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President's Address

Happy August! I hope everyone is healthy and that you have been able to take some time for relaxation, enjoyment and family time this summer.



I'd like to congratulate chapter board members who were installed in the past months and those who have completed their terms. We are all leading in a very challenging time and must adapt to the "new normal". We must continue to engage our membership, communicate with our membership, and now, more than ever, grow our membership – pharmacists, technicians, residents, students, and our industry colleagues.

The Board of Directors (BOD) and many of the NYSCHP Committees have been very busy this summer; you may read about some of their work in this Newsbrief and/or on social media! I have highlighted some of the initiatives below. The time, dedication, and expertise of those involved is much appreciated and beyond compare.

Strategic Planning:

In line with the organization's Strategic Plan, the Governance Focus Group, under the direction of Joe Pinto; the Strategic Planning Committee, under the direction of Karen Falk and Leila Tibi-Scherl; and the Board of Directors continue their work on a plan to optimize the structure, function and efficiency of the organization. President-Elect, Ruth Cassidy, is overseeing this work in progress.

Stay tuned for further information in the next Newsbrief.

Advocacy:

The Grassroots Advocacy Committee, under the direction of Karen Berger, has been quite busy planning our first ever NYSCHP Advocacy Week, which will take place February 8-12, 2021! All

Grassroots Advocacy Committee members will pledge to conduct at least one legislative visit during this week. I have challenged the Board of Directors (BOD) to do the same. I now challenge, **YOU** – our members – to step up, get out, and join the Grassroots Advocacy Committee and the BOD. We need everyone's participation.

Virtual Networking:

NYSCHP has an opportunity to bring value to our industry colleagues and pharmacy leaders by creating virtual networking opportunities. We have received requests from various industry representatives for the creation of mini advisory boards where a presentation can be made followed by a brief question and answer session.

These will help provide:

- Industry representatives access to pharmacy leaders who are otherwise inaccessible due to hospital restrictions
- Pharmacy leaders the ability to stay abreast of new developments in the markets
- NYSCHP financial resources to support our profession

We will be seeking participation from Pharmacy Directors, Clinical Pharmacy Managers/Specialists, and Inventory Managers with this essential endeavor.

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Tristate Pharmacy Summit

The 2020 Tristate Pharmacy Summit will be held virtually this year, on Friday, October 2nd.

There is much excitement around the Keynote talk: "Tackle Everyday Challenges to be the Best You" and the outstanding line-up of panel talks: Treatment and Prevention of COVID-19; Technology and Digital Health; and Biosimilars.

While we are disappointed that this cannot occur as a live, in-person event, this presents an outstanding opportunity for those members who have been unable to attend this meeting due to travel requirements to now participate.

I encourage you all to participate in this event and to invite your colleagues.

Thanks to Nicole Cieri-Hutcherson, Jamie Chin, and the Education and Professional Development Committee for their work in planning this program.

Webinar Series

The Sterile Compounding and Joint Commission Webinar Series kicked off on August 4th with an outstanding program on "Sterile Compounding Concepts – Quality and Safety – A 797 Approach", followed by "Inspection Preparation and Response: What to Expect in a Joint Commission Hospital Pharmacy Inspection", held on August 19th.

The series was quite informative, well attended, and well received by attendees, with opportunity for questions and answers discussion.

As we push on through this pandemic, let us remember that in order to maintain our professional standards we must engage and grow our membership. Now, more than ever, we must support one another, get up, get out, and be involved. We all must strive to continue to move our profession forward.

Thank you. Be safe, be healthy, and enjoy the remaining weeks of the summer.

Heide Christensen, MS, RPh
President, NYSCHP



More Than Just a Middleman

Pharmacists are Essential Members of the Healthcare Team

On June 11th the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) published an opinion article in support of the Institute for Justice's lawsuits on behalf of physicians who seek to gain the right to dispense non-controlled medications to patients at cost. Their article asserted that the pharmacy is a "needless middleman" that forces patients to incur additional costs and delays them from getting needed medications. Several pharmacy organizations voiced their opposition to the WSJ opinion article, including the New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists. Our response was received too late for publication, but we would like to share it with our members here:

Regarding "Letting the Docs Dispense" (op-ed, June 11), the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP) strongly contends that the implication that a patient's trip to the pharmacy where well-trained, highly qualified professionals meet the prescription and over-the-counter medication needs of patients is simply "added cost and delay" is not only a gross ignorance of the position pharmacists hold and serve in the healthcare community but also a disservice from evidenced-based patient safety practices.

