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# New York State Council Health-system Pharmacists



## President's Message

Dear NYSCHP Members,

First of all, I am honored to be serving as the Council's President-Elect this year. I view this position as more than just "waiting in the wings" while the new sheriff in town, Joe Pinto, competently leads our organization with his own style. I look forward to working with Joe and our Board to move forward NYSCHP's priorities as he sees them.

Having served as Vice President of Public Policy for two terms, I have a firsthand appreciation for the frustration of legislative process in New York State. Nevertheless, under our President's leadership the Council will continue to play an integral role in driving the changes necessary to improve our profession and promote the patient-centered ideals underlying our diverse practices as health-system pharmacists. While the role of Pharmacy Technician is not yet legitimized under New York State law, be assured we already have a game plan in place to commence well before the next legislative session convenes in Albany next January.

Your current Board of Directors is composed of practitioners from across New York State with each member bringing their own professional and personal experiences to table in leading this organization. As a former Director of Pharmacy at community hospital and now as a pharmacy faculty member, my perspective is patient-centered, student-focused and technician-involved. What we do is always about the patient. The students are our future. Pharmacy Technicians must be part of our organization.

One of my first functions as President-Elect was to install the incoming officers for the Western New York Chapter (WNYSHP) in June. As emcee of the installation dinner, I assisted in the presentation of the chapter awards. Unfortunately, two of those well-deserved accolades were presented posthumously to the surviving family members of the pharmacists being honored. As such, I encourage you (as I did the audience) to nominate your colleagues for awards while they are alive. Every one of us has worked alongside outstanding pharmacy practitioners who should be acknowledged for their accomplishments in improving our workplaces, profession, and/or the delivery of care for our patients. As Chair of the NYSCHP Awards Committee, I look forward to having to review a stack of nominations.

Lastly, you should be aware that the Council's leadership has seriously analyzed the risks and benefits of maintaining its traditional office structure. Our board tackled the difficult issues and affirmatively made the decision to move forward with our new management structure. Our affiliation with Capitol Hill Management Services will allow our organization to focus on the needs of our members and to realize the benefits of the economies of scale which were impossible for a small office operation. Our Board has full faith and confidence in our Executive Director, Shaun, Flynn, who will be unencumbered to help lead us to a new level.

As I would remind my students when I taught Pharmacy Management, take some time to get away from work and re-charge your "inner" batteries this summer!

Christopher Jadoch  
*President-Elect, NYSCHP*

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## 55th NYSCHP Annual Assembly

Another successful NYSCHP Annual Assembly is in the books and this one was definitely one to remember! Attendees “put the NYSCHP mission to motion” throughout the Assembly with thought provoking dialog on how to be more empathetic in the workplace, ways to better market the profession, and how to practice at the top of our licenses both clinically and operationally. Attendees left the Assembly inspired and well equipped with knowledge and experiences to succeed in their practice settings.

The 55th Assembly brought in over 300 attendees consisting of pharmacy practitioners and technicians from health-systems, academia and industry. The Continuing Competency Committee (CCC) provided yet again over 15 hours of great CE programming with topics ranging from medical marijuana, antimicrobial selection, diabetes jeopardy and challenges meeting DSCSA and USP <800> requirements just to name a few. Some members participated in the House of Delegates and others enjoyed the sights and sounds of Downtown Saratoga. This year the Annual Assembly was again the site of the NYSCHP Residency Program. Residents from across the state presented their research projects and stayed to attend the other meeting events. The quality and caliber of the projects were outstanding and it was wonderful to spend time with our next generation of pharmacy leaders. This year’s Assembly was also the inaugural year for the Bernard Mehl Leadership Award. The recipient, Dr. Robert DiGregorio, esteemed pharmacy leader and musician, provided members with an awe-inspiring lecture on the integral part each member of the pharmacy department plays in order to achieve success. He compared this to the importance of each member of an orchestra in order to produce a beautiful symphony.

Nationally known for his TEDx Talk, “New Disrupters in Healthcare – Patients and Pharmacists” Dr. Rajiv Shah of My Meds provided the membership with an insightful keynote presentation which spurred some engaging dialog. Dr. Shah stressed that pharmacists have a marketing problem and need to do a better job at publicizing the profession to the masses. He insisted that we as a profession begin a petition encouraging all pharmacists to come together as a united voice.

