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President's Message: September 2019

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and are spending time with family and friends—whether it's running marathons, outdoors, in the pool, or even a bike ride! Whatever you are doing, I hope you are staying active and healthy.

The NYSCHP Board of Directors has been productive this summer with conference calls and a face-to-face meeting in Albany. We have begun discussing recommendations from the 2019 House of Delegates and committees are hard at work. Our Chair of the House of Delegates, Liz Shlom, has been working diligently to prepare for a Virtual House of Delegates in December. Stay tuned for further details. I am also pleased to announce Shaun Flynn has renewed his contract as our Executive Director for an additional 3 years. I look forward to his guidance and direction as we move forward on all of NYSCHP endeavors.

In June, I attended the NYS Pharmacy Conference and had the opportunity to meet with leadership from other organizations as well as pharmacy schools across the state. Collaboration with these associations is essential in keeping the pharmacy profession unified. I look forward to attending this quarterly meeting and engaging in productive conversations.

This October, the Board of Directors will hold an all-day Strategic Planning session to focus on

keeping with the mission and vision of NYSCHP. A Strategic Planning Committee will be created to provide continuity to the Board of Directors as well as suggestions for staying on our plan—a vital component as we continue to solve our Rubik's Cube. Incorporating the goals of our strategic plan, "Engage, Lead, Advocate" will be the 2020 Annual Assembly theme.

Calling all Past NYSCHP Presidents! Are you interested in providing leadership advice to our Chapter Presidents? If yes, then we need you to join the beginning of one of the Chapter President's Conference Calls to provide advice or expertise as a leader of this organization. Please contact me and I will put you on the schedule.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the newly elected Board Members! This is an exciting time to hold a leadership role in our organization.

Respectfully,

Lisa Voigt,
President, NYSCHP

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction"
- John F. Kennedy



Congratulations to **Dr. Karen Berger** on being elected as Director-at-Large-Elect for the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists and to **Dr. Leigh A Briscoe-Dwyer** as Board of Directors-Elect at ASHP!

We are proud of your accomplishments and are grateful for your services!

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Legislative Update

Pharmacy Technicians:

- A8319 (Romeo)/S6517 (Stavisky) – the pharmacy technician registration/certification bill passed in the last days of the legislative session. It has not yet been delivered to the governor – we expect in the coming weeks to months that it will be and we see no reason the governor would not sign the bill. NYSCHP is actively working with our partners to push this legislation forward and to work with the New York State Education Department on its implementation. We also obtained a letter of support from ASHP urging the governor to sign the bill.
- NYSCHP has received several questions from members regarding the legal status of pharmacy technician sterile admixture programs. We request that these questions are instead directed to the State Board of Pharmacy (pharmbd@nysed.gov). We have published a fact sheet regarding the legislation on NYSCHP.org/Advocacy.

Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM):

- Our Public Policy workgroup provided new language to the Assembly sponsor Rebecca Seawright in response to questions from the New York State Education Department
- Pharmacists' authority to participate in CDTM expires next year; lobbying efforts are underway.
- We are hoping to make the consent process less robust or remove it altogether, remove geographical barriers, and eliminate the unnecessary sunset.
- NYSCHP is going to be following up with the Governor's office and our coalition partners on several key issues in the fall – hopefully to get some CDTM optimization language in the Executive Budget. Of note, we were successful in getting pharmacy technician oversight language in the budget last year for the first time.

Immunization:

- Pharmacists' authority to immunize is set to expire in July 2020; ongoing lobbying efforts are underway to prevent this.
- New York remains one of a few states which limits pharmacists' ability to immunize to certain vaccines. You may be aware of the measles outbreak this past year: MMR is a vaccine pharmacists are not permitted to administer in New York State. Several proposals have been submitted regarding expansion of pharmacists' immunization privileges, which we will follow up on.

Miscellaneous:

- Our committees are working hard. The Public Policy Committee has a new chair (Mike Milazzo of NYSCHP's Western chapter) who will lead the workgroup's efforts on initiatives including: the Tech Check Tech Toolkit, CDTM optimization, etc. The Committee appreciates the great work of the first chair, See-Won Seo of NYSCHP's Northeastern Chapter!
- For the Grassroots Committee, Karen Berger of New York City (who is also the Director of Education and Professional Development) is staying on and has done a fabulous job. The committee exceeded its goal of 20 local legislative visits in the spring. You may have seen these visits on social media. This state-wide committee has also expanded to five local chapters with more coming. Anyone from any chapter is welcome to join and get involved!

