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President's Message

Dear NYSCHP Members,

Where has the time gone?? I can't believe fall is here, kids are figuring out their costumes for Halloween and the holidays will soon be upon us.

It is also that time of year for health and wellness programs. This past weekend I had the opportunity to participate in health and wellness activities with both of the pharmacy schools in Buffalo. One group was involved with a Halloween party for the community located around the school. They played a game with the kids that introduced them to the concept that medications can sometimes look like candy and taught them to know the difference. Brochures on the topic were also reviewed with and given to all adults. The other group had a booth at a health fair and had a display on cholesterol management, took blood pressures, gave out pillboxes and the Vial of Life.

It was wonderful to see students giving back to their communities and helping to educate adults and children on important health-related issues. For the students to be able to undertake these types of events, it is necessary for a licensed pharmacist to also be in attendance. Just imagine how many individuals we could reach with these important messages if all pharmacists gave a few hours to participate in health and wellness events.

Participation in these programs demonstrates to the public the value a pharmacist provides to ensuring their health and wellbeing. As part of our strategic plan, during Pharmacy Week, "Let's Talk Medications" buttons were distributed to all pharmacy schools in New York to assist in promoting the importance of the pharmacist on the healthcare team.

I encourage each of you to consider how you can get involved in your own communities to benefit your neighbors and your profession!

Stephanie Seyse
President, NYSCHP

Westchester Chapter Spotlight



There has been so much excitement for me as I moved from President Elect to President in June! Prior to June, we had a wonderful Quad meeting on April 15th (everyone needs a party on tax day) at the beautiful VIP club in New Rochelle. We had a wonderful speaker Lou Diorio and over a dozen exhibitors! Our turn out was great with 126 attendees representing all four chapters –Westchester, New York City, Long Island and the Royals.

May was the month of the Annual assembly. This was a great event that all of us got to share. Before we knew it, it was time for the Westchester chapter's Installation Dinner on June 24th! The start of a new year, a new Board and a packed house at Ciao's in Eastchester! Our speakers were Dr. Angela Cheng, PharmD, our new President Elect, and PGY-1 Resident, Amanda Eisenschmid. Their presentation was on *Hypertension Guidelines* and it was very interactive and informative and even had some laughs thrown in!

The summer was filled with planning and networking and communicating to enable us to start the fall on track.

Our September meeting took place at Graziella's in White Plains and we had a wonderful speaker Dr. Vimala Sivapragasam, PharmD. Her topic was entitled *Managing Direct Oral Anticoagulant Associated Bleeds: Is an antidote on the horizon?* This was a very timely topic with great slides and discussion. Our members were so ready to learn and get back in the swing of the meetings after the summer. It was a great turn out!

We celebrated October Pharmacy Week at Ruth's Chris Steak House! This was a very special event. I loved that we were able to thank our members for the hard work they do as pharmacists, give a small token to celebrate, and learn about a great topic. I had the pleasure of presenting the Joel Yellin Scholarship award to a student who exemplified the qualities of this amazing Pharmacist! Terry (Hoang) Nguyen, PharmD candidate from Touro College of Pharmacy is this year's recipient of the scholarship. He was able to join us at the Dinner meeting and receive his award. Dr. Mervyn Richardson was the speaker for *Medication Errors in the HIV Patients*. The members were captivated by the presentation.

We are all looking forward to a great Joint meeting in November with the NYC Chapter! Yi Guo has been so great to work with in organizing this event. It should be a wonderful evening!

Patricia Byrne, RPh
President, Westchester Chapter



Congratulations
Terry!

Pharmacy Week Highlights

October 18 – October 23



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Thank you to all our members for making Pharmacy Week a success.
We should continue to advocate and educate the public about our profession. Together, we can help advance the profession of pharmacy.

Happy Pharmacy Week!

What it means to be a Pharmacist

In the spirit of Pharmacy week, we asked our NYSCHP members,

“What does being a pharmacist mean to you?”

"It means to be an advocate and educator for optimal medication use"

Gary Wu, Pharm.D., BCPS, Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator, New York Methodist Hospital

"Being a pharmacist means being able to use clinical knowledge, abilities, and talents to improve patient outcomes, especially to the underserved communities where the critical barriers are low access to healthcare and essential medications"

Christopher Mendoza, Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate, Class of 2016, Touro College of Pharmacy

"As a pharmacist I have been able to fulfill my passion for making a difference in the lives of the patients we serve and striving towards better healthcare for all. Being a pharmacist now is not just about the medication, but looking at the patient as a whole and helping him/her achieve the best possible outcomes and quality of life, while collaborating with health care partners including NP's, PA's and physicians."