This year’s Cowboy Western Theme Party was incredibly fun! Members enjoyed networking, line-dancing, having their picture taken in the Western themed photo booth, and enjoyed group karaoke. Saturday’s Installation Dinner program was inspiring as we watched colleagues receive awards for Pharmacist of the Year, New Practitioner, and Industry Affairs Award to name a few. Last, but not least, now Immediate Past President, Stephanie Seyse, passed the gavel to our newly installed President, Joseph Pinto. If you weren’t there to hear his Installation Address, it was certainly one for the history books of NYSCHP. Joe addressed members that the time is now to work collaboratively to pass legislation on registering technicians, obtaining provider status, and ensuring our organization take the lead in marketing our beloved profession.

Next year brings us back to the splendor of the Sagamore Resort on Lake George. We hope to see you there!



## Meet Your Chapter Presidents

### *Long Island Society of Health-system Pharmacists (LISHP): Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP*



Dr. Andrew Kaplan graduated from St. John's University with a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2011. He completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook, NY and a PGY-2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration Residency at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. Since completing residency, Andrew has served as the Pharmacy Supervisor of St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, a community hospital within the Catholic Health System of Long Island (CHSLI).

Dr. Kaplan served as the New Practitioner Mentor for American Pharmacist Society – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) for St. John's University from 2011 to 2016, after serving as Secretary of the group as a student. He has previously served as the Secretary and President-Elect of the Long Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists (LISHP), where his key focuses were on revamping the LISHP website and improving communication to members. For New York State Council, he served as an alternate delegate at the 2016 ASHP House of Delegates. He is also involved in the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin, National Lipid Association, American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

As a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and certified geriatric pharmacist, Dr. Kaplan understands the importance of continual education and competency for pharmacy advancement and has presented almost two dozen ACPE-accredited lectures. He is also frequently asked by the community to speak on topics such as Falls Prevention, Diabetes, and Cardiovascular disease. He enjoys wine tasting, running marathons and is an ordained Minister in the Universal Life Church.



### *Rochester Area Society of Health-system Pharmacists (RASHP): Matt Zak, Pharm.D., BCPS*



Dr. Matt Zak is the incoming President for the Rochester chapter. Matt is a 2006 graduate of the University at Buffalo SoPPS. He is currently the Assistant Director of Experiential Education at the Wegmans School of Pharmacy/St. John Fisher College. Prior to this position, he worked as a clinical staff pharmacist at the University of Rochester Medical Center for eight years, working in a wide variety of clinical practice settings. His main professional interests include critical care, emergency medicine and infectious disease.

Dr. Zak has been involved with the New York State Council since he was a student and has served as the Membership Chair to the Rochester Chapter for the past six years. He will also be the Chair of the statewide Membership Committee for 2016-2017.



***New York City Society of Health-system Pharmacists (NYCSHP): Jason Babby, Pharm.D., BCPS***

Dr. Jason Babby is the President of NYCSHP. He is Drug Information Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator at The Mount Sinai Hospital. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. John's University and completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Hunterdon Medical Center followed by a PGY-2 Drug Information Specialty Residency at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. He is Board Certified in

Pharmacotherapy and maintains a position as Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at Northeastern University.

Dr. Babby is an active member of national pharmacy organizations including American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and American College of Clinical Pharmacists. He has served on several ASHP committees including, the New Practitioner's Forum Executive Committee, New Practitioner's Forum Membership Advisory Group, and New Practitioner's Forum Public Affairs and Advocacy Advisory Group. He served as a member of the ASHP Section Advisory Group for Medication Safety and the Section Advisory Group for Pharmacy Practice Experiences.

Dr. Babby has been active member of NYSCHP since 2005 and NYCSHP since 2008. He has served on several NYCSHP committees including, the Public Relations Committee, Clinical Pharmacy Subcommittee, Resolutions Committee, Installation Committee. He also served as a Delegate and as a Director-At-Large for Industry Relations, Installation Ceremony, and Membership.