Andrew Kaplan, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP
Vice President of Public Policy

NYSCHP Upcoming Live Webinars

Common Mishaps and Pitfalls in the Inpatient Management of Diabetes

Wednesday, September 18th at 1:00 PM

Caitlyn Cummings, PharmD, BCPS

Objectives for pharmacists:

- Identify an appropriate insulin conversion regimen for patients admitted to the inpatient setting
- Recognize appropriate insulin management strategies for common inpatient scenarios
- Discuss appropriate and inappropriate uses of patient devices (continuous glucose monitors and insulin pumps)

Objectives for technicians:

- Describe how pharmacy technicians can play a role in medication reconciliation on admission Describe how pharmacy technicians can play a role in medication reconciliation on admission
- Identify patients with diabetes who would benefit from pharmacy intervention
- Recognize patients wearing diabetes devices

[Register here](#)

Getting Involved at Every Level: State and Federal Legislative Updates

NYSCHP/NYS ACCP Joint Webinar

Thursday, October 10th at 12:00 PM

Andrew Kaplan, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP
John McGlew, MA

Objectives for pharmacists:

- Identify state and federal legislation in 2019-2020 impacting pharmacy practice and actionable pharmacy issues
- Explain how select state and federal agency actions will affect or are affecting pharmacy practice
- Examine key strategies for successful advocacy that can enhance pharmacists' involvement in the legislative process
- Describe why a comprehensive approach to policy change is essential in order to meaningfully address the needs of our health care system

[Register here](#) (more info [here](#))

*Each webinar offers the opportunity to earn 0.1 CEU

New Practitioner Spotlight

Path to Becoming a New Practitioner

I first found my passion in pharmacy, during a junior high enrichment class project. I presented what a pharmacist does and how they are an integral member of the health care team to my class. Shortly after, I began volunteering at South Nassau Community Hospital where I had volunteered in the pharmacy, throughout high school then during holiday breaks when I studied pre-pharmacy at SUNY University at Buffalo (UB).

During pharmacy school at UB, I really enjoyed learning about the science behind medication classes as well as learning to interact and care for patients. I made lifelong friends, expanded my passions for leadership at the chapter, regional, and national levels through APhA-ASP, SSHP, and PLS, and participated in patient care projects as well as placing in the top 10 of the local APhA-ASP's counseling competition and placing in the top 5 of the national ASHP's Clinical Skills competition.

As a CVS pharmacy intern, I loved interacting with my customers and working in community pharmacy. During my first summer as an intern, I also joined Covidien, where I learned about the niche field of nuclear pharmacy. Covidien supported me to present my first national research poster at APhA's annual meeting. I was able to replicate this experience through Cardinal Health and present my next research project at the following APhA's annual meeting. With my passion for research and support from faculty mentors, I was the first student pharmacist to join UB's combined PharmD/MS program, where I studied pharmaceutical sciences with masters and PhD students. During my PharmD/MS, I learned more about pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics and joined a protein therapeutics research group. My research sparked my career in oncology pharmacy and led to my first position as a pharmacist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer

Center. I learned chemotherapy regimens, supportive care, and how to operate within clinical research protocols.

With a passion to help serve patients, I joined NYU Winthrop Hospital as a PGY-1 pharmacy resident to expand my inpatient and ambulatory experiences. The following year, I joined the National Institutes of Health as a PGY-2 pharmacy resident to learn more about clinical research and standard of care under the National Cancer Institute and National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. I rejoined NYU Winthrop Hospital as a clinical specialist.

Practice Site

I currently practice as a clinical specialist in hematology-oncology. My responsibilities include rounding with the medical oncology team where I service hematology-oncology, GYN-oncology, and neuro-oncology. I may be consulted to assist with pediatric oncology, medical ICU desensitization protocols, and oral chemotherapy prescribing. I review and validate oncology treatments and coordinate transition of care with our patient population to apply for patient assistance with chemotherapy treatments and facilitate care to and from the infusion center. I precept our 9 PGY-1 pharmacy residents and IPPE/APPE student pharmacists. With a passion for research, I have hematology-oncology projects and quality improvement projects with my Performance Improvement Science Academy and with my pharmacy residents. I also serve as faculty for our 9 hematology-oncology fellows, providing monthly pharmacology lectures, and for our NYU Long Island School of Medicine.

