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## **President's Message**

Dear NYSCHP Members,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. The NYSCHP has been busy with the continued development of the Residency Presentation Program that is being held in conjunction with this year's Annual Assembly. We are proud to report that we have over 60 registered participants from across the state! Kathy Schultz, ASHP Past President, will be providing a leadership discussion for the residency program as well as giving the keynote address for the Annual Assembly. There will also be preceptor development programming provided by Dr. Henry Cohen: "Publication Scholarship:" How to become an effective manuscript reviewer. A preceptor town hall will be held covering the following:

-sharing ideas of what sites are doing in regards to preceptor development

-discussing the new standards that are coming out

-reviewing with those recently surveyed as to what the surveyors were looking for

-considering combined residency projects across the state

-evaluating the NYSCHP Residency Program

We would like to thank all participants who are helping to ensure the success of the program and encourage all to be involved in the development of future resident and preceptor programming!

*Stephanie Seyse, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP, CACP  
President Elect, NYSCHP*

## Jan Keltz Winter Program

The Jan Keltz Memorial Winter Program was well received by the 44 program participants who traveled to Lake Placid for the annual event. The weather alternated between a low of minus 17 degrees and a high around 37 degrees. There were 7.5 hours of CE plus two breakfast presentations sponsored by Cubist. Presentations provided great information for pharmacists to take back to their respective institutions. These included medication safety tips, an interactive discussion on pharmacy leadership challenges and opportunities, therapy updates on use of antipsychotics and new weight loss medications, a presentation on drug interactions with new anticoagulants, and a review of new medications and biologics approved in 2014.

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Slides are available on the NYSCHP website. Participants spent their free time skiing, tobogganing, going on dog sled rides, walking and shopping around town, and/or reading by the large fireplace in the grand room overlooking the town. Attendees always bring their families to this event and it was notable that two children of frequent attendees to this event are now in pharmacy school themselves! It was wonderful to see them, plus a growing group of youngsters attending the event with their pharmacist parents. We hope to see you there next year – keep the MLK weekend open!

*Elizabeth A. Shlom, PharmD, BCPS  
President, NYSCHP*



## Rochester Chapter Spotlight



RASHP continues to strive to serve our membership by providing quality continuing education programs and through active participation in our pharmacy community. Our continuing education programs continue to be successful with topics of interest including diabetes management, oral chemotherapy treatments and patient safety with compounded sterile product production. In addition, we have continued our tradition of offering Saturday morning sessions to offer more credits during a single session for our members. This year we offered our second annual “Residents Forum” with CE provided by residents in adult medicine, community practice, pediatrics and emergency medicine from the University of Rochester Medical Center. Another very successful program was given by NYS Board of Pharmacy Members and NYSCHP Past Presidents Kim Zammit and Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer on the topic of CDTM. Guest speakers included Kelly Rudd, ACCP NYS Chapter President, and Alex DeLucenay, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Wegmans School of Pharmacy, with Larry Mokhiber, Executive Secretary, NYS Board of Pharmacy Executive Secretary attending as special guest.

We also continue to partner with our local PSSNY (Pharmacy Society of Rochester) chapter to provide combined CE programs. This has enabled our membership access to a wider variety of local CE programs and all events are jointly hosted by RASHP and PSR.

In another effort to foster pharmacy comradery in the Rochester community, RASHP and PSR will hold our 3rd annual Rochester Pharmacy Gala that brings together pharmacists, technicians and students in different areas of pharmacy including hospital, community, managed care, long term care and industry. Each year the Gala honors a special pharmacy champion and this year’s honoree will be awarded posthumously to Dr. Scott Swigart, Founding Dean of the Wegmans School of Pharmacy (WSOP) at St. John Fisher College. Dr. Swigart’s academic pharmacy career spanned over 30 years and his leadership of the College created a culture of success and sharing and he will be greatly missed throughout our community. Past honorees include Mr. Larry Doud, CEO Rochester Drug Cooperative and Dr. Curtis Haas, Director of Pharmacy, The University of Rochester Medical Center. This year’s event will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

RASHP has also continued to partner with the local SSHP chapter providing support at student sponsored events at WSOP. RASHP board participated in the annual Interview Techniques workshop for students held each year in April. This workshop provides students the opportunity to hear from those members of the pharmacy community that will be interviewing them for both employment and residencies in the future. Additionally, SSHP student leaders have been invited to the RASHP board meetings in an effort to increase relations between the two organizations.

None of the above accomplishments would be made possible without the hard work and dedication of our RASHP board members. We would like to acknowledge: Angela Nagel, Aviva Bodek, Matthew Zak, Jeremiah Moore, Elizabeth Hansen, Karl Williams, and Nicole Hannon.  
*Maria Cannito, PharmD, MS – President, RASHP*

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## Annual Assembly Committee Update

We are excited to announce the upcoming 54th NYSCHP Annual Assembly scheduled for April 24-26, 2015 which will return to a popular destination favorite - The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY located on beautiful Lake George.