Niki Patel, Pharm.D., Diabetes Medical Liaison, Novo Nordisk Inc.

"I am an integral part of the healthcare team to provide expertise in pharmacotherapy and to prevent medication errors. I am very proud to be a clinical pharmacist."

Yi Guo, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Manager of Infectious Diseases, Montefiore Medical Center

"Being part of a profession that's focused on delivering healthcare in a better way. Pharmacists are in a unique position of being able to directly impact both patients and fellow healthcare professionals."

Gerard Meglio, RPh, Eli Lilly, NYSCHP Co-treasurer for Westchester, board member of REF Foundation

"Being able to share a camaraderie with colleagues in the hospital setting and also directly know the impact we have on patients together."

Peter Grassi, RPh, Eli Lilly, NYSCHP Committee member, Engagement and Recruitment, Westchester

"Pharmacists save lives, educate medical and nursing staff about drugs."

Safira Salem, RPh, Lead pharmacist, The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

"I'm proud to be a pharmacist. I feel like I'm making a difference to patients and we are helping them."

Kyoung-Sil Kang, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCOP, Associate Director Pharmacy, The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center



What it means to be a Pharmacist (continued)

“Helping patients.”

Andrew Smith, Pharm.D., BCPS, ICU Clinical pharmacist Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

“Learning from, teaching, and helping patients/students/colleagues both in and outside the healthcare profession.”

Charnicia Huggins, Pharm.D., AE-C, Touro College of Pharmacy/The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

“Being a pharmacist means providing the highest level of patient care through excellent medication management”

Catherine A. Millares-Sipin, Pharm.D., CGP, BCPS, BCACP, Touro College of Pharmacy/Mount Sinai Hospital

“Being a Pharmacist means embracing a collaborative approach as a vital member of the Healthcare team. Collaborating with Physicians, Nurses and other Healthcare providers to make sure all patients get optimal therapy is our ultimate goal.”

Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, Pharmacy Supervisor, St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center

“To be a Pharmacist means to apply our knowledge, experience and skills to serve our communities, educate the public about the best use of medications, and consider public welfare as our primary concern.”

Allison Potar-Raich, Pharm.D., BCPS, Manager, Medication Safety and Quality, North Shore-LIJ Health System



Chapter Services Spotlight

The NYSCHP is conducting a 2-phase initiative to better understand what is valued by our members. Phase 1 consisted of an on-line survey that was distributed to our membership this past summer/fall and phase 2 will consist of chapter-led focus groups. The information obtained from these initiatives will help the NYSCHP leadership identify how we can better serve our membership.

The survey was completed by 332/1298 members (25.6% response rate). Each chapter was represented in the survey. The majority of responding members held a BS in Pharmacy or Doctor of Pharmacy degree, with approximately one-quarter having completed postgraduate training. More than half of respondents had more than 20 years of experience, and the most common practice site of responding members was acute care. The majority of respondents were classified as voting members.

The survey results indicated that our members viewed the activities/opportunities offered by the NYSCHP and the nine local chapters as valuable. The majority of members indicated that NYSCHP-led advocacy efforts (71.8%), certificate programs (66.5%), CE programming (65.1%), networking (59.0%), professional development (54.3%), and community engagement (51.4%) were either 'moderately' or 'extremely valuable' to them as a member. Members appeared to find slightly more value in their local chapter: the majority indicated that CE programming (84.1%), networking (66.5%), community engagement (65.2%), professional development (61.5%), social events (58.9%), and leadership opportunities (56.7%) offered by their local chapter were either 'moderately' or 'extremely valuable' to them as a member (Table). These data were further analyzed by chapter, thereby providing local chapter leadership with information to help them self-assess the activities/opportunities they offer and to compare and contrast these activities with those of neighboring chapters.

Responding members indicated that CE offerings at the state and local levels were adequate in both quantity and quality. However, the NYSCHP recognizes that it may be difficult for some members to attend live CE programming offered by the NYSCHP and its local chapters: Slightly more than one-quarter of members (28.5%) indicated that it is difficult for them to attend local chapter CE seminars, citing reasons such as work conflicts (56.4%), family obligations (28.5%), and geography (23.8%). More than half of responding members (58.4%) indicated that they would be 'likely' or 'extremely likely' to utilize webcasts of live, local chapter CE programs, while approximately one-half of members (49.3%) would be 'likely' or 'extremely likely' to utilize non-live, pre-recorded CE webinars if they were posted on the NYSCHP website. It does not appear that attendance at local chapter events would be adversely impacted by doing so: only 5.2% of members indicated that they would stop attending live programming if their local chapter's live CE programs were broadcast via web-cast to the NYSCHP membership state-wide. As we speak, the NYSCHP is working diligently to create on-line CE programming for our members.