Advice for New Practitioners

Challenge yourself professionally by joining a new committee, present a CE lecture, and attend a

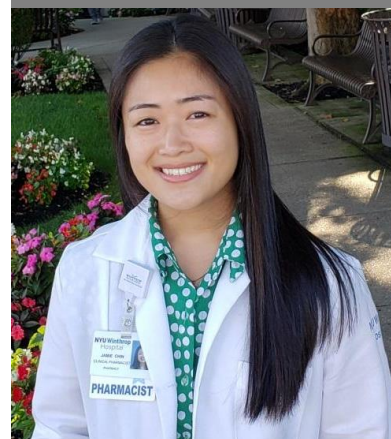
new conference this year. Give back to the community by precepting students and pharmacy residents. Learn something new each day and teach it to someone to fuel your career of life-long learning. Network! You will learn more about the opportunities around you by meeting others.

The Value of NYSCHP

NYSCHP is an incredible and empowering network of pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians. When I first joined NYSCHP, I became the New York City chapter historian, which led me to currently serving as the Director at Large for legislative affairs, student relations and supportive personnel. I love working with my local committee members to host programs and prepare members for their legislative visits. I also really enjoy working with the State Education and Professional Development Committee, now serving as the chair, the Grassroots Advocacy Committee, and Supportive Personnel Committee, to provide exciting experiences for others. NYSCHP has offered me so many opportunities to stay engaged and work with pharmacists statewide, which I am proud to be a part of.

Fun Facts

I enjoy traveling with my husband, Johnny, experiencing different cultures, and trying new cuisines. Italy has been my favorite place to travel to so far. I enjoy baking for family and friends and trying new recipes for special occasions or baking just because. I also enjoy staying active and being outside on nice days for a walk, run, bike, or play tennis. I enjoy seeing family and friends, which really shows how fast time passes, because there is always so much to catch up about!



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NYSCHP Congratulates Karen Berger

NYSCHP would like to congratulate Karen Berger, PharmD, FCCM, BCPS, BCCCP, Neurocritical Care Clinical Pharmacy Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, for being named Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM). All of the Fellows were honored on Monday, February 18th during the SCCM Annual Congress in San Diego, California.

Dr. Berger has been involved with numerous organizations as a student, resident, and clinical practitioner. Within ASHP, she has served on the New Practitioner's Forum Science and Research Advisory Group, New Practitioner's Forum Executive Committee, Council on Therapeutics, and Vice Chair of the Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists Yearlong Educational Steering Committee. Within NY state, she served as Chair of the NYSCHP Education and Professional Development (EPD) Committee for four years and recently became Director of Education and Professional Development on the NYSCHP Board of Directors*. In her role as Chair of the EPD, she developed the inaugural NYSCHP Student Clinical Competition in 2018, helped implement monthly webinars averaging almost 100 attendees per month, and served as the Program Chair and moderator for Critical Care webinar series in June 2019. Dr. Berger is also a Past President of the NYC Chapter where she created the NYC Grassroots Advocacy Committee in 2017 and NYSCHP Pharmacy Advocacy Award. The Grassroots Advocacy Committee was later expanded to a statewide (NYSCHP) committee which she has chaired since its creation in August 2018. In 2016 she received the NYSCHP New Practitioner Award in recognition of her leadership contributions to the state organization. Within the Neurocritical Care Society, she was appointed to the Pharmacy Leadership Committee and implemented a quarterly online Neurocritical Care Pharmacy journal club. Within SCCM, she was previously Chair of the CPP Section Education Committee and currently serves as a director-at-large for the CPP Section and Immediate Past Co-Chair of the Adult Item Writing Committee. She has received the SCCM Presidential Citation for the past three years and received the NCS Presidential Citation last year. Finally, she created a NYC Critical Care Pharmacy group and coordinates quarterly roundtable meetings to network and discuss hot topic issues. Pharmacists from more than 15 hospitals in the NYC area (now expanded to NJ, CT, Westchester, Brooklyn, and LI) routinely attend.

Dr. Berger has provided more than 30 presentations at local, state, national, and international meetings. She has presented more than 20 abstracts at national and international meetings and in 2016, received an SCCM Star Research Achievement Award for an abstract on bleeding reversal. She has authored >20 publications, including 6 book chapters on anticoagulation, bleeding reversal, and status epilepticus, as well as review articles and outcomes-based research in critical care and pharmacy journals.

