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[NOTE FROM THE EDITOR]



Al-Amin Ahamed

Dear valued CSHP-OB members

A new year calls for yet another edition of the *Hospital Pharmacy in Ontario (HPO)*! Welcome to the 2026 Winter HPO—did you miss us? Sorry for the delay, it has certainly been a busy few months as we wrapped up an incredible year for CSHP-OB and stepped into 2026 with renewed energy, fresh ideas, and plenty to celebrate.

This edition; however, arrives at a particularly meaningful time of year: March is **Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM)**, a time dedicated to recognizing the vital and ever-evolving role of pharmacists and pharmacy teams in patient care. Across hospitals and health systems in Ontario, your dedication, expertise, and compassion make a lasting

impact on the lives of patients every single day. From advancing clinical practice to supporting interdisciplinary teams and championing medication safety, the work you do truly matters—and we are honoured to celebrate you in this special edition of the HPO.

We also have a lot in store for you in this issue. As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to what's next, you'll find highlights from key CSHP-OB events, updates from leadership, recognition of all our 2025 CSHP-OB Awards winners, and

opportunities to stay engaged with our vibrant community.

Whether you're reading to catch up on CSHP-OB initiatives, celebrate the achievements of your colleagues, or explore ways to get more involved, we hope this issue leaves you feeling informed, inspired, and connected to the incredible community of hospital pharmacy professionals across Ontario.

Thank you for the work you do each day and for being such an important part of CSHP-OB. And during this Pharmacy Appreciation Month, please take a moment to celebrate yourselves and the teams around you—you deserve it. Happy reading!

Warmly,

Al-Amin Ahamed
Editor, Hospital Pharmacy in Ontario



INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: ANTHONY AMADIO, CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH PRESIDENT



Anthony Amadio

Dear CSHP Ontario Branch Members and Colleagues,

It is both an honour and a privilege to step into the role of President of the CSHP Ontario Branch. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Ariane Blanc for her thoughtful leadership, steady guidance, and unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare-systems pharmacy across Ontario. I look forward to building on the strong foundation that has been established.

As we move into this new chapter, Council has identified two key priorities that will guide our work in the year ahead.

First, we will engage in a focused and intentional strategic planning process to ensure alignment with the CSHP National Strategic Plan. With the launch of the renewed national vision and branch framework, this is an important moment for Ontario to reflect on how we can meaningfully contribute to national goals while addressing the unique needs of our members across hospital, primary care, and other healthcare-system settings. Our aim is to ensure that our branch priorities, advocacy efforts, educational programming, and member supports are cohesive, measurable, and impactful.

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[INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS... continued]

... Second, we are committed to advancing engagement with the pharmacy technician community. Pharmacy technicians are integral members of the healthcare-systems pharmacy workforce, and their voices and leadership are essential to our future. I am pleased to share that Council has created a new position — Pharmacy Technician Chair — and we are thrilled to welcome Nancy Sprague from Trillium Health Partners into this inaugural role. This is an important step toward strengthening technician representation, fostering professional development opportunities, and ensuring inclusive engagement within our Branch.

Membership engagement and growth remain central to our success. Over the coming year,

we will be working more closely with faculties of pharmacy and technician programs to build early awareness of CSHP and its value. We are also proud to sponsor an interprofessional pharmacy education event this March, further demonstrating our commitment to collaboration and innovation in practice.

We are looking forward to another dynamic year of programming and events. PPC will take place this April/May, OHPMS will return in September, and we will gather for our Annual Education Conference and AGM in November. These events provide meaningful opportunities to learn, connect, and celebrate excellence within our profession.

Thank you to our dedicated Council members, committee volunteers, and engaged membership. The strength of CSHP Ontario Branch lies in your ideas, your advocacy, and your willingness to lead. I

look forward to working alongside you as we continue to advance healthcare-systems pharmacy across Ontario.

Sincerely,
Anthony Amadio
President, CSHP Ontario Branch



[CSHP OB PRESIDENT – OUTGOING ADDRESS]



Ariane Blanc

Dear committed members, engaged volunteers and council peers, distinguished supporters and guests of the Canadian Society of Healthcare Systems Pharmacy (CSHP) Ontario Branch.

As I reflect on my time as President, I am filled with pride and gratitude for everything we have accomplished together. This past year has been one of growth, collaboration, and meaningful progress for our Branch. From advocacy initiatives to member engagement and important council transformation work, the collective efforts of our volunteers and leaders have truly made a lasting impact.

