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## President's Message

Dear NYSCHP Members,

Spring is in the air and that means it is time for a few major annual events for our organization.

First, I would like to invite all of you to join us for Albany Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> where we have the opportunity to meet with New York State lawmakers to discuss the important issues affecting our profession. This year we will be discussing the technician registration/certification legislation. Proper education and registration of technicians is vital for improving patient safety, diminishing drug abuse and expanding the capabilities of pharmacists. This legislation is an important next step for pharmacists to better serve our patients. If you are unable to make it to Albany, you can also set up meetings locally with your legislators to discuss this issue.

The second event is the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly that is taking place April 28 through May 1<sup>st</sup> in Saratoga Springs. There will be over 17 hours of continuing education available along with numerous social and networking events. We will also be hosting the second annual Residency Research & Practice Forum during the Annual Assembly. We have over 60 residents from across the state who will be presenting on their residency research projects. These presentations will take place in three sessions throughout the day on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Attendees of the Annual Assembly are also invited to attend the residents' platform presentations. We are always in need of volunteers for these events. If you are interested in getting more involved with the NYSCHP, there are numerous opportunities to help out during the Annual Assembly. You can contact myself or the Annual Assembly Co-Chairs, Leila Tibi-Scherl and Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer for more information.

Please consider attending both of these important events and adding your voice to help grow our profession!

Thank you.

Stephanie Seyse  
*President, NYSCHP*

## Wegmans School of Pharmacy, St. John Fisher College Spotlight



The Wegmans School of Pharmacy (WSoP) at St. John Fisher College and its SSHP chapter have celebrated many accomplishments this past year!

We are very happy to report that the winners of our school's ASHP Clinical Skills Competition, Lillian Brennan and Amanda Gertz, advanced to the Sunday finals as a Top-10 national team at the most recent ASHP Midyear Clinical Conference. This is the 2nd year in a row that the WSoP had their team in the Sunday finals; attached is a photo of Lillian and Amanda as they entered on Sunday.

Our SSHP chapter presented their poster at the most recent Midyear, which was entitled "Public Hypertension Awareness Regarding Medications and Diagnosis – the PHARM.D. Study". This project dealt with the Rochester public's knowledge of hypertension and enabled the students to not only screen individuals, but to provide valuable information on medications and life style changes related to hypertension treatment. They have already begun work on their next project, which will be examining OTC drug literacy in local high school students.

At the school level, we celebrated the opening of a new Integrated Science and Health Sciences (ISHS) building adjacent to our pharmacy school. This building provides our school with two new state-of-the-art classrooms and has us working among students from the school of arts and sciences. We also continue to expand our Inter-professional Education endeavors, as our students participated in Team STEPPS, as well as patient case simulations in tandem with our colleagues in the Wegmans School of Nursing.

Last summer, the WSoP received accreditation from ACPE to be a provider of pharmacist CE. Our first program was an 8-hr program on medical marijuana, a hot topic both for the state of New York as well as the city of Rochester. The program had over 70 pharmacists attending and was sold out. Our next program will be in April and will feature a teaching certificate course for the development of our local preceptors.

We are very proud of our graduating class of 2015, who achieved a 1st time passing rate on the NAPLEX of 97.1%, beating the national average by 4.5%. Most recently, we are tremendously happy for our 16 graduating students that matched for a PGY-1 residency on Match Day, as well as one of our graduating students (who have previously completed a PGY-1 residency in Saudi Arabia) who matched for a PGY-2 in critical care.

With the 2015-2016 academic year winding down, we wish the best to all of our colleagues around the state!

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# 2016 NYSCHP Winter Pharmacotherapy Program

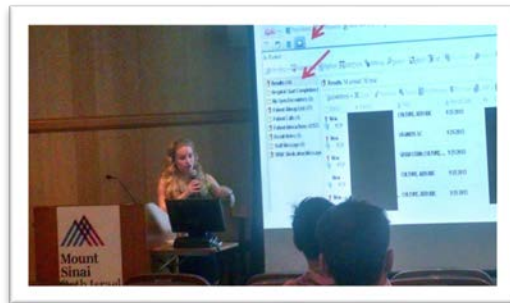
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The Winter Pharmacotherapy Program was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center. This 5-hour, live, continuing education program was titled “Antimicrobial Stewardship Across the Healthcare Spectrum”. The program targeted pharmacists in both inpatient, clinical, and outpatient, transitions of care settings. Dr. Yi Guo opened the program with a talk on the ‘National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria’. Her talk focused on the broad theme of the importance of Antimicrobial Stewardship in optimizing patient-centered care. Other educational programs focused on stewardship practices in various other clinical settings: Inpatient/Hospital, Emergency Department, Long Term Care Facilities and Transitions of Care, and these talks were delivered by Dr. Vincent Peyko, Dr. Cierra Treu, Dr. Marian James and Dr. Marianna Fedorenko, respectively. A total of 35 pharmacist members attended the program. There was also an industry exhibit representation by Forest Pharmaceuticals.

The Winter Pharmacotherapy Program served as a platform for piloting remote programming. All CE presentations were broadcasted via a webinar to approximately 10 members who volunteered to participate in the pilot. After a few initial glitches, volunteers reported that the webinar operated smoothly. This will hopefully pave the way for future NYSCHP educational programs that could utilize remote programming as a medium to encourage participation and membership. Special thanks to Dr. Andrew Kaplan for moderating the program and to Dr. Demetra Tsapepas for spearheading the Remote Programming pilot.

Overall, the NYSCHP Winter Pharmacotherapy program was a success and received very positive feedback from the attendees and from those who participated remotely. The Continuing Competency Committee would like to hold similar programs in the future and would appreciate member input regarding particular topics of interest.