Dr. Berger sought out Fellowship in SCCM as a way to showcase her dedication to the critical care profession and highlight pharmacists as an integral member of this multidisciplinary organization. Fellowship recognition requires contributions to collaborative practice, program development, scholarship activities, and regional/national engagement. Going through the process was a humbling experience and taught her the importance of being well rounded in many different areas, carefully documenting her accomplishments, and working with a diverse group of individuals from a variety of geographical locations and professions. These networking opportunities allowed Dr. Berger to pursue different types of professional endeavors, ultimately qualifying her for FCCM. She would encourage others who are interested in becoming a Fellow of an organization to start the process early and seek out a mentor who can provide clear and constructive feedback on the process.

*Due to her new role in ASHP, Dr. Berger was required to withdraw her name from the NYSCHP election ballot for Director of Education and Professional Development (2020-2022). She will continue as Director until Annual Assembly 2020. After this, she looks forward to staying involved in the Education and Development Committee in a more informal role.

ASHP House of Delegates

The House of Delegates of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists held the 71st annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on June 9 and June 11, 2019.

The Delegates considered 19 policy recommendations, 14 of which were amended or edited. The Delegates modified nearly three-quarters of the policies on the agenda, resulting in 18 new ASHP policy positions and one revised statement. Comprising approximately 160 delegates representing 50 states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico, the ASHP Board of Directors and Past Presidents reviewed and approved the following:

1901

Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Source: Council on Education and Workforce Development, Council on Pharmacy Management, Council on Pharmacy Practice, Council on Public Policy, and Council on Therapeutics

To support the goal of zero suicides; further,

To collaborate with key stakeholders in support of suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To acknowledge that optimal suicide awareness and prevention efforts focus both on patients and on the healthcare workforce; further,

To recognize that pharmacists, as key providers on the patient care team, are integral to suicide awareness and prevention efforts, and to acknowledge the vital role of other members of the pharmacy workforce in those efforts; further,

To foster the use and development of clinically validated tools to aid the pharmacy workforce in assessing the influence of medications and other factors on suicidality; further,

To provide education that assists the pharmacy workforce in their continuing professional development efforts related to suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To support the inclusion of suicide awareness and prevention principles throughout pharmacy curricula and postgraduate educational and training programs; further, To encourage efforts that support universal education and training of healthcare providers in suicide awareness and prevention; further,

To advocate for adequate government and healthcare organization funding for suicide awareness and prevention; further, To enhance awareness of local, state, and national suicide awareness and prevention resources, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; further, To foster education and research on suicide awareness and prevention.

1902

Safe Administration of Hazardous Drugs

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate that all healthcare settings proactively conduct an interprofessional assessment of risk for exposure to hazardous drugs (HDs) during administration, including when closed-system transfer devices (CSTDs) cannot be used; further, To advocate for pharmacist involvement in the development of policies, procedures, and operational assessments regarding administration of HDs, including when CSTDs cannot be used; further,

To encourage device and pharmaceutical manufacturers and the Food and Drug Administration to foster development of CSTD-compatible, ready-to-administer HD products.

1903

Compounded Sterile Preparation Verification

Source: Council on Pharmacy Practice

To advocate that health systems adopt automation and information technology to facilitate in-process and final verification of compounded sterile preparations (CSPs) to ensure CSP quality; further,

To advocate that, until such time as automation or technology can be implemented, independent in-process and final verification of CSPs be performed; further,

To oppose the use of the syringe pull-back method or other proxy methods of CSP verification.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 1617.

1904

Notification of Drug Product Price Increases

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for manufacturers to provide

notice and justification to the public and healthcare providers in advance of drug price increases; further, To advocate for transparency in drug product pricing decisions.

1905

Mitigating Drug Product Shortages

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for ongoing federal evaluation of how drug product shortages present risks to national security and public health; further,

To advocate that drug product manufacturers be required to disclose manufacturing sites and sources of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to facilitate such a risk assessment; further,

To recommend that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) require drug product manufacturers to have contingency plans for maintaining drug supplies; further,

To advocate that drug product manufacturers be required to provide a specific reason for a shortage and an estimated timeline for resolution in their Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act notifications to FDA; further,

To advocate that FDA be required to publicly provide quality ratings for 503B outsourcing facilities preparing copies of drug products under the exemption for products on FDA's shortage list; further,

To advocate that the Federal Trade Commission be required to evaluate the potential for drug product supply chain interruptions when considering manufacturer consolidations.