Pharmacists serve as a resource for both patients and providers by engaging in activities such as: answering drug information questions, compounding specialty medications, alerting providers of untreated or undertreated conditions, and informing prescribers of potential drug interactions. Pharmacists continue to be one of the most trusted professionals in the United States. With the recent developments in the profession, pharmacists are more intimately involved with patient care than ever before.

Pharmacists have been given the opportunity to actively participate in public health initiatives. During the current pandemic, the federal government recognized the critical need to authorize pharmacists, who remain among the most accessible healthcare providers in the community, to order and administer COVID-19 tests. We also anticipate that pharmacists' vaccination privileges will be expanded to include vaccinating against COVID-19, in addition to influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, herpes zoster and many other viruses. This convenience, whereby patients can visit their local pharmacy, without appointment, for such crucial services is in addition to the counseling on proper use of medications and medication devices (i.e. inhalers, injection devices) they receive when they pick up their prescriptions.

Pharmacists are integral partners in the healthcare system, and not the "needless middleman," as viewed by the Institute for Justice. Pharmacists collaborate with physicians to ensure appropriate choice and dosages of various medications and we are often the first to become aware of a patient's adverse reaction to a medication or a new medication allergy. Further, in hospitals, clinics, and other settings, pharmacists who practice collaborative drug therapy management are referred by their physician colleagues to assist in managing patients with a myriad of conditions, including heart failure, diabetes, and hepatitis C. Health-system pharmacists initiate and adjust drug therapy, order and interpret lab results, measure vital signs and help our patients achieve the health goals set in collaboration with their primary care providers, according to national guidelines. Various researchers have shown that such collaboration leads to decreased blood pressures and heart failure hospitalizations, increased diabetes control, and otherwise improved patient outcomes.

While up to 30% of prescriptions may remain unfilled, as per the study referenced in your opinion article, a study published by the journal Health Affairs revealed that pharmacist intervention can lead to both improved medication adherence and decreased health care spending. Another study, published in Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy, showed that pharmacists can improve clinical outcomes in diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and a variety of other chronic health conditions. In addition, many patients visit multiple providers, sometimes unbeknownst to their primary care physician. If all providers send prescriptions to one preferred pharmacy, as we recommend, then that pharmacy can serve as both a gatekeeper and a barrier against unintended drug interactions. Pharmacists are partners with our patients and their providers, not adversaries. Our goal is not to increase competition or revenue, as one may infer from your opinion article. Rather, as essential members of the healthcare team, we wish to ensure safe and effective medication use among our patients and safe prescribing by our colleagues.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of NYSCHP,

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Angela Cheng-Lai, PharmD, BCPS
Heide Christensen, MS, RPh



Advocacy Corner

Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP, Vice President of Public Policy

Karen Berger, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCCM, BCPS, BCCCP, Grassroots Advocacy Committee Chair

Mike Milazzo, Pharm.D., Public Policy Committee Chair

NYSCHP Grassroots Advocacy Committee Updates

NYSCHP Advocacy Week: We will be hosting the inaugural NYSCHP Advocacy Week February 8-12, 2021. This event is unique from Lobby Day as it focuses on scheduling local legislative visits over a one week period of time, rather than a single day that requires travel to Albany. In addition to legislative visits, we are planning educational webinars, workshops, and other fun activities during the week. We encourage all NYSCHP members (students, technicians, residents, pharmacists, managers, directors, etc) to get involved! Please check out our advocacy resources online at [NYSCHP.org/advocacy](https://nyschp.org/advocacy) and reach out to Andrew Kaplan or Karen Berger with any questions or suggestions.

Local Chapter Committees: We are excited to announce that we now have a local Grassroots Advocacy Committee in every chapter! Meet your local GAC Chairs and reach out to them if you are interested in getting involved with advocacy. The NYSCHP Grassroots Advocacy Committee meets approximately every other month.

