With her involvement, she has been able to gain valuable leadership experience while having a direct effect on those in the community and helping to further the pharmacy profession. Victoria is currently pursuing a Postgraduate Fellowship in Medical Affairs.



# It's that time again...

## to submit your resolutions

**Deadline for Submission: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### RESOLUTIONS\*

Actions of the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists are expressed as resolutions submitted in writing according to the regulations of the NYSCHP House. Resolutions may register an opinion or may recommend action be taken by the NYSCHP. The resolution should be clear, concise, and specific. The substance should be well researched, and reflect the character and interests of the NYSCHP and the pharmacy profession.

Resolutions should be written in a common format. Resolutions have three parts: (1) the heading, (2) the preamble, and (3) the operative clause. It is one long sentence with commas and semicolons throughout the resolution, with a period at the very end. All operative clauses end with a semicolon except the final clause, which ends in a period.

#### HEADING

Committee: i.e. the committee in which the resolution is introduced.

Topic: the topic of the resolution

Sponsored by: List the sponsors whose signatures appear at the bottom of the resolution.

#### PREAMBLE

The purpose of the preamble is to demonstrate that there is a problem that needs to be solved or resolved. The preamble of the resolution does everything but propose the action or make any substantive statement in the topic at hand. Each clause of the preamble begins with "Whereas" followed by a comma and the next word should begin with a capital letter. The preamble, regardless of how many paragraphs should never contain a period. The last paragraph of the preamble should close with a semicolon, after which a connecting expression, such as "therefore, be it: or "now therefore be it" can be added. The statements contained in the "Whereas" clause have no legal effect.

#### OPERATIVE CLAUSE

Operative clauses are set to achieve the NYSCHP's main policy or goals on the topic. Each operative clause ends with a semicolon and the final clause ends with a period. Operative clauses should be organized in a logical progression and each clause should contain a single idea or policy proposal. The word resolved is printed in italics and is followed by a comma and the word "That" should begin with a capital "T". If there is more than one resolving clause, each clause should be in a separate paragraph. Each paragraph begins with the word "*Resolved, That*". A resolving paragraph should not contain a period within the paragraph.

Whereas, The... [text of the preamble]; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* That ... [stating action to be taken].

\*The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure; Alice Sturgis, The New Robert's Rules of Order.

# Sample Resolution

Committee: Central New York Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists

Topic: Certification of technicians in New York State

Sponsored: Roy Guharoy, Russell Yandon

## Registration of Pharmacy Technicians

Whereas, Hospital pharmacists have moved into clinical patient-care roles requiring more freedom from distribution, dispensing and manual tasks, and,

Whereas, Pharmacy technicians are being increasingly used to perform such work, and,

Whereas, There are large numbers of technicians working in hospitals in New York State over the past couple of decades; many in long-term employment, and,

Whereas, Pharmacy technicians give valuable support which enables pharmacists to use their cognitive services for better patient care, and,

Whereas, While not requiring knowledge framework of a pharmacist, the duties performed by technicians are often crucial; involving precision, trust, risk and excellence, and, oversight and regulation would be helpful for patient safety and quality of care, and,

Whereas, More technician participation and recognition should increase progress, accountability, efficiency, and job satisfaction in pharmacy practice, therefore , be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports registration of all pharmacy technicians in New York State.

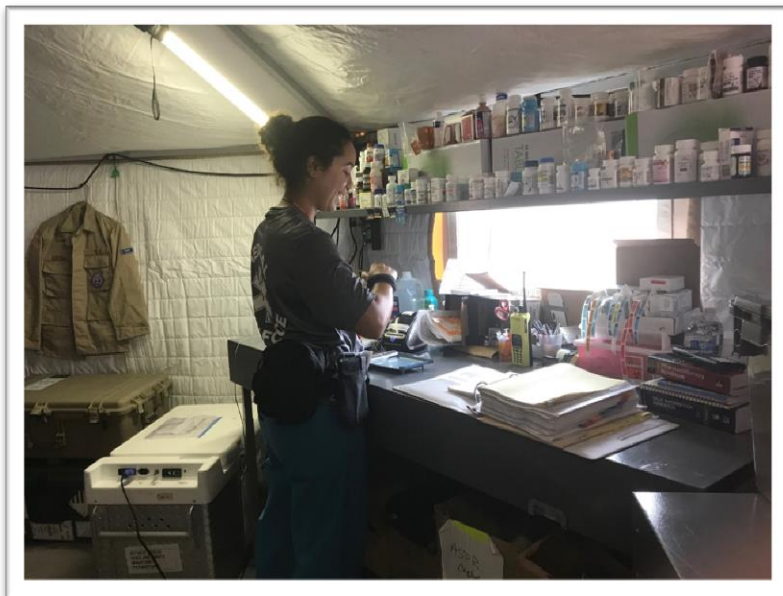
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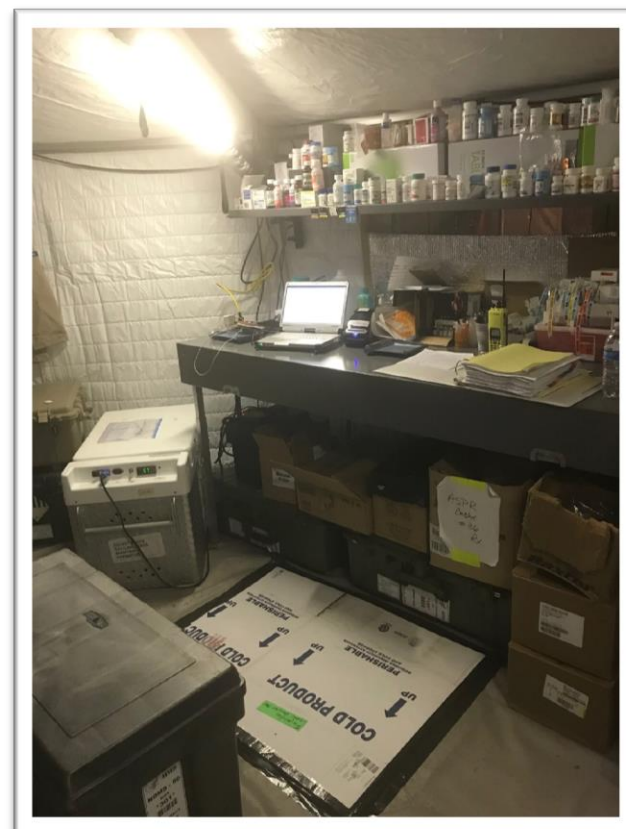
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***Resolutions should be emailed to Shaun Flynn, [sflynn@nyschp.org](mailto:sflynn@nyschp.org).***