***Northeastern New York Society of Health-system Pharmacists: Alyssa Shangraw, Pharm.D., BCPS***

Northeastern Chapter held their installation during their member appreciation outing at Swifty's in Albany, NY. It was a great turn out. The newly installed officers had lots of fun being outside and meeting new chapter members. From left to right in the photo: Carley Luker (Secretary), Alyssa Shangraw (President), Theresa Kane (Treasurer) and Courtney Caimano (President Elect)



***Western New York Society of Health-system Pharmacists: Michelle Lewis, PharmD, MHA, BCACP***

Dr. Michelle Lewis is the incoming President for the Western New York chapter. Michelle is a 2004 graduate of the University at Buffalo SoPPS. She completed a PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, WI and a PGY2 in Primary Care with Buffalo Medical Group/University at Buffalo. She is currently the Director of Pharmacy at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, where she has previously worked as a clinical staff pharmacist, clinical faculty member, and pharmacy intern.

She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor at D'Youville College involved in courses on emergency medicine, gastrointestinal diseases, immunization/MTM certification, and serves as the chair of the experiential committee.

Dr. Lewis has previously served as a WNYSHP delegate and President-elect. Her key focus for the upcoming year is on the membership and providing more opportunities to fulfill their needs. She is also focusing on increasing new practitioner involvement through a number of residency and student initiatives.

***Royal Counties Society of Health-system Pharmacists: Jaclyn Scott, Pharm.D.***

Dr. Jaclyn Scott will be serving as the incoming President for the Royal Counties chapter. Her interest in NYSCHP began at St. John's University, where she graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2013. From there, Dr. Scott completed a PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. After residency, she went on to work at an outpatient HIV clinic/ Community Health Center in Manhattan and she currently works at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, mainly in their Urgent Care Center.

Dr. Scott has been involved with Royals for three rewarding years and has previously served as Secretary, President-Elect, and on various committees. She is also involved in community service activities such as the Avon Breast Cancer Walk, MSKCC Cycle for Survival, and multiple hair donations to Locks of Love.



**Westchester County Society of Health-system Pharmacists: Angela Cheng-Lai, Pharm.D, BCPS**

Dr. Angela Cheng is President of the Westchester County Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She is a Clinical Pharmacy Manager at Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. Cheng received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Long Island University. In pursuit of a career in the health care system, she went on to complete a year of pharmacy residency training at Montefiore Medical Center and then to graduate school where she received her doctorate degree in Pharmacy from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. As a Clinical Pharmacy Manager, some of Dr. Cheng's responsibilities include rounding in the Coronary Care Unit, monitoring patient medication profiles to ensure optimal therapy, evaluating medications for the hospital's formulary, precepting pharmacy residents and students, and contributing to research and publications. Dr. Cheng co-initiated and currently works as a clinical pharmacist at a Collaborative Drug Therapy Management program for heart failure patients.

During her many years at Montefiore Medical Center, Dr. Cheng developed a strong interest in Cardiology and focused many of her publications in this area. Dr. Cheng is a co-editor of the book *Current Cardiovascular Drugs*, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> editions. She is also a contributing author for the textbook *Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapeutics*. Dr. Cheng has published in a number of journals including *Pharmacotherapy*, *American Journal of Therapeutics*, *American Heart Journal*, *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, *Cardiovascular Therapeutics* and *Cardiology in Review*. She is a pharmacology section editor for the journal *Cardiology in Review*. In addition to her duties at Montefiore Medical Center, Dr. Cheng is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine where she teaches Pharmacology to medical students at the college.

*Congratulations Presidents!*



## Bernard Mehl Award



New York State Council of Health-system  
Pharmacists Research and Education  
Foundation

Announces the 2016 Recipient of the Bernard  
Mehl Leadership Award

### **Robert DiGregorio, PharmD, FNAP, BCACP**

Robert DiGregorio is Senior Director of Pharmacotherapy Services at The Brooklyn Hospital Center (TBHC) and a full Professor at Long Island University's Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy. He is also the

Residency Program Director for both the PGY1 and Ambulatory Care PGY2 programs at TBHC. Dr. DiGregorio is a board certified ambulatory care pharmacotherapy specialist (BCACP) and practices in a series of Collaborative Drug Therapy Management clinics at The Brooklyn Hospital Center. He has over 26 years of experience as a pharmacist, having worked in a variety of settings, including: clinical research, pediatrics, emergency medicine, disaster management, pharmacy administration, ambulatory care, and academia. He has published in the pharmacy, nursing, and medical literature; including serving as an editor of two editions of a textbook. He has been an invited speaker to hundreds of presentations throughout the nation and has presented numerous poster and platform presentations at local, regional, and national conferences.