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Public Policy Updates

We have been very busy this past spring, working closely with the Governor's office, advising them regarding the challenges of practicing pharmacy during the COVID-19 epidemic.

Immunization

The Governor's executive budget included language that would have expanded the pharmacist's authority to administer all vaccines recommended by the CDC – a key NYSCHP priority. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the existing law (limited) vaccines was simply extended. Currently, authority for immunization expires July, 2022.

Further, we had noted that vaccination rates have dropped significantly over the past few months as a direct result of COVID-19; we have asked the Governor for an executive order to allow pharmacists to administer all CDC recommended vaccines to help combat this. The Governor signed S8182A (Hoylman)/A10508A (Paulin) that authorizes pharmacists to administer a future vaccine against COVID-19. The Council supports this, while at the same time acknowledges that there are vaccines that are currently available, yet pharmacists are unable to administer them. We look forward to working with Assemblymember Paulin and Senator May, as well as many others, to further expand immunization in the next legislative session.

Finally – the Department of Health and Human Services released a directive on pharmacists providing immunizations to patients aged 3-18 years old throughout the United States, even if the state (like NYS) had a restriction in place. Stay tuned for updates!

Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM)

The Governor's executive budget contained numerous updates to CDTM that the Council supported, such as expansion of practice locations, elimination of the sunset, and allowing the pharmacist to practice as an independent provider. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the existing law was simply extended. Currently, authority for CDTM expires July 2022.

Because of COVID-19, we have received numerous reports from our members who actively work with patients via a CDTM agreement that the requirement for a **written** consent has become an even greater barrier to performing patient care. Some patients may not have access to a fax, email, printer. If they were being seen exclusively by a physician, it would be challenging to get them setup with a pharmacist for collaborative practice given the written requirement for consent under the law.

Therefore, we have requested the Governor issue an executive order to eliminate the requirement that consent be written, to help setup CDTM via telemedicine. Assemblymember Seawright has been an ardent supporter of CDTM, and we continue to work with her, NYS Education Department, and Assemblymember Glick regarding further optimization of CDTM. In the interim, the State Education Department has released guidance demonstrating that electronic means can be used to fulfill the "written" consent requirement.

Our CDTM workgroup met recently and had a productive session. We are looking to further bolster the case, both economically and in patient outcomes, as well as looking for other professional organizations with which to partner, to show a need to optimize CDTM. In addition, we will be updating our resources to have greater effect during legislative visits.

Other Updates

There are numerous COVID-19 updates on the NYSCHP website, including guidance regarding COVID-19 testing and postponement of Part III of the NYS pharmacy licensing exam until August. Please visit <https://www.nyschp.org/emergency-preparedness> for all of the details.

In the future we will be considering incorporating CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) waived testing as part of NYSCHP advocacy package. If you want to be a part of that conversation and have not informed Andrew Kaplan (andrew.kaplan@mountsinai.org) or Mike Milazzo (sammichael.milazzo@hotmail.com) that you'd like to be on the Public Policy Committee, please email us!

Lastly, many of us have taken active roles in a new grassroots organization, the Coalition for the Advancement of Pharmacy Practice (CAP), whose sole purpose is to seek and attain provider status in NYS. They are an energetic group that have taken our guidance very much to heart. Multiple Public Policy Committee members serve as official advisors regarding the writing of legislation, as well as organizing a public relations campaign for the advancement of our profession. There is also a similar effort being put forth by Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. NYSCHP hopes to work with all interested parties to ensure that pharmacy practice in New York steps into the 21st Century!



Pharmacy Technician Corner

The NYSCHP Board of Directors approved and changed the name of the Support Personnel Committee to its new name, the Pharmacy Technician Committee. The Pharmacy Technician Committee updated the language in the Constitution & Bylaws to add two technician members to the House of Delegates. At the recent House of Delegates meeting in May, these two technician seats were approved for the next House of Delegates session. Currently, the Pharmacy Technician Committee is working with the Communications Committee and Education Committee on additional programming for technicians. This will include a podcast and webinar that will be scheduled for this Fall.

We have a brief message from our Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) Liaison, Dr. Ryan Burke. The PTCB is the first certification organization for pharmacy technicians and is the only non-profit pharmacy credentialing organization in the United States.