## Event Highlights: Puerto Rico Mission Trip



Fajardo Pharmacy



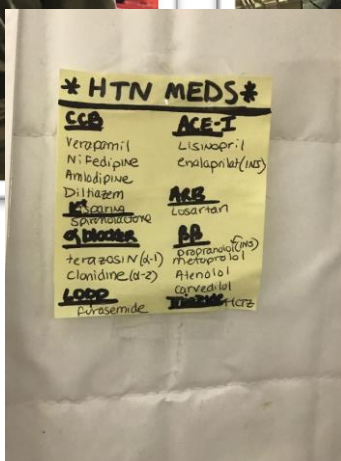
Fajardo Pharmacy

I was deployed to Puerto Rico for 16 days as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Mission Order Authorization developed by NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, NYS Department of Health, the Healthcare Association of New York State, and the Greater New York Hospital Association following Puerto Rico's request for medical assistance. Our EMAC 78-membered team consisted of various healthcare professionals of different disciplines from five New York Health Systems (Stony Brook Medicine, Mount Sinai, New York-Presbyterian, Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, and University Rochester Medicine). Of the 78-membered relief team I was the only pharmacist.

Our team was divided into several missions by a needs basis. My first assigned mission was to medical tents outside Hospital HIMA San Pablo-Fajardo which operated 12 hours per day. In Fajardo, the EMAC team (Stony Brook Medicine, Mount Sinai, and University Rochester Medicine) worked in the medical clinic tents seeing walk-in patients, logistical operations were overseen by the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT), United States Public Health Service (USPHS) offered psychiatric services, Army personnel assisted in transporting critically ill patients to San Juan or the USNS Comfort, and local Puerto Rican volunteers provided assistance when needed (e.g., translation). We averaged 130 patients per day, with patients requiring treatment for infectious diseases, lower respiratory issues, puncture wounds, and other chronic disease state management (e.g., refills on medications). Patients requiring higher level of care were transferred to the USNS Comfort. My second mission was to the U.S. Navy's Hospital Ship USNS Comfort in Old San Juan which operated 24 hours per day. There I worked in the USNS Comfort pharmacy alongside medical professional Navy personnel which included physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. The EMAC team for this mission included healthcare professionals from Stony Brook Medicine and New York Presbyterian. There were DMAT medical tents set up outside the Hospital Ship that triaged 500-600 patients per day and referring the higher acuity patients to the USNS Comfort. The USNS Comfort (the world's largest hospital ship) is well equipped with operating rooms, an emergency department, blood bank, laboratory services, and more.



My pharmacist duties overall included patient education, reviewing drug and allergy interactions, providing pharmacy consultations (drug information questions/dosing/medication recommendations for disease state management and/or patient specific characteristics), preparing intravenous medications, recommending formulary therapeutic interchanges, verifying prescriptions and medications, and managing pharmaceutical inventory. In Fajardo, I was stationed in a “pop up” pharmacy which mirrored a retail setting and worked simultaneously with a DMAT pharmacist. The clinicians in the medical tents would order medications electronically on laptops that I verified and dispensed. We had a limited formulary, but were able to order items that were running low and usually received delivery the following day. Whereas on the USNS Comfort, I worked in a hospital pharmacy setting, but all medical information (including prescriptions) was hand written. I worked with three Naval Officers whom were pharmacist and several Navy pharmacy technicians who rotated shifts. I worked long 12-hour days, but there was bonding time teammates – such as preparing our first Meal Ready-To-Eat (MRE), cleaning up the medical clinic tents, or setting up our mosquito nets prior to sleeping. On the USNS Comfort I was able to eat meals prepared by their kitchen staff and sleep in the racks onboard the ship. Although this was my first humanitarian medical mission trip, it will not be my last. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to provide medical assistance Puerto Rico. Through the collaboration with our EMAC, DMAT, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, USPHS, and Puerto Rican volunteers I can say this medical mission was a success.