A highlight of the year was our last CSHP OB November Council meeting, where we engaged

in thoughtful, forward-looking conversations about the future of our Branch. The energy, ideas, and commitment in the room were a powerful reminder of the strength of our community and the exciting opportunities ahead as we continue to explore new ways to enhance member value and engagement.

A special shout-out to our Education Committee and Awards Committee, along with their dedicated co-chairs, for delivering an outstanding and truly memorable CSHP OB Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony at Centennial College in Scarborough last November. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and tireless effort brought the event to life, inspiring and engaging our members at every turn. From insightful sessions to

the meaningful recognition of our colleagues, you created an experience that was both fun and impactful — a wonderful celebration of our profession and our community.

I am taking this opportunity to sincerely thank our outgoing CSHP OB Council members for their leadership, dedication, and countless contributions,

with special appreciation for our Executive Team. I am deeply grateful to Andrea Wist, our outgoing Past President, for her strong leadership and unwavering support throughout my term — particularly during more challenging moments. I would also like to recognize her vision and leadership in establishing a successful Advocacy



[CSHP OB PRESIDENT – OUTGOING ADDRESS... continued]

Committee, a major milestone for our Branch that has strengthened our ability to advocate for our profession while staying closely aligned with evolving healthcare-systems pharmacy environment. Your guidance, encouragement, and belief in our work have made a meaningful difference, and it has truly been an honor to work alongside you.

My heartfelt thanks to Andrea Beaman, our outgoing CSHP OB Senior National Delegate. I am incredibly grateful for your constant availability, kindness, and ability to listen with care and intention. Your thoughtful approach and problem-solving mindset were invaluable in navigating complex issues across the Branch while connecting us with National. I also deeply appreciated your willingness to jump in and take

the lead on key initiatives, from coordinating the membership survey to guiding our transition to Microsoft 365; enabling new official email addresses and shared documentation for our CSHP OB Council. The perspective, energy, and care you brought to your role have helped shape our work and will continue to influence it well beyond this term.

Thank you as well to Alicia Niven, National Delegate, for your commitment to stepping into our Executive team and for your openness to understanding where we have been, where we

are, and where we are headed. Your engagement, curiosity, and willingness to learn have been greatly appreciated.

A special thanks goes to Tracy Gallina, our Treasurer, for her exceptional stewardship of the Branch's finances. Your keen sense of budgeting, focus on sustainability, and ability to identify opportunities to invest in initiatives that directly benefit our members, including reduced membership fees and additional benefits such as lower conference registration costs, have been instrumental. Thank you for keeping us thoughtful and accountable, ensuring that the decisions we make today support both our present needs and our future success.



[CSHP OB PRESIDENT – OUTGOING ADDRESS... continued]

As I transition out of this role, I am excited to continue working alongside Anthony Amadio, as he formally steps into the Presidency. From the moment he joined the CSHP OB Executive team, he has adapted seamlessly to our dynamic team, demonstrating remarkable emotional intelligence, a strong sense of evaluating situations, and providing insightful recommendations that have helped us advance new initiatives. With a full and exciting presidential year ahead, building on the many ideas brought forward during November's Council, I am confident he will lead the Branch with vision, thoughtfulness, and energy. I look forward to supporting him in my role as Past President and collaborating closely to turn these ideas into meaningful actions.

I would also like to recognize Marcel Lambert, our new CSHP OB Coordinator, who has done an outstanding job stepping into the role and supporting the success of our hybrid Council meeting, in person AGM, Annual Conference, and Awards Ceremony. Your energy, organization, and commitment have truly helped bring these events to life, thank you.

Serving as President for CSHP OB has been a true privilege. Through this experience, not only have I had the opportunity to contribute to the Branch, but I have also discovered an incredible community of peers, many of whom I now proudly call friends. I am deeply grateful for everything you do for our patients, for one another, and for our profession.

Finally, I would like to encourage all members to consider volunteering with our Branch and association. There are so many opportunities to contribute, connect, and grow, and it is truly a fun and rewarding experience. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you as we strive for meaningful, sustainable change in our health system.