Mary Choy, PharmD, BCGP, FASHP
Director of Pharmacy Practice, NYSCHP

An Update from PTCB

On behalf of the PTCB team, I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to New York’s pharmacy technicians and pharmacists who have worked tirelessly over the past few months and continue to be on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been inspired by the heroic, and sometimes heartbreaking, stories that we have received from pharmacy technicians across the country. You can read them for yourself at ptcb.org/cphtstrong.

The pandemic has changed the world around us and our team has been doing everything we can to support more than 280,000 Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs) and thousands of individuals seeking initial certification.

- For the first time in our history, PTCB’s exams can be taken at home or work via secure online testing.
- We have temporarily reduced the prices of our credential exams and practice tools.
- We have extended recertification deadlines for individuals who were due to recertify at the height of the pandemic.
- We launched a directory of free continuing education programs.
- Our Career Center is offering free job postings for employers hiring pharmacy technicians in response to COVID-19.

You can learn more about these changes at ptcb.org/covid19.

We also realize that connecting with others is as important as ever. That’s why we launched PTCB Community, a brand-new free social platform for discussion, inspiration, and resources related to pharmacy technicians and their career paths. Anyone is welcome to join the conversation at community.ptcb.org.

As we look ahead, we are eager to continue our mission of credentialing pharmacy technicians who are qualified to support pharmacists and patient care teams in all practice settings. Last year, we launched two Assessment-Based Certificate Programs in Technician Product Verification (TPV) and Medication History. We will release programs in Billing and Reimbursement and in Hazardous Drug Management this summer, followed by Controlled Substances Diversion Prevention and Immunization later this year.

We foresee our immunization program being critical to COVID-19 recovery efforts with the anticipated release of a vaccine. Several states, including Idaho, Rhode Island, Utah, and Washington, already allow pharmacy technicians to administer immunizations and several more states are considering legislative and regulatory changes to enable technicians to immunize. Even ahead of such changes, pharmacy technicians across the country are already integral to pharmacy-based immunization delivery and perform important tasks, such as assisting with the completion of vaccine administration record forms, accessing vaccination histories, managing inventory, entering data, and handling billing.

These new certificate programs help meet the growing demand for pharmacy technicians to take on advanced responsibilities as pharmacists are increasingly immersed in direct patient care. They also provide pharmacy technicians with an opportunity to be recognized for their specialized knowledge and skills and advance their careers, and employers may use these credentials to establish career ladders within their organizations.

Active PTCB CPhTs who have completed at least four certificate programs, including TPV and/or Medication History, or three certificate programs and PTCB’s Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician® (CSPT®) Certification, and 3 years of work experience, will be eligible to earn a CPhT-Adv Certification in the near future.

Please visit ptcb.org to learn more about PTCB’s Assessment-Based Certificate programs and advanced credentials, including eligibility requirements for each program.



**Ryan Burke, PharmD,
Director of Professional Affairs
at the PTCB**

Board of Directors Member Spotlight

Nicole E. Cieri-Hutcherson, PharmD, BCPS, NCMP

**Clinical Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Director of Education and Professional Development, NYSCHP**

My Work as a Pharmacist:



Pharmacy wasn't always my path. As a freshman at the University at Buffalo I had vague ideas of taking classes in biology and psychology, two majors that I was interested in, but wasn't really sure how I would merge. On the prompting of my mom, I investigated the pharmacy program. It wasn't something I had originally considered, but I liked the science aspect and the idea of interacting with different people. At the time, the pharmacy program at University at Buffalo had record numbers of applicants, and I had to figure out how I was going to make myself stand out. A bachelor's degree and some experience in a pharmacy might just do the trick. I started working at Rite Aid Pharmacy and finished my Bachelors in psychology with a concentration in biology and chemistry in three years and was admitted in 2006. Getting into pharmacy school was my focus for such a long time, and when I finally got in I had to adjust to the question "what now?" The field of pharmacy had so many different paths to take, and in an effort to utilize my bachelors I focused on psychiatric pharmacy. I immersed myself in my studies and getting experience in psychiatric pharmacy, volunteering at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center, and completing experiential rotations specializing in psychology and neurology. The thing that focusing so much on psychology taught me was that I wanted to know a little bit more about everything else. In a last minute switch I decided not to pursue psychiatric pharmacy specialty residency programs and to instead pursue general pharmacy practice.