1906

Emergency Supplies of Drug Products

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for states to allow any pharmacist, during a declared emergency, to dispense without a prescription an emergency supply of a drug product in quantities that meet the needs of patients.

1907

Credentialing and Privileging by Regulators, Payers, and Providers for Collaborative Practice

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate expansion of collaborative practice agreements in which the prescriber

and pharmacist agree upon the conditions under which the pharmacist initiates, monitors, and adjusts a patient's drug and non-drug therapy; further,

To support (1) the development (as a professional initiative by pharmacist associations rather than as a government activity) of national standards for determining a pharmacist's competence to provide medication management services and (2) the appropriate use of these standards by clinical privileging systems, government authorities, and public or third-party payers; further,

To advocate pharmacists be included as providers in medical staff bylaws; further, To support the use of credentialing and/or clinical privileging by hospitals, health systems, and payers in a manner that is consistent with other healthcare professionals to assess a pharmacist's competence to engage in medication management services within the hospital or health system.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0905.

1908

340B Drug Pricing Program Sustainability

Source: Council on Public Policy

To affirm the intent of the federal drug pricing program (the "340B program") to stretch scarce federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services; further,

To advocate for continued access to the 340B program in accordance with the intent of the program; further,

To advocate that reimbursement and contracting policies promote 340B program stability and to oppose reimbursement and savings reductions to covered entities; further, To advocate for clarification and simplification of the 340B program and any future federal discount drug pricing programs with respect to program definitions, eligibility, and compliance measures to ensure the integrity of the program; further,

To encourage 340B participants to provide appropriate stewardship of the 340B program; further,

To educate pharmacy leaders and health-system administrators about the internal partnerships and accountabilities and the patient-care benefits of program participation; further,

To educate health-system administrators, risk managers, and pharmacists about the resources required to support 340B program compliance and documentation; further,

To encourage communication and education concerning the value of the 340B program; further,

To advocate that the Health Resources & Services Administration Office of Pharmacy

affairs have sufficient regulatory authority to enforce compliance for all stakeholders with the 340B program.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 1817.

1909

Pharmacist Authority to Provide Medication-Assisted Treatment

Source: Council on Public Policy

To advocate for the role of the pharmacist in medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder, including patient assessment, education, prescribing, and monitoring of pharmacologic therapies; further, To pursue the development of federal and state laws and regulations that recognize pharmacists as providers of MAT for opioid use disorder; further, To foster additional research on clinical outcomes of pharmacist-driven MAT; further,

To advocate for the removal of barriers for all providers to be able to provide MAT to patients.

1910

Therapeutic Use of Cannabidiol

Source: Council on Therapeutics

To support continued research and to provide education on the therapeutic uses, adverse effects, and drug interactions of cannabidiol (CBD); further,

To oppose use of CBD-containing products not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration; further,

To advocate for enhanced public education regarding safe use of CBD-containing products.

1911

Pharmacy Expertise in Sterile Compounding

Source: Council on Education and Workforce Development

To support colleges of pharmacy in providing sterile compounding and aseptic technique instruction in didactic and experiential curricula that reflect the needs of the workforce; further,

To promote the use of sterile compounding training programs to foster an increase in the number of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with sterile compounding expertise; further,

To advocate that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who work in sterile compounding attain compounded sterile preparations advanced certifications.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0915.

1912

Pharmacy Technician Training and Certification

Source: Council on Education and Workforce Development

To advocate for adoption of a national standard for accreditation of pharmacy technician education and training programs; further,

To advocate that a pharmacy technician education and training program accredited by ASHP and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) be required for all new pharmacy technicians by the year 2022; further,

To advocate that all pharmacy technicians be required to obtain and maintain Pharmacy Technician Certification Board certification; further,

To foster expansion of ASHP/ACPE-accredited pharmacy technician education and training programs.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 1609.

1913

Pharmaceutical Distribution Systems

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To support drug distribution business models that meet the requirements of hospitals and health systems with respect to availability and timely delivery of products, minimizing short-term outages and long-term product shortages, managing and responding to product recalls, fostering product-handling and transaction efficiency, preserving the integrity of products as they move through the supply chain, and maintaining affordable service costs; further,

To oppose manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers restricting or making availability of drug products contingent on how those products are used; further,

To encourage selection of a wholesale distributor that (1) purchases products only from a manufacturer before distribution to the purchasing end user; (2) is licensed in the state where it is conducting business; (3) complies with the requirements of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act; (4) is accredited under the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors program; and (5) uses information systems that are interoperable with common types of pharmacy systems.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 1707.