William Prescott, Jr.
Director of Chapter Services, NYSCHP



TABLE 1: Member Survey Result

Item	Not at all valuable	Slightly valuable	Somewhat valuable	Moderately valuable	Extremely valuable
NYSCHP					
Advocacy (n=248)	12 (4.8)	13 (5.2)	45 (18.1)	80 (32.3)	98 (39.5)
CE programming (n=238)	9 (3.8)	20 (8.4)	54 (22.7)	78 (32.8)	77 (32.4)
Certificate programs (n=233)	10 (4.3)	23 (9.9)	41 (17.6)	76 (32.6)	79 (33.9)
Community engagement (n=220)	11 (5.0)	24 (10.9)	72 (32.7)	69 (31.4)	44 (20.0)
Leadership opportunities (n=209)	11 (5.3)	28 (13.4)	71 (34.0)	58 (27.8)	41 (19.6)
Networking (n=222)	5 (2.3)	18 (8.1)	67 (30.2)	73 (32.9)	58 (26.1)
Professional development (n=219)	5 (2.3)	22 (10.0)	73 (33.3)	64 (29.2)	55 (25.1)
Social Events (n=217)	11 (5.1)	32 (14.7)	67 (30.9)	60 (27.6)	47 (21.7)
Local Chapter					
CE programming (n=270)	4 (1.5)	10 (3.7)	29 (10.7)	96 (35.6)	131 (48.5)
Community engagement (n=224)	9 (4.0)	19 (8.5)	50 (22.3)	80 (35.7)	66 (29.5)
Leadership opportunities (n=210)	7 (3.3)	25 (11.9)	59 (28.1)	66 (31.4)	53 (25.2)
Networking (n=245)	3 (1.2)	13 (5.3)	45 (18.4)	77 (31.4)	86 (35.1)
Professional development (n=218)	6 (2.8)	21 (9.6)	57 (26.1)	72 (33.0)	62 (28.4)
Social Events (n=224)	9 (4.0)	27 (12.1)	56 (25.0)	68 (30.4)	64 (28.6)

ASHP House of Delegates Update

For the first time, ASHP will be holding a virtual House of Delegates to address three timely issues for health-system pharmacy. The three policy recommendations are:

1. Nonproprietary naming of biological products
2. Appropriate use of testosterone
3. ASHP Statement on the roles of pharmacy technicians

Here is a link to the [three recommendations](#) on the ASHP website. Debate is currently taking place in the [ASHP House of Delegates online community](#) and is open to all ASHP members. Delegates will be asked to vote in favor/opposition of the three policy recommendations between November 13-20. But before we vote, we would like to hear your opinions so that we can fully represent the New York State health-system pharmacy community. Please provide your comments to one of the NYS delegates to ASHP – Stephanie Seyse, Joe Pinto, Mark Sinnett, Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer, or myself, before November 13th. One rule for the virtual HOD, however, is that no changes can be made to the recommendations; we can only vote in favor or opposition to the recommendations as they are currently written. ASHP would like to take a stand on each of these issues as soon as possible to help guide their advocacy and educational initiatives. We look forward to hearing from you!

Elizabeth Shlom

Immediate Past President, NYSCHP





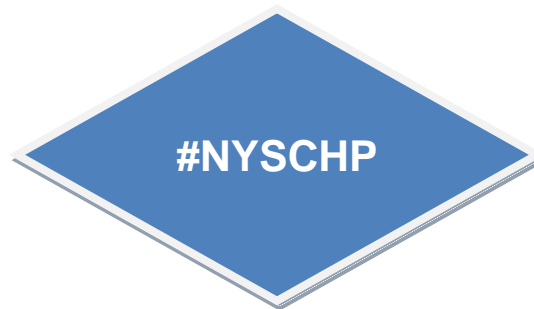
NYSCHP and Local Chapter Upcoming Events

2015

- November 3 – NYC Student/Resident Interview Workshop
- November 4 – Northeastern CE program
- November 10 – Royals CE program
- November 11 – Western CE program
- November 12 – Combined NYC and Westchester CE program
- November 14 – Rochester 3 hour Saturday CE program
- November 16 – Long Island CE program
- November 17 – NYC Networking dinner program
- November 18 – Central CE program
- November 19 – NYC CE program



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