I began my first year of pharmacy residency at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Western New York. This program was part of the Kaleida Health System and had rotations, not only at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, but also at Buffalo General Medical Center, Millard Fillmore Gates Circle (now the Gates Vascular Institute) and DeGraff Memorial Hospital. I was able to see four hospitals in one year, all with different specialties. The rotation I liked the best though was family/internal medicine. One of the doctors with whom I rounded described family medicine practice as the wide circle of a flashlight, with specialists shining their brighter light on smaller circles of the patient's picture and family/internal medicine seeing the patient as a whole and bringing all the pieces together. This was something I was strong in, seeing all the pieces, organizing them, and bringing it all together. That was the moment I decided I wanted to pursue a specialty residency in internal medicine. Buffalo General Medical Center was starting a specialty residency PGY2 in internal medicine and academia and I was able to become the first resident to complete the program.

After completing residency I began my first job as a faculty member at D'Youville School of Pharmacy. During my residency I had begun teaching women's health self-care; I was hooked. I took over teaching the entirety of the women's health pharmacotherapeutic curriculum, self-care, labs and other associated classes at D'Youville. I dove into involvement in the ACCP Women's Health Practice and Research Network (PRN) and began work at my practice site, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and subsequently Buffalo General Medical Center to round with the Internal Medicine services. In 2017, I had the opportunity to move my teaching and practice to my alma mater, the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (UBSoPPS). Now here at the UBSoPP's I teach the women's health curriculum, coordinate two additional courses and maintain an experiential practice site at Buffalo General Medical Center. I have focused my research primarily in women's health and am the Chair-Elect of the Women's Health PRN. I have had over 60 professional presentations as invited speaker, platform or poster presenter, many of which are with students and residents. I have >30 publications including 17 peer reviewed publications, 13 abstracts and 3 book chapters the majority of which are in various aspects of women's health. I am part of two active grants, one focused on women's health and another in the Pharmacists' Patient Care Process. I have received awards for precepting and as a faculty member and educator.

I recently read that the average person changes their career path on average 7 times and I still hope that someday my practice site will adjust to reflect my passion for women's health. In the meantime, I thoroughly enjoy rounding with the internal medicine teams at Buffalo General Medical Center and staying involved in the residency programs there. My biggest advice is that even if switching career paths may set you back a little in the short term, the personal satisfaction and opportunities gained by choosing a job that better fits with your personal and professional goals will be worth it in the end.

Journey to Becoming Director of Education and Professional Development:

During pharmacy school I was a member of the SSHP chapter at UBSoPP. When I interviewed for my first year of residency, a question I was immediately asked was would I like to become more involved in the Western chapter of NYSCHP. During residency I became an alternate delegate for WNYSHP, then delegate the following



year. Following I served as the Chair of the Membership Committee, and was elected to the position of Director of Communication. Following that term, I was elected as the Director of Pharmacy Practice and became Chair of the Continuing Education Committee. Subsequently I ran for and became President-Elect/President and Immediate Past President of WNYSH. I also served as the D'Youville and subsequently UBSOPP faculty liaison between the SSHP chapters and WNYSH. I became involved in and still am a part of the Western membership, continuing education, strategic planning, grassroots advocacy and new practitioner committees. At the state level, I became involved in the CCC at the time of my Director of Pharmacy Practice term for the Western chapter and started thinking about running for a state-level position. With the close of my presidency for Western, I was installed as the Director of Education and Professional Development (EPD) for NYSCHP. When COVID happened, all of NYSCHPs standard practices for the EPD committee were upended. The chapter pipeline for monthly NYSCHP webinars was interrupted due to cancelled events, the TriState Health System Pharmacy Summit underwent major discussions to move towards a virtual meeting, the Annual Assembly was cancelled in 2020 and programming would have to be saved for a 2021 meeting. This has been challenging but now that we are over the worst of it (for the time being) the EPD committee hopes to move forward with initiatives including involvement of chapter speakers in education events, partnering with chapters for education events, education highlighting technicians, education highlighting new practitioners, education for students and collaborating with the Communication committee on podcasts and the new YouTube channel. With the help of the strong leaders in the EPD committee, most notable being Chair, Jamie Chin, we will adapt to the changes and have improved programming for it.