Warm regards,

Ariane Blanc

CSHP Past President – Ontario Branch

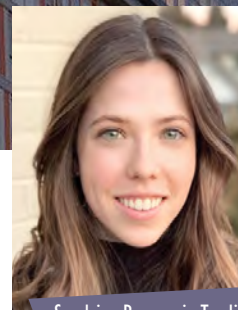


2025 EDUCATION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

On November 22, 2025, we held our annual 77th Annual CSHP Ontario Education Conference. It was the result of months of collaboration and careful planning by our Education Committee members to create a meaningful educational experience. It was our first time hosting at the Centennial College Event Centre in Scarborough, Ontario, and the event was a great success!

We are grateful to all of our speakers for taking the time to share their expertise and insights. The conference sessions, which included a variety of panels, sessions, and exciting updates were:

- Generational Differences in Communication and How to Navigate Conflicts (Cheyenne Matinnia, Naomi Steenhof, Alison Thompson).
- New Kid on the Block: IV Clevidipine (Hardit Khuman)
- New Drugs on the Market: HIV Prevention (Pamela Ip)
- Pharmacological Management of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (Alexandra Domingues)
- Applying Pharmacogenomics in Pediatric Care (Iris Cohn)
- Considering Area Under the Curve for Therapeutic Monitoring in Specific Populations (Kadajaah Johnson-Louis)
- Medication Mindfulness: Implementation and Evaluation of a Deprescribing Program for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (Marisa Battistella)



Sandrine Bourgeois-Tardif



Annie Cho

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CSHP 77th Annual Conference Education Sessions
Saturday November 22, 2025

| Time | Session Title | Location |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:40 | Registration & Breakfast | Foyer |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Opening Remarks & CSHP Foundation | Foyer |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | Panel Discussion - Generational Differences in Communication and How to Navigate Conflicts (Not accredited by CCEEP) Cheyenne Matinnia BSc, PharmD, ACPR, RPh, Clinical Pharmacist (Fondatrice: Cardiology and Heart Transplant) at the Hospital of Sick Children, Graduate student at the University of Toronto Naomi Steenhof BSc, BEd, BPharm, ACPR, MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Toronto Alison Thompson PhD, Associate Professor & Associate Dean Academic (Acting), Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Dalla Lana School of Public Health & Joint Centre for Bioethics | Winery/Fall Room |
| 10:45 - 11:05 | Refreshment Break | Foyer |
| 11:05 - 11:25 | Exciting Updates (Choose 1 of 2): • New Kid on the Block: IV Clevidipine - Hardit Khuman PharmD, RPh, ACPR, Clinical Pharmacist, Critical Care Belleville General Hospital, Pharmacy Management Expert Committee Canada's Drug Agency • New Drugs on the Market: HIV Prevention - Pamela Ip PharmD, AAHP, HIV Pharmacist | Foyer |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | Presentations (Choose 1 of 2): • Pharmacological Management of Behavioural and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia - Alexandra Domingues PharmD, RPh, Clinical Pharmacist at Toronto Rehab • Applying Pharmacogenomics in Paediatric Care - Iris Cohn MS, BPh, Director, Pharmacogenetics Program and Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at The Hospital for Sick Children | Winery Room Fall Room |
| 12:15 - 12:45 | Poster Viewing | Winery Room |
| 12:45 - 13:45 | Lunch & Awards | Fall Room |
| 13:45 - 14:45 | CSHP Ontario Branch Annual General Meeting | Foyer |
| 14:45 - 15:30 | Workshops (Choose 1 of 2): • Considering Area Under the Curve for Therapeutic Monitoring in Specific Populations - Medication Mindfulness: Implementation and Evaluation of a Deprescribing Program for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease - Marisa Battistella BSc Pharm, Pharm D, ACPR, Pharmacy Clinician Scientist, Associate Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, Clinical Pharmacist-Nephrology, University Health Network Kadajaah Johnson-Louis PharmD, RPh, ACPR, Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist at Humber River Hospital | Winery Room Fall Room |
| 15:35 - 16:20 | Presentations (Choose 1 of 2) (Not accredited by CCEEP) • DRUGs in Special Populations - Lu Loretta Lu , BSc, PharmD, ACPR, Cardiology/Caridovascular Surgery Pharmacist at Toronto General Hospital • The Power of Positive Prescribing - Karen Cameron BSc Pharm, ACPR, RPh, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto Marcia McLean BSc, BSc Pharm, MPh, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Academic Lead Experiential Education, Professional Programs | Winery Room Fall Room |
| 16:25 - 16:45 | Exciting Updates (Choose 1 of 2): • Acetaminophen Toxicity Management: Ontario Poison Centre's Revised IV N-acetylcysteine Protocol - Katie Orr RN, CSPR, Knowledge Translation Program Manager for Healthcare Providers • Taking a BITE Out of Cancer - Melissa Lu PharmD, RPh, Outpatient Malignant Hematology/Bone Marrow Transplant Pharmacist, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre | Winery Room Fall Room |
| 16:45 - 17:05 | Refreshment Break | Foyer |
| 17:05 - 17:50 | Presentation: Applied Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Implications for Clinical Pharmacy Muhammad Mamdani , PharmD, MEd, MPh, Vice President - Data Science and Advanced Analytics, Unity Health Toronto, Gletsch Chair in Advanced Analytics, Faculty Affiliate - Vector Institute, University of Toronto Tenery Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research and Education in Medicine (T-GUREM), Professor - University of Toronto | Foyer Winery/Fall Room |
| 17:50 - 18:00 | Closing Remarks | Foyer |