### Amanda S. Eloma, PharmD

Clinical Assistant Professor

Stony Brook University

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Clinical Psychiatric Pharmacist

SUNY World Trade Center Health Program



## Event Highlights



Immediately following their CE in lower Westchester on Dec. 13, 2017, the Bronx Westchester NYSCHP chapter had their first CE in Rockland County on Dec. 14, 2017.



*Pharmacists as  
Providers:  
Closing the Circle of  
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*Call for Abstracts:  
Pharmacists,  
Residents and  
Students*

**APRIL 19-22,  
2018**

**The Saratoga Hilton  
Saratoga Springs,  
New York**

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly Research Poster Session: Call for Abstracts

### Abstract Submission:

- Accepting abstracts from: Pharmacists, residents and students
- Abstracts should include the following: Introduction/Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Pharmacy Practice
- Deadline for submission: **February 19, 2018**

### Special Information for Students:

- Award for the "Best Student Poster" will be given

For more information including abstract guidelines and how to submit visit our website: [www.nyschp.org](http://www.nyschp.org) or contact: [office@nyschp.org](mailto:office@nyschp.org)

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- o Registration Cost: \$100 (Decreased from \$175 last year!)
- o Student Clinical Competition
  - One pair of students from each college of pharmacy will compete in this Inaugural Competition
  - Each college of pharmacy will determine which pair of students will represent their school
  - The competition will take place on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 from 3-6pm
  - Please contact your school NYSCHP liaison or [office@nyschp.org](mailto:office@nyschp.org) with any questions
- o Poster Session
  - Submit an abstract to present a poster at the AA
    - Results are required for all submissions
  - Deadline for abstract submission: February 19, 2018
  - Scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, 2018
- o Highlighted programs
  - Opioid crisis and epidemic
  - New guideline overviews
  - Practice changing papers and recent landmark publications
- o House of Delegates
  - Come observe the House of Delegates in action as we discuss important resolutions for NY state!



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## **Important HOD and Resolutions Dates**

### *February 2018*

- February 9<sup>th</sup>: Resolution submission deadline
- February 15<sup>th</sup>: First mailing to delegates

### *March 2018*

- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Second mailing to delegates
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Virtual HOD (noon – 2 pm) 2017 Delegates
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: Opening Hearing Conference call (noon – 1 pm)

### *April 2018*

- April 9<sup>th</sup>: Resolution Committee call (noon – 2 pm)
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: HOD Open Hearing (on site) 6 – 7 pm
- April 20<sup>th</sup>: HOD ( 8 am – noon)

## **NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events**

### *January 2018*

- January 16<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Grassroots Advocacy Committee Dinner
- January 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm: Western Chapter, Free Lunchtime CE – PGY1 Resident
- January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm: Western Chapter, Buffalo Riverworks family event
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP CE Program
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: LISHP – Best Bones Badge
- January 21<sup>st</sup>: NYCSHP Brown Bag Event
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>: NYCSHP New Practitioners CE Program
- January 24<sup>th</sup>: Westchester CE at Gaucho Grill in White Plains
- January 25<sup>th</sup>: LISHP CE Program, Ensuring Appropriate Proton Pump Inhibitor Use - What can we do?
- January 30<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Stop the Bleed Program
- January 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm: Western Chapter, PGY2 Seminars Creekside Banquet facility

### *February 2018*

- February 6<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Networking Dinner
  - February 15<sup>th</sup>: QUAD Meeting (LISHP/Royals/NYC/Westchester Chapters)
  - February 19<sup>th</sup>: Abstract Submission Deadline
  - February 20<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP CE Program
  - February 22<sup>nd</sup>: NYCSHP Networking Dinner
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*March 2018*

- March 8<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP CE Program (Debate)
- March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm: NYCSHP Cycle for Survival
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: LISHP Residency Symposium
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: 2-hour CE Program (NYCSHP/Westchester Collaboration)
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 11-2pm: Special Projects, Naloxone Training (NYCSHP Collaboration with Royals)
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Clinical and Director Roundtable

*April 2018*

- April 12<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Student Roundtable
- April 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup>: NYCSHP Annual Assembly, Saratoga Springs, NY
- April 28<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Adopt-a-Highway

*May 2018*

- May 5<sup>th</sup>: NYCSHP Brown Bag Event (St. Charles Borromeo on 141<sup>st</sup>)

*June 2018*

- June 21<sup>st</sup>: NYCSHP Installation Dinner (Sheraton Marriott Time Square)