The Value of NYSCHP

NYSCHP has been integral in making a network of colleagues across the state. I highly respect the dedication the volunteer members of the organization, both in elected and appointed positions. There have been many strong pharmacists that have led me down this path: Stephanie Seyse, Lisa Voigt, Kim Zammit, Bill Prescott, and others have been a recurring source of encouragement and a wealth of knowledge. I am thankful to be involved in the organization with my husband, Tim Hutcherson. As a passionate member of WNYSH and Membership Chair for NYSCHP, he is a constant source of new, exciting ideas.

Fun Facts About Me:

- My husband and I have three beautiful children
- I enjoy baking, especially artisan bread; photography; and photo-editing
- Education and reading historical fiction have always been a passion
- You can catch all of these on my Instagram page @hellohutchersons that I use as a creative outlet



New Practitioner Spotlight

Jacqueline Chirico, PharmD, BCPS
Pediatric Pharmacy Operations Manager,
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New Practitioner Committee Co-Chair,
New York City Society of Health-system Pharmacists



Path to Becoming a New Practitioner:

Having pharmacist parents, I knew that ending up in health care was inevitable. I had the first-hand perspective of growing up with parents who owned two independent pharmacies, so when I was old enough to work, I started working the cash register at one of the stores. I really enjoyed helping the customers and observing their interactions with the pharmacists. The pharmacists were always able to solve the problems that came up, and I really loved that aspect of their job. It didn't take long for me to realize that pharmacy was the right career path for me!

I followed in my parents' footsteps and attended St. John's University College of Pharmacy. I loved my experience there, and I couldn't have asked for a better education. Aside from studying pharmacology and therapeutics, I spent my spare time getting involved in pharmacy organizations. I held a variety of executive board positions in Lambda Kappa Sigma, Phi Lambda Sigma, and APhA. During pharmacy school, I also worked as an intern at Cohen Children's Hospital. I learned about hospital pharmacy, and I decided that this was the pharmacy path that I wanted to take. I used my APPE rotations to see if there was a clinical area within the hospital that I'd be interested in, and I ended up taking an elective in pharmacy administration. I absolutely loved it, and I had such a great experience shadowing the director of the pharmacy department. It was my first exposure to pharmacy management, and it felt like it would be a good fit for me. It would also give me more opportunities to fix problems and optimize practice.

After graduating with my PharmD, I pursued a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. My experiences there led me to Baltimore, MD, where I completed a PGY-2 in Health-System & Practice Administration at the University of Maryland Medical Center. After finishing PGY-2, I fulfilled my goal of returning home to New York to work as an inpatient pharmacy manager. (Special thanks to Mark Sinnett for recruiting me at the Eastern States poster presentation showcase!)

Practice Site:

I practice as a pediatric pharmacy operations manager at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore. My role includes activities related to personnel management, workflow optimization, inventory management, medication safety, information technology optimization, performance improvement, and training/staff development. I also precept IPPE/APPE students from SUNY University at Buffalo, Binghamton University, and Touro College of Pharmacy. My day-to-day responsibilities vary, but that is what keeps my days interesting! I am fortunate to work within an environment that is very conducive to growth and learning. My colleagues are all supportive, and I learn new things from them every single day!

Organizational Involvement & Value of NYSCHP:

NYSCHP has been a great resource to me as a new practitioner. I found this especially important after I came back from being out of state for my residency training. I had never practiced pharmacy in NY before, and I really found the NYSCHP network helpful. Most of my colleagues at Montefiore Medical Center are involved with NYSCHP, so it was easy for me to get involved and learn more about what NYSCHP was all about. My own involvement with NYSCHP started when I joined the New Practitioner Committee as a member from 2019-2020. I became a member of the NYCSHP installation committee that year, as well. I also presented on regulatory topics for the NYCSHP BCPS review that was held virtually this past spring. I am excited to take on the role of New Practitioner Committee Co-Chair for the NYC chapter for 2020-2021!



I am also involved in other organizations outside of NYSCHP, including ASHP & Lambda Kappa Sigma. I am part of the New and Emerging Leaders Section Advisory Group for ASHP, and I am an executive board member of the Lambda Kappa Sigma Alpha Pi Alumni Chapter. I also like to stay involved with my alma mater, St. John's University. I have been participating in their Alumni Mentoring Program since 2017, and I occasionally return to campus to speak at student events.