2025 EDUCATION CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS... continued

- DOACs in Special Populations (Lu Loretta Lu)
- The Power of Positive Precepting (Karen Cameron, Marcia McLean)
- Acetaminophen Toxicity Management: Ontario Poison Centre's Revised IV N-acetylcysteine Protocol (Katie Orr)
- Taking a BiTE Out of Cancer (Melissa Lo)
- Applied Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Implications for Clinical Pharmacy (Muhammad Mamdani)

We would also like to thank our sponsors this year. We could not have made this conference possible without their continued support and partnership:

- Apotex (Awards Reception)
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We are sincerely grateful to our Education Committee members for their year-long dedication and invaluable contributions in helping make this Conference a success:

- Aneesa Ramdin
- Christina Napoleoni
- Janeese Nguyen
- Minahil Asif
- Sareeha Virani
- Yousif Jaheinsha
- Hardit Khuman
- Jasmine Ahitan
- Joey Champigny
- Maria Scarfo
- Rana Khafagy
- Rehan Saeed
- YuQi Lin

Thank you to our student volunteers, who also provided extra help on the day of the conference:

- Sarah Virani
- Humzah Ahmed
- Erica Lin

And lastly, thank you to the CSHP OB Executive Committee for their guidance and support throughout this year.

Sincerely,

Sandrine Bourgeois-Tardif
and **Annie Cho**
Education Committee Co-Chairs

RECAP OF THE 2025 CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH AGM

The 77th CSHP Ontario Branch Annual General Meeting brought members together to reflect on a productive year, review financial performance, and look ahead to new leadership and strategic priorities.

The meeting opened with a land acknowledgement and recognition of past presidents, followed by ratification of Council actions and review of Branch business. A key highlight of this year's AGM was the introduction of CSHP's new Chief Executive Officer, Karla Thorpe.

Karla joins CSHP at an important moment for the organization, as the Society continues to implement its renewed National Strategic Plan and strengthen engagement across branches and communities of practice. With a strong background

in association leadership and organizational strategy, Karla brings experience in governance, member engagement, and system-level collaboration. Her appointment marks a new chapter for CSHP, building on the transformational leadership of former CEO Jody Ciuffo and positioning the organization for continued sustainability and growth. Members can expect a continued focus on strategic alignment, advocacy impact, and enhanced value for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians across Canada.



Anthony Amadio



Ariane Blanc

AGM





RECAP OF THE 2025 CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH AGM... continued

From a financial perspective, the Branch remains stable and well-positioned.

Council approved several recommendations aimed at enhancing member value while responsibly managing reserves. These include:

- Continuing to offer OB Annual Conference registration at a low fee of \$25 for Ontario Branch members.
- Providing complimentary conference registration for active Council and Committee volunteers.

- Continuing to offer RxFiles access to Branch members (excluding students with free membership).
- Increasing award values to better reflect sponsorship contributions.

Financial updates also highlighted that Branch reserves currently exceed recommended targets under new reserve guidelines, creating an opportunity to reinvest strategically in member programming, educational initiatives, and infrastructure enhancements.

Membership trends were reviewed, including ongoing efforts to grow pharmacist membership and strengthen engagement within the pharmacy technician community. Survey findings reinforced that cost remains a barrier to conference attendance, supporting Council's commitment to maintaining accessible registration fees and enhancing member benefits.