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The theme for the 2015 Annual Assembly is "Taking it to the Top: Practicing at the Top of Your License". The Continuing Competency Committee led by Chair, Heide Christensen, has worked diligently to bring you an incredible meeting. Education topics vary from medication safety and best practices to challenges in critical care, Ebola preparedness, a NYS Board of Pharmacy update, health information technology support, and a keynote presentation by Kathy Schulz of ASHP on "Being Stewards of the Profession".

We are expecting an attendance of over 350 attendees, including over 80 exhibitors, 250 directors of pharmacy, clinical pharmacists, pharmacy residents and other leaders of the pharmacy profession. This is the perfect opportunity to acquire new business contacts, renew contacts with previous clients, make friends and see what new trends and issues are on the minds of the leaders of the pharmaceutical profession in New York State. The Annual Assembly includes three (3) days of educational programming, professional meetings, professional networking, and an exhibit session. Highlights of the weekend include the prestigious Installation and Awards Banquet, Theme Dinner and the first Resident Presentation Program. Additionally, we will again have two (2) sessions of the highly popular Director of Pharmacy/Industry Networking Exhibit. We are incorporating your input to make this a truly exceptional event.

We look forward to welcoming you at the The Sagamore this Spring! Hope to see you there!

*Leila Tibi-Scherl & Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer  
Co-Chairs of the NYSCHP's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly*

## Public Policy Committee Update

While working through the political process can be very frustrating in our state (especially for us science-minded pharmacists), it remains an important investment for all of us. Your paid membership dues help to shape the future of our profession. A substantial portion of the Council's budget continues to be allocated for active lobbying at the state level of government and regulation. While NYSCHP calls upon its members for grassroots efforts on a "prn" basis, it continues to retain the services of James Lytle, Esq. (Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP) who is an experienced, professional lobbyist focused upon the legislative priorities identified by Council's Board of Directors.

If you recall, near the end of the last legislative session in May 2014 the State Education Department finally released the mandated report to the New York State legislature entitled [The Impact of Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration on Medication-related Outcomes](#). The legislature was unable to timely digest the extensive amount of compelling data on collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM). Rather than let the current restrictive CDTM Demonstration Project completely lapse, we were able to work with our legislators to extend it for another year.

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After the November 2014 elections, it was thought that legislative landscape in New York State would be somewhat settled. However, during the last week of January the chairs of the committees in the Assembly have not yet been appointed. These specialized committees are instrumental in the flow and passage of bills through the legislative process in New York State. As such, the chairs of those committees hold a powerful position in determining the agenda and often whether bills move on or die. There is additional turmoil and uncertainty with the recent arrest of the Speaker of Assembly Sheldon Silver who was charged with federal corruption crimes.

There are some early positive signs for CDTM in the 2015 legislative session. The Senate version of the CDTM bill (S.280) was already introduced in January. This bill is sponsored Senator Kenneth LaValle who is the Chair of the Higher Education Committee. CDTM is also included as part of the comprehensive New York State budget bill which most often gets close attention before the mandated April 1 deadline. Furthermore, our strongest advocate in the legislature continues to be Assemblymember / Pharmacist John T. McDonald III who worked closely with the Council's leadership to draft an expanded CDTM bill near the end of last year's legislative session.

## Public Policy Committee Update cont'd

The Council's leadership will be working with the Senator LaValle and Assemblymember McDonald to craft a bill which will include the provisions being supported by the CDTM Report. The Council's legislative priorities include lobbying for laws addressing unlicensed pharmacy personnel and expansion of immunizations by certified pharmacists.

Practicing pharmacists and administrators have made it known to the Council's leadership that they no longer want to compromise patient safety by being forced at times to employ unlicensed personnel, rather than New York State certified Pharmacy Technicians. NYSCHP will also continue to pursue inclusion of the entire panel of adult vaccinations recommended by the CDC. As many other states have already done, pharmacy interns should be authorized to administer vaccines as well.

*Christopher Jadoch, R.Ph., J.D.,  
NYSCHP Vice President for Public Policy*

## Long Island University Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy Spotlight

To help our future pharmacists succeed in this growing competitive workplace, a NYSCHP sponsored program was held at Long Island University in October to prepare and coach students on job skills such as formal presentation, CV writing, and interview techniques. The attendees were varied across all local colleges of pharmacy and the event seemed to be well received by the students. Long Island University also continued the tradition of hosting the New York City Residency Showcase which is held in conjunction with NYSCHP chapters in the NYC area. This all-day event continues to grow in terms of the number of participants and attendees while also giving residents a final opportunity to showcase their research or other clinical pearls learned for their year of hard work.

*Troy Kish, PharmD.  
LIU Faculty Liaison*



## NYSCHP Upcoming Events

2015

- February 13<sup>th</sup>- Resolutions are Due for the House of Delegates
- March 8<sup>th</sup>-Downstate Pharmacotherapy Program, Beth Israel Podell Auditorium
- March 15<sup>th</sup>- Upstate Pharmacotherapy Program, Location TBD
- April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, “Taking it to the top: Practicing at the Top of your License”. The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, NY

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