Advice for New Practitioners:

Keep an open mind to all new opportunities! You never know where your career will take you, and you shouldn't be afraid to take a chance on something that you think you'd learn from. This includes getting involved on committees through professional organizations like NYSCHP and attending local and state events. I'd also like to stress the importance of networking- pharmacy is a small world and you never know who knows someone who could help you out or give you the advice you are seeking! Lastly, don't be afraid to ask for help. New practitioners often feel doubtful in their abilities, and this is completely normal! Use your network to ask for help; this will also help you expand your knowledge and grow as a professional within your specialty.

Fun Facts:

My favorite animal is a giraffe! I have multiple giraffe items in both my office and my apartment. I also love to cook and bake! I like trying new recipes and working with them until I get it just right. My Venetian rainbow cookies are a fan favorite! I also enjoy exploring new things in NYC with my fiancé. Over the last year, we've done axe throwing, multiple Escape the Rooms, participated in a cocktail class, went indoor shuffleboarding, saw a drive-in movie, and even made chocolate bars at a chocolate factory! In my downtime, I also like to read and spend time with my dog, Balto.



Congratulations, Vickie!



Congratulations to Dr. Vickie Powell on being appointed to serve on the ASHP Task Force on Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!

Please contact Dr. Powell at Vip9006@nyp.org if you have any topics or concerns that you would like to bring to this committee.



NYSCHP Statement on Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Racism and discrimination have plagued our country for far too long. It is one of the forgotten public health crises affecting our country. People of color and other marginalized groups experience a continuum of systemic racism, discrimination, and injustices that result in ongoing health inequities created by numerous factors impacting social determinants of health.

As pharmacists, we took an oath that includes, as its first statement, "I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concern." Humanity includes all people, and we have the responsibility in this country to provide care equally. As health care professionals, we are trained to provide the best care to all and to "advocate for change that improves patient care." Advocating against racism, all forms of discrimination and injustice can improve patient care. We, as a profession, stand in unity to advocate for the restructuring of systems that have historically ostracized and oppressed Black Americans in this country. We advocate for measures that eliminate inequities resulting from racism and discrimination in every facet of our profession, including patient care, pharmacist and pharmacy technician continuing education, student pharmacist education, workplace practices, pharmacy school admissions, leadership opportunities, and organizational policies. We advocate for health equity in communities to eliminate health care disparities. The time is now to engage in intentional dialogue and action. All forms of racism, discrimination, and injustice are unacceptable. We must all listen, learn, and collectively address this crisis directly.

The profession of pharmacy should work together to provide opportunities to address health care disparities, provide education on social injustices and challenges in healthcare to pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians, and continue dialogue among pharmacy organizations to identify and implement change. The care provided by pharmacists both in the health-system and the community will uphold the highest standards. It is vital that we unite as a profession with one voice that supports diversity, cultivates change, and provides value to future generations.



Tristate Meeting Brochure

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2020 Tri-State Health-System Pharmacy Summit

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in all practice settings, including hospital and community pharmacy, homecare, ambulatory care and clinical environments, managed care organizations, academia, industry and pharmaceutical benefit providers.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:



The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. The CE evaluations process is online through surveys that will be emailed out after the program. Attendance is verified with a CE code provided at the program and your name will also be checked against our online platform's attendance list. You will have 45 days to complete these surveys. It will take up to 60 days for the credits to be uploaded to MY CPE Monitor.

VIRTUAL LOGIN INFORMATION: Virtual attendees will be utilizing an online platform. Instructions for virtual attendance will be sent to registrants via email by Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:30 AM	<p>Tackle Everyday Challenges to Create the Best You</p> <p>Keynote Speaker Doreen Guma, MA, FACHE, CPHRM, CPC, CLC Certified Social & Emotional Intelligence Coach Founder, Time to Play Foundation</p>
9:30 - 9:45 AM	<p>Break</p>
9:45 – 11:15 AM	<p>Topic: Treatment and Prevention of COVID-19</p> <p>Moderator: Alla Paskovaty, PharmD BCPS AQ-ID Medical Science Liaison-Vaccines- NYS Medical Affairs Sanofi Pasteur US</p> <p>Speaker: Eric Yager, PhD Associate Professor, Microbiology Program Director, Pre-Pharmacy Program Albany College of Pharmacy Albany, NY</p> <p>Panelists: Mark Macchia PharmD, MBA, RPh, FACHE Director of Pharmacy Mercy Medical Center Rockville Centre, NY</p> <p>Nancy Palamara, PharmD Director of Pharmacy Services, Infusion Therapy & MS Services Holy Name Medical Center Teaneck, NJ</p>