The AGM concluded with recognition of outgoing Council members, transfer of presidential duties, and introduction of the 2025–2026 Council. The energy in the room reflected a shared commitment to advancing healthcare-systems pharmacy across Ontario, in close alignment with national priorities and strengthened leadership at both the Branch and National levels.





77th CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH AWARDS CEREMONY 2025



[CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH 2025 HIGHLIGHTS PICS]



[CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH 2025 AWARD WINNERS]

Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

THE E. AMY ECK AWARD

Hospital/Outpatient Pharmacy-Based Project

Presented to:

Eli Tran, BSc, PharmD, RPh, ACPR,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions
Courtney Wong, RPh, PharmD, ACPR, BCGP,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions
Tina Thomas, BSc, PharmD, RPh,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions



The North West Telepharmacy Solutions
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (NTS ASP)

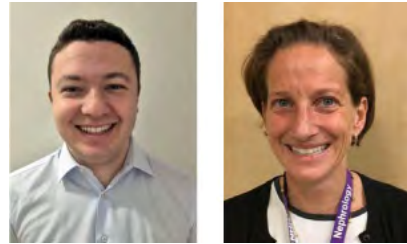


ONTARIO BRANCH LITERARY AWARD

Original Research

Presented to:

Noah Zlotnik, BSc, University of Toronto
Marisa Battistella, BSc Phm, PharmD, ACPR,
University Health Network,
University of Toronto



Medication Mindfulness: Implementation
and Evaluation of a Single-Site, 6-month
Deprescribing Intervention for Patients on
Hemodialysis



ONTARIO BRANCH LITERARY AWARD

Therapeutic Review or Case Report

Presented to:

Marisa Battistella, BSc Phm, PharmD, ACPR,
University Health Network,
University of Toronto



Deprescribing in chronic kidney disease:
An essenPal component of comprehensive
medicaPon management



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INNOVATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Presented to:

Rebecca Lynch, RPhT, Northwest Telepharmacy
Sammu Dhaliwall, RPh, ACPR, PharmD,
Northwest Telepharmacy



Remote BPMH Using a Novel Tool

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BILL WILSON PATIENT SAFETY AWARD

Presented to:

Lindsay Zhao, PharmD, Pharmacy Student,
University Health Network
Olavo Fernandes, BScPhm, ACPR, PharmD, FCSHP,
University Health Network
Amita Woods, BScPhm, ACPR, PharmD,
University Health Network

Aleesa Carter, BSP, ACPR, PharmD,
University Health Network;
Jin Huh, BScPhm, ACPR, MBA, BCPS,
University Health Network



24-7 Hospital Pharmacy Care TransformaPon and
Impact EvaluaPon at a Canadian Acute Care Hospital

MARCAN

[CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH 2025 AWARD WINNERS]

Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

ARTEMIS DIAMANTOUROS MENTORSHIP AWARD

Presented to:

Katie Palmer, BSc, BScPharm, ACPR,
Trillium Health Partners



For significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy through teaching or mentorship



DAN DASKO PHARMACY ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Presented to:

Amita Woods, BScPharm, PharmD, ACPR,
University Health Network



Recognizing outstanding hospital pharmacy administrators



DOUGLAS J. STEWART AWARD

Presented to:

Rahim Pradhan, RPh, MHSc,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions
Rebecca Lynch, RPhT,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions



Delegation and Supervision of Sterile Compounding for Remote Hospitals



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Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

WILLIAM MCLEAN CLINICAL PHARMACIST AWARD

Presented to:

Elise De Francesco, BSc, PharmD, ACPR,
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario



Recognizing a CSHP Member who has demonstrated outstanding skills in clinical practice and education



NEW HOSPITAL PHARMACY PRACTITIONER AWARD

Presented to:

Bridgett Hyland, PharmD, ACPR,
Sinai Health



Recognizing a newly practicing pharmacist who has made an exceptional contribution to pharmacy through patient care innovation, education, publications, or participation in CSHP activities



PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AWARD

Presented to:

Nancy Sprague, Registered Pharmacy Technician, Trillium Health Partners



For a pharmacy technician who has demonstrated outstanding skills contributing to the safety and quality of pharmacy services” and her title should be “RPhT, Operations Manager, Trillium Health Partners



[CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH 2025 AWARD WINNERS]

Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

PHARMACY PRACTICE IN A RURAL SETTING

Presented to:

Eli Tran, BSc, PharmD, RPh, ACPR,
North West Telepharmacy Solutions



Recognizing a newly practicing pharmacist who has made an exceptional contribution to hospital pharmacy through patient care innovation, education, publications, or participation in CSHP activities



SCOTT WALKER RESEARCH AWARD

Presented to:

Erin Chung, BScPhm, PhD, MSc, ACPR, RPh,
The Hospital for Sick Children

Lee Dupuis, RPh, ACPR, MScPhm, FCSHP, PhD,
The Hospital for Sick Children

Nadya Nalli, BScPhm, ACPR, RPh,
The Hospital for Sick Children

Rana Khafagy, PharmD, ACPR, RPh, MPH epidemiology,
The Hospital for Sick Children

Sandra Pong, BScPhm, PharmD, PhD, ACPR, RPh, The
Hospital for Sick Children



Precision Dosing of Ganciclovir and Valganciclovir Using Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in Neonatal and Paediatric Populations for the Prevention and Treatment of Cytomegalovirus Infections



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Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

JIM MANN PAST PRESIDENT AWARD

Presented to:

Andrea Wist, RPh, BScPhm, MBA,
Blewater Health



A commemorative plaque is presented to the President of the Ontario Branch, CSHP upon completion of the term of office



CHARLIE BAYLIFF RESIDENCY PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to:

Katie Palmer, BSc, BScPharm, ACPR,
Trillium Health Partners



Exemplifies the combined skills of a teacher, a mentor, recognized leader and practitioner



PAUL HALLIGAN MEMORIAL PHARMACY RESIDENCY AWARD

Presented to:

Adam Bleik, BSc, PharmD, ACPR,
University Health Network



Reflects the dedication, discipline, determination, and enthusiasm that Mr. Halligan brought to our profession and all that he was involved with



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HOSPITAL PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY AWARD

Presented to:



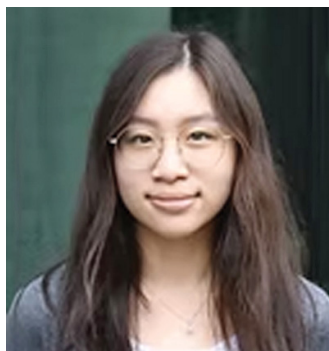
Adam Bleik,
BSc, PharmD, ACPR,
University Health Network

Development and Evaluation of an AI Avatar Educational Tool for Depression and Anxiety: A Qualitative Pilot Study



Stephanie Lo,
PharmD, ACPR(c), RPh,
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Stability of skin-testing concentrations of penicillin G in glass vials under refrigeration and at room temperature for 15 days



Ruby Hoi Kei Ung,
HBSc, PharmD, ACPR,
Trillium Health Partners

Evaluating the General and Consumable Waste Produced in the Inpatient Pharmacy Dispensaries at Trillium Health Partners



Randilynne Urslak,
BScH, PharmD, ACPR,
The Ottawa Hospital

A Scoping Review of Planetary Health Education in Pharmacy Curricula



Cindy (Han) Wang,
PharmD, ACPR,
Trillium Health Partners

A Pre and Post Analysis of Vancomycin AUC Dosing and Monitoring Implementation at a Large Community Teaching Health System



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Congratulations to the 2025 CSHP OB award winners!

OPRA POSTER AWARD

Presented to:

Cindy (Han) Wang, PharmD, ACPR,
Trillium Health Partners

A Pre and Post Analysis of Vancomycin AUC Dosing and Monitoring ImplementaPon at a Large Community Teaching Health System



ONTARIO BRANCH STUDENT AWARD

University of Toronto

Presented to:

Olivia Tata, PharmD Student,
University of Toronto

Understanding Patient Perspectives Regarding Current Limitations in Culturally Safe Healthcare: A Narrative Review



Recognizing a deserving student from the University of Toronto based on academic standing with an interest in pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy



ONTARIO BRANCH STUDENT AWARD

University of Waterloo

Presented to:

Erica Lin, PharmD Student
University of Waterloo

Identifying Potential for Pharmacist Minor Ailment Prescribing in Urgent Care Centre: A Retrospective Observational Study