1914

Safe Medication Preparation, Compounding, and Administration in All Sites of Care

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To advocate that all sites of care be required to meet the same regulatory standards for medication preparation, compounding, and administration to ensure safety and quality.

1915

Pharmacy Department Business Partnerships

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To recognize that a key objective of pharmacy departments is to provide medication management services across the continuum of patient care, and that pharmacy leaders should proactively evaluate potential business partnerships against this objective; further,

To recognize that hospitals and health-system pharmacy leaders must ensure that business partners meet all applicable patient safety and accountability standards; further,

To provide education and tools for pharmacy leaders to aid in the evaluation of and development of business partnerships; further,

To educate health-system administrators on the importance of pharmacy leadership in evaluating and developing pharmacy-related business partnerships; further,

To encourage health-system pharmacy leaders to consider evolving healthcare financing systems when evaluating and developing business partnerships.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 1416.

1916

Intimidating or Disruptive Behavior

Source: Council on Pharmacy Management

To affirm the professional responsibility of the pharmacist to ensure patient and workplace safety by communicating with other healthcare personnel to clarify and improve medication management; further,

To advocate that hospitals and health systems adopt zero-tolerance policies for intimidating or disruptive behaviors in their institutions; further,

To encourage hospitals and health systems to develop and implement education and training programs for all healthcare personnel to encourage effective communication, set expectations for standards of conduct, promote use of de-escalation techniques, and discourage intimidating or disruptive behaviors; further,

To encourage colleges of pharmacy and residency training programs to incorporate training in communications and managing intimidating or disruptive behaviors; further,

To collaborate with other organizations to advocate codes of conduct that do not allow

intimidating or disruptive behavior in hospitals and health systems; further,

To encourage hospitals and health systems to adopt processes for identification and reporting of intimidating or disruptive behaviors to evaluate and mitigate unacceptable behaviors in a timely and effective manner.

This policy supersedes ASHP policy 0919.

1917

Pharmacy Technician Student Drug Testing

Source: Pharmacy Technician Forum

To advocate for the use of pre-enrollment, random, and for-cause drug testing as a mandatory component throughout any accredited or unaccredited pharmacy technician training program and practice experience, based on defined criteria with appropriate testing validation procedures; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to develop policies and processes to identify impaired individuals; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to facilitate access to and promote programs for treatment and to support recovery; further,

To encourage pharmacy technician training programs to use validated testing panels that have demonstrated effectiveness detecting commonly misused, abused, or illegally used substances.

1918

Minimum Educational Qualification Standards for Pharmacists

Source: House of Delegates Resolution

To support minimum educational qualification standards for pharmacists to practice pharmacy that are consistent with the licensing standards of state boards of pharmacy; further,

To oppose the basic education requirement within the Office of Personnel Management Classification & Qualifications - General Schedule Qualification Standards - Pharmacy Series, 0660, requiring a Doctor of Pharmacy or Doctor of Philosophy degree as the minimum qualification to practice pharmacy.

1919

ASHP Statement on the Role of the Medication Safety Leader

Source: Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners

To approve the ASHP Statement on the Role of the Medication Safety Leader.

This statement supersedes a previous version dated April 13, 2012.

New Business Item: Pharmacists Can Mitigate the Primary Care Physician Shortage

MOTION: We recommend that ASHP create a new statement on the physician shortage and the important role that pharmacists play on interprofessional teams. Specific recommendations for elements for such a statement include:

To recognize the shortage of primary care physicians; further,

To advocate that pharmacists are direct care providers who increase access to care and unburden the interprofessional team through comprehensive medication management, population health, and prevention and wellness services; further,

To partner with interprofessional stakeholders at the state and national level to develop solutions to the primary care provider shortage that include the incorporation of pharmacists into primary care models of care.

The meeting of the ASHP House of Delegates concluded after the submission of recommendations by delegates for action to be taken in the coming year and an address by the outgoing President, Dr. Kelly Smith. The House of Delegates was chaired by Casey White, with Paul Abramowitz as the Chief Executive Officer and Susan Eads Role as Parliamentarian. The updated list of all ASHP Position Statements can be found on the ASHP website at <https://www.ashp.org/House-of-Delegates/Session-Information-for-Delegates>.