	<p>Navin Philips, PharmD, BS, DPLA Director of Pharmaceutical Services Hunterdon Medical Center Flemington, NJ</p> <p>Caitlyn Fraielli, PharmD, BCCCP Staff Pharmacist Hartford Hospital Hartford, CT</p>	<p>John Papadopoulos, BS Pharm, PharmD, FCCM, BCCCP Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services Critical Care Pharmacist Pharmacy Residency Program Director</p> <p>Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine NYU Langone Health/Department of Pharmacy</p>
11:15 - 12:15 PM	Lunch	
12:15 – 1:30 PM	<p>Topic: Technology and Digital Health</p> <p>Moderator: William Herlihy RPh, MBA Pharmacovigilance, Pharmacist Supervisor Morristown Medical Center, Atlantic Health System</p> <p>Panelists: Sara Weinstein, PharmD, BCPS Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and Clinical Assistant Professor Hunterdon Medical Center Flemington, NJ</p> <p>Ruchi Tiwari, PharmD, MS Director of Pharmacy, Population Health Mount Sinai Health System New York, NY</p> <p>Lisa S. Stump, MS, RPh, FASHP Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer Yale New Haven Health and Yale School of Medicine New Haven, CT</p>	
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Break	
1:45 – 3:00 PM	<p>Topic: Biosimilars Panel</p> <p>Moderator: Teresa Papstein, RPh, BCNSP Interim Director of Pharmacy Bridgeport Hospital Department of Pharmacy Bridgeport, CT</p> <p>Panelists: Daniel T. Abazia, PharmD, BCPS, CPPS Director of Pharmacy Capital Health Trenton, NJ/Pennington, NJ</p> <p>Rosario (Russ) Joseph Lazzaro, MS, RPh Assistant Director of Pharmacy, Ambulatory Services, Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center NYU Langone Health New York, NY</p> <p>Jon Blazawski, PharmD, BCOP Oncology Pharmacist Hartford Hospital Hartford, CT</p>	
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VIRTUAL REGISTRATION:

Early Bird by September 21st: Member Pharmacists - \$100; Non-member Pharmacists - \$125; Residents - \$40; Students/Technicians - \$20.
After September 21st: Member Pharmacists - \$120; Non-member Pharmacists - \$140; Students/Technicians - \$30.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation requests must be received in writing at the Society headquarters through which you registered. A \$25.00 administrative fee will be deducted from the registration fee for cancellations received by **Friday, September 18, 2020**. After **Friday, September 18, 2020**, there will be no refunds for cancellation.

Payments to the Tri-State sponsors are not deductible as charitable contributions but may be deductible as ordinary business expenses. Please speak with your tax advisor.

If you need special accommodations (per ADA) to enjoy this event, please contact the CSHP, NJSHP or NYSCHP by September 25, 2020.

Registration required by 12-noon on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

How to Register:

Mail/fax a completed registration form with a check or credit card information to the office of the Society in the state in which you work or have a membership. Online credit card registration also is available.

CSHP: 591 North Avenue, Ste. 3-2 Wakefield, MA 01880 888/506-3784 office@cshponline.org
F: 781/245-6487 Online credit card registration: <https://cshponline.org/event-3801527>

NJSHP: 760 Alexander Rd, Princeton, NJ 08543 609/936-2205 swilliams@njha.com
F: 609/228-5434 Online credit card registration: www.njshp.org/Home.aspx

NYSCHP: 230 Washington Avenue Extension Albany, NY 12203 518/456-8819 office@nyschp.org
F: 518/456-9319 Online credit card registration: <https://www.nyschp.org/2020-tri-state-health-system-summit>

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