# What Happens in the House?

## Proceedings in the House of Delegates

Mary Choy, PharmD, CGP and Jason Babby, PharmD, BCPS

The NYSCHP House of Delegates (HOD) is the deliberative body acting as the voice of members, which governs the profession and develops policy on major professional issues. The HOD consists of Affiliated Chapter Delegates, Past Presidents, and Board of Directors. The HOD governs the profession by monitoring and evaluating trends affecting the profession, and identifying and developing position statements.

To best represent NYSCHP, there is a formal process for the development of policies. The creation of NYSCHP policies begins with members! Members have many opportunities to identify topics for policy development called resolutions. Resolutions may register an opinion or may recommend action to be taken by NYSCHP. The resolution should be well-researched, and reflect the character and interests of the NYSCHP and the pharmacy profession. Delegates are elected from the active NYSCHP members of each of the local chapters. Delegates elected from the local chapters will discuss the various pharmacy issues and then develop them as resolutions to submit to NYSCHP. The delegates discuss the proposed policies at the HOD during the NYSCHP Annual Assembly. After a healthy debate, members of the HOD will then proceed to vote on the resolutions and any new business items.

Interested in serving as a delegate or learning more? Speak to your local chapter leadership and also attend the HOD session at the Annual Assembly in Saratoga! All members are welcome to attend the sessions held in the afternoon - the first session is on Thursday and the second session is on Saturday.



NYSCHP Delegates at the 2015 Annual Assembly Meeting



## Did you know...

... About NYSCHP Best Practices?

*Is your pharmacy department a center of excellence?*

*Do you practice innovative pharmacy?*

*Have you instituted a new protocol that improved the delivery of pharmaceutical care to your patients?*

*Or, have you developed a system that decreased medication misadventures?*

NYSCHP invites you to share your pharmacy practice experiences [HERE](#) in our monthly news brief under “Best Practices” section. By sharing your experiences with others, you can help elevate the profession of pharmacy. By replicating your successes, we can improve the quality of services our pharmacists provide.

Some examples of best practices include:

- Medication reconciliation process for transitions of care
- Use of barcode technology to decrease medication error
- Standardized drip rates for intravenous medications
- Interdisciplinary practices to improve outcomes

Guidelines for submitting best practices:

1. Include introduction/description, purpose, experience, and discussion portion
2. Graph, diagrams, and tables (if applicable)
3. Limit your write up to 500 words

Submission is open to all NYSCHP members. This is an opportunity to publish and publicize your good work.

***Please email your best practice write up to the Director of Communications  
[Catherine.millares-sipin@touro.edu](mailto:Catherine.millares-sipin@touro.edu).***

## Did you know...

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... About NYSCHP Social Media accounts?

**Stay connected!**

**Be in the know!**

NYSCHP members can now connect with NYSCHP through Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. NYSCHP is continually working on improving the way we communicate and disseminate information to you, our members, so that you gain all the benefits of your membership. Take advantage of connecting with us through these social media accounts, and never miss out on all the wonderful educational, networking, and FUN activities NYSCHP offers.

Come join the hundreds of members who have already “Liked”, “Followed”, and “Connected” with us.





## Save the Dates

New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists

# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly

**PUTTING OUR MISSION INTO *MOTION***

**April 28 - May 1**

The Saratoga Hilton  
Saratoga Springs, NY

**Hotel reservation:**

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NYSCouncilHealthPharmacists2016>



Join us for a weekend of Networking, Continuing Education, Residency Conference, Exhibits, and a fun filled themed party.

**Register at [www.nyschp.org](http://www.nyschp.org)**

**Take advantage of lower rates if you register\* on or before 4/18/2016**

Registration Type	Through 4/18/2016	After 4/18/2016
Pharmacist Member: Full	\$550.00	\$600.00
Student/Technician Member: Full	\$200.00	\$225.00
Resident Member: Full	\$275.00	\$300.00
Retired Member: Full	\$500.00	\$550.00

\*For non-member or one-day rates, please refer to:

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nyschp.org/resource/resmgr/2016/Annual\\_Assembly\\_/AAbrochure\\_2016\\_2-24.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nyschp.org/resource/resmgr/2016/Annual_Assembly_/AAbrochure_2016_2-24.pdf)

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# NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events

## March

- March 29<sup>th</sup>: Touro College Symposium: Advances in Generic Pharmaceuticals and Biosimilars
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: LISHP: 2016 Anthony Buatti Pharmacy Resident Research Symposium
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: North Eastern CE Event: Geriatric Medication Safety: Updated 2015 Beer's Criteria
- March 31<sup>st</sup>: NYC Chapter Resident Collaboration Committee Team Building Activity

## April

- April 7<sup>th</sup>: NYC Board Meeting
- April 7<sup>th</sup>: Western New York Society:
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: NYC Networking Event
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: Royals Quad Meeting
- April 20<sup>th</sup>: Rochester Happy Hour Networking/Social Event
- April 28-30<sup>th</sup>: NYSCHP House of Delegate, Saratoga Springs
- April 29-May 1<sup>st</sup>: NYSCHP Annual Assembly, Saratoga Springs

## May

- May 5<sup>th</sup>: NYC Board Meeting
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: NYC CE Event
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Royals Board Meeting
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: NYC Networking Event
- May 14<sup>th</sup>: NYC Chapter AIDS Walk
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: Rochester CE Program

## June

- Western Chapter Installation Dinner and Awards Ceremony

## House of Delegates Important Dates

April 7, 2016 12 Noon	Open Hearing CC
April 21, 2016 12 Noon	Resolutions Committee CC
April 28, 2016 1-1:45 PM	Open Hearing
April 28, 2016 2 PM	House of Delegates, 1st Session
April 30, 2016 2:00 PM	House of Delegates, 2nd Session