Dr. DiGregorio is an active member of the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists (NYSCHP) at the state and local level. He participates in both the Long Island and Royal Counties Chapters of NYSCHP and will be starting his third term on the Board of Directors of NYSCHP as Director of Pharmacy Practice. He has been a leader in the development of Collaborative Drug Therapy Management in New York State and has represented his colleagues on the ASHP PPMI Ambulatory Care Consensus Panel. Locally, Dr. DiGregorio co-founded the New York City Regional Pharmacy Residency Conference, held annually at Long Island University since 2006. Dr. DiGregorio founded the PGY1 pharmacy residency and implemented PGY2 programs in Ambulatory Care, Infectious Diseases and Emergency Medicine.

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The Bernard Mehl Leadership Award was established in 2015 to honor the distinguished leadership and professional achievements of Dr. Bernard Mehl. The Bernard Mehl Leadership Award is granted by the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation (NYSCHP REF) to an individual of high moral character, good citizenship and elevated professional ideology. The recipient of the award will have consistently demonstrated high caliber contributions in leading and advancing health-system pharmacy practice and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to advance the appropriate, safe and cost effective utilization of medication and pharmacy human resources. Dr. DiGregorio addressed the Pharmacy Residents in attendance at the Residency Forum held in Saratoga, New York on April 29, 2016 during the New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists Annual Assembly and received the award at the Installation Awards Banquet on April 30, 2016.

# NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events

## *August*

- August 26<sup>th</sup>: NYSCHP Downstate Student Program: Staying “A Step Ahead”

## *September*

- September 13<sup>th</sup>: LISHP CE Program
- September 30<sup>th</sup>: Tri-State Meeting

## *October*

- October 14<sup>th</sup>: Downstate Critical Care Program
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: Upstate Critical Care Program
- October 27<sup>th</sup>: LISHP CE Program







# LOGO RE-DESIGN COMPETITION RULES

NYSCHP is looking to redesign its logo. With the expanding role of pharmacists in the healthcare system, the profession of pharmacy has evolved over the years. A new logo can mean better representation of the pharmacists' new roles, and the organization's mission and vision.

To create a logo for NYSCHP that captures the attention of the public while depicting the core principles of NYSCHP and the profession it represents.

## Guidelines for logo design

- ☐ Must contain NYSCHP and elements that describes the council's vision, mission, and goals
- ☐ Symbols used must be simple and bold, and representative of NYSCHP and the profession of pharmacy
- ☐ Logo must be easily recognizable and memorable
- ☐ Logo must be versatile and scalable, able to work across a variety of medium or applications (social media, videos, slide presentations, letterheads, business cards, pins, t-shirts, envelopes, etc.)
- ☐ Logo must be originally designed
- ☐ Avoid clichés
- ☐ Avoid plagiarism
- ☐ Refrain from using too many colors
- ☐ Provide a brief narrative behind the design concept
- ☐ *Optional:* A tagline (example "pharmacists advancing healthcare")
- ☐ Use Microsoft publisher or Adobe pdf when submitting the logo

**Contest rules:** Only for active NYSCHP members. BOD members are not qualified to participate. Please follow the logo design guidelines. Failure to do so will result in an automatic disqualification. Please submit your logo design to [catherine.millares-sipin@touro.edu](mailto:catherine.millares-sipin@touro.edu) or [sflynn@nyschp.org](mailto:sflynn@nyschp.org). You shall receive an email confirmation after submitting your design. The final winner shall be recognized at 2017 NYSCHP Annual Assembly. The winner will also receive a complementary registration for the 2017 Annual Assembly. Deadline for submission is **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.