Lisa M. Voigt, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP
President, NYSCHP

Chapter Highlights

Long Island

The Long Island Society of Health-system Pharmacists (LISHP) had a wonderful Installation Dinner on June 6, 2019 at Chateau Briand. The evening began with Rubiya Kabir, LISHP President (2018-2019) giving a heart-felt speech about the previous year and providing insights of her experience as President. She introduced Anthony Longo, Immediate Past President of New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP) and he provided some legislative updates and installed our new officers, Chung-Shien Lee as Secretary, Ellen Giordano as President Elect, Rubiya Kabir as Immediate Past President, and Samantha Liaw as President. The Rising Star Award, presented by Heide Christensen (President Elect of NYSCHP) and Chung-Shien Lee, was awarded to St. John's student Shireen Farzadeh in recognition of her dedication and service to the profession of pharmacy. The Industry Partner Award was presented to Octapharma (accepted by Camille Adalumo) for their continued and generous support. The evening's educational programming sponsored by Pharmacy Times and provided by Dr. John Fanikos, Executive Director of Pharmacy at Brigham and Women's Hospital, who presented on The Role of the Health-system Pharmacists in Safely and Effectively Treating Direct Oral Anticoagulant Bleeding with Novel Reversal Agents.

Samantha Liaw, BS, PharmD, CDE
President, LISHP



Photos:

Samantha Liaw presenting plaque to outgoing President Rubiya Kabir (top)

Past Presidents of LISHP (second from top)

New LISHP board (third from top)

Members of LISHP (bottom)





Kelly Bach, Mitchell Miller, and Erica Maceir

Northeastern

The officer installation event occurred on July 25 at Swifty's in Delmar. Thomas Lombardi installed the new officers for the Northeastern Chapter, which include Kelly Bach (President), Erica Maceira (President-Elect), Mitchell Miller (Secretary), and Kayla Pangburn (Treasurer). It was great to see many new individuals at this fun event. We look forward to seeing a lot of old and new faces at our programs throughout this upcoming year!

Kelly Bach, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, BCGP
President, Northeastern Chapter



Westchester

On this balmy afternoon of June 6, the Westchester County Society of Health-system Pharmacists hosted their Annual Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony in the beautiful Davenport Mansion, NY. Past President Eric Guido unveiled the celebration by congratulating everyone for another successful year, whereby the Chapter has steadily increased membership, attracting more practitioners to join for good cause and hosted a successful Annual NYSCHP Quad Meeting with over 200 attendees and over 20 industry exhibits. Director-at-Large Bibi Khan received the WCSHP Member of the Year Award for her dedication to the Chapter through her continued support for the community outreach volunteer activities and her unflinching effort of sequestering more industry partnerships for the Chapter. Past President Eric Guido received the WCSHP Past President Award for his perspicacious leadership and outstanding effort of vendor relation development over the past year. NYSCHP Past President Elizabeth Shlom sworn the new president Grace Shyh into office. During the chapter report, President Grace Shyh delineated four grand goals for the upcoming year: strengthening grassroots advocacy committee to promote the pharmacy profession, solidifying professional education and development by hosting more continuing education meetings and networking events, incorporating more activities to promote the Chapter's unity, and lastly, buttressing the relationship with our industry partners. Everyone is looking forward to yet another fruitful year and will be bearing witness to the Chapter's growth.

Grace I. Shyh, BS, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP
President, WCSHP



Top: Grace Shyh presenting plaque to outgoing president Eric Guido
Bottom left: Eric Guido presenting the WCSHP Member of the Year Award to Bibi Khan
Bottom right: New board members sworn in by Dr. Elizabeth Shalom

New York City

The New York City Society of Health-system Pharmacist's 54th Annual Installation Dinner was held on June 12 at Battery Gardens in New York City. The night was buzzing with excitement and appreciation for all the work that the board had achieved the past year. Charrai Byrd, Outgoing President, delivered a speech in which he stressed the importance of teamwork in all things to collectively reach the same mission and vision. The incoming President, Maabo Kludze, delivered a speech that focused on saying 'yes' to new opportunities and the personal growth that come along with increased engagement. Finally, the night was filled with award presentations to members who have been actively engaged and volunteered their time throughout the year (see table below).

Maabo Kludze, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, CDE
President, NYCSPH



NYCSPH Award recipients

Outstanding Student Award: Virleny Garcia
New Practitioner Achievement Award: Dr. Jamie Chin
Pharmacy Advocacy Award: Shireen Farzadeh
NYCSPH Joel Yellin Award of Merit: Dr. Jason Babby
NYCSPH Harold Neham Award of Merit: Karen Berger,
PharmD, FCCM, BCPS, BCCCP

Top: Harold Neham Award presented to Karen Berger by Immediate-Past President Charrai Byrd

Middle: Incoming President, Maabo Kludze (second person from the left, second row), with family and coworkers

Bottom: NYCSPH board members receive appreciation awards for their dedication



Royal Counties

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019 the Royal Counties Society of Health-System Pharmacists held their Installation Ceremony. The event was held at Russo's on the Bay, where members, residency directors, clinical pharmacists, residents, and board members were in attendance. As members enjoyed the cocktail hour, they were able to network and watch a slideshow of their pictures commemorating this past year. The event started off with each residency director from our region congratulating their residents on successfully completing a year of residency. The directors shared stories about their residents and what the next step in each resident's career was.

Along with the residents celebrating the end of a year of residency, the executive board members were getting ready to hand off their positions. The new executive board was introduced by Robert DiGregorio, an associate dean at LIU Pharmacy. The successful installation was followed by inspirational speeches from the now immediate-past president, Bejoy Maniara, and current president, Maria Sorbera. The rest of the night was enjoyed with announcement of award winners, raffle winners, and dance-offs amongst the members.

Rebecca Khaimova, PharmD
Secretary, RCHSP

Top: Bejoy Maniara (immediate past president) and Maria Sorbera (current president)

Bottom: 2018-2019 Executive board: Nicholas Niceforo (Treasurer), Deep Patel (Immediate past president), Maria Sorbera (President-Elect), Bejoy Maniara (President), and Julia Kamuda (Secretary)



Rochester



Shawn Fellows (second person from the left) getting sworn in as president of the Rochester Chapter during the 2019 NYSCHP Annual Assembly

This past spring I had the great honor of becoming president of the Rochester Chapter of the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists. I truly believe in the work the Council does to advocate for the growth of the profession. Dr. Matt Zak is the immediate past president and has been my mentor for the past several years. I would like to thank him for his continued encouragement and leadership in not only our chapter but also now state-wide as member of the Council's Board of Directors.

In the coming year we hope to establish an official Grassroots Committee to build upon the strong work of Drs. Kaplan and Berger and more strongly advocate for our profession with local legislators. To do this we look to seek area pharmacy residents to join the Council and our Chapter. We hope that this will be a mutually beneficial experience, educating residents on advocacy while also growing membership and advancing the profession. Immunization and Collaborative Drug Therapy Management legislation is soon to expire. Our goal this year will be to not only help to renew this legislation but also expand the scope of our current practice to improve health across New York State.

Shawn E. Fellows, PharmD, BCPS
President, RASHP

Western

The Western New York Society of Health-system Pharmacists held their Installation and Award Banquet on June 10, 2019 at The Tewksbury Lodge in Buffalo, New York. Stephen Chrzanowski, MD was awarded with as Non-pharmacist Practitioner of the Year and Aubrey Defayette, PharmD, BCCCP was recognized as the New Practitioner of the Year. Immediate Past President Brian Kersten was also recognized for his service to the organization. Christopher Jadoch, RPH, JD performed the installation of Kristen Fodero as President-elect, Megan Nadler as Treasurer, and Talisa Marchese as Director of Communication. The elected delegates, Megan Zach and Nicholas Hopwood, and our alternate delegate, Sarah Buranich, were also recognized.

The Western New York Society of Health-system Pharmacists was pleased to host Senator Nicholas Spano and S. Michael Milazzo, PharmD for a continuing education presentation following installation and awards banquet. The presentation was titled "Affecting Change by Strengthening our (Grass) Roots: NYS Legislative Update and Call to Action." WNYSHP is congratulates all of its newly elected board members and award winners and is looking forward to a productive year!

Emma Studlack, PharmD, BCPS
President, WNYSHP



Top: Brian Kersten recognizing Emma Studlack as President

Second from top: Talisa Marchese and Megan Nadler being sworn in

Bottom left: Lindsay MacNamee presenting the New Practitioner Award to Aubrey Defayett

Bottom right: Aubrey Defayette, Emma Studlack, Talisa Marchese