Recognizing a deserving student from the University of Waterloo based on academic standing with an interest in pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy



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Suzy Badr – Co-Chair

Victor Lam
Morgan Hopkins
Noah Zlotnik
Maria Razzaq
Meriam Zeghal
Rasha Sarhan



&

Marcel Lambert, CSHP OB Coordinator

**THANK YOU TO OUR CSHP
BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH 2025 AWARD COMMITTEE**



Laura Rozka

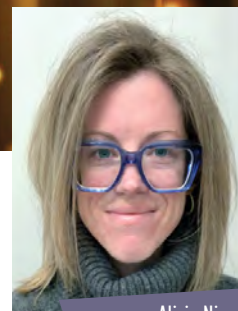
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Marianna Leung

Gabriel Loh

Stacey Tkachuk

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CSHP NATIONAL CSHP ONTARIO BRANCH NATIONAL DELEGATE UPDATE, JAN 2025



Alicia Niven

CSHP Ontario Branch National Delegate (2025-2028)

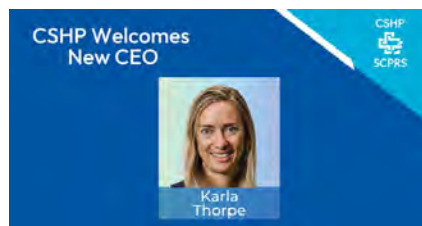


Andrea Beaman

CSHP Ontario Branch National Delegate (Outgoing)

I am pleased to bring you highlights from CSHP National as I start my three-year term as Ontario Branch Delegate to the CSHP National Board.

This term started off on an exciting note as CSHP welcomed new Chief Executive Officer, Karla Thorpe on November 12th, 2025. Members of CSHP Ontario Branch executive were able to experience firsthand Karla's leadership, knowledge in healthcare-systems improvement and passion for collaboration amongst key interested individuals at CSHP National's Fall Board Meeting.



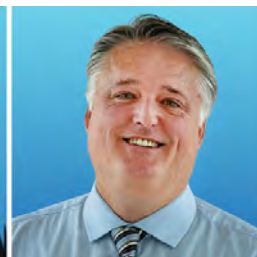
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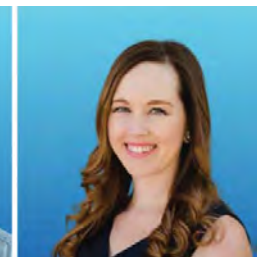
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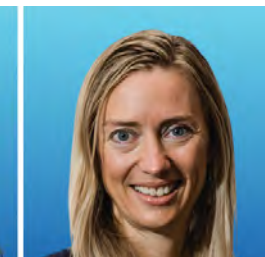
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[HIGHLIGHTS FROM CSHP NATIONAL... continued]

Strategic Plan 2024-2028 Update

CSHPs 2024-2028 [Strategic Plan](#) is represented by 5 Key Result Areas (KRAs). Alignment of CSHP branch level initiatives to these KRAs allows for clear focus, shared collaboration with National and a strengthened voice across the Pharmacy profession.



At National each KRA had 3-4 Year One dedicated deliverables. Some KRA highlights from National's Year One of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan National are:

KRA: Professional Leadership

- Reinstatement of the Professional Practice Advisory Committee with [Terms of Reference](#)
- Publication of "What is Healthcare-Systems Pharmacy" in both English and French available [HERE](#)

KRA: Identity

- Official name change to *Canadian Society of Healthcare-Systems Pharmacy*

- Supported grant and funding development for the Indigenous Pharmacy Professionals of Canada and AFPC's EDI, Indigenous, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Health & Cultural Safety Training (CSHP members can now purchase these [modules](#) at a discounted rate)

KRA: Community

- A phased transition of Pharmacy Specialty Networks to [CSHP Communities](#) between July and October 2025
- CSHP communities are designed to connect practice and advance the pharmacy profession through collaboration across 4 key areas:
 - General
 - Clinical Speciality
 - Interest Area
 - Medication Use Systems

KRA: Advocacy

- Increased visibility to effect systemic change within the pharmacy sector and other regulatory bodies
- Tailored communication of advocacy efforts to CSHPs members summarized in dedicated advocacy section on CSHP website with key monthly updates noted in "[Advocacy in Action](#)"
 - Established foundational relationships with known interested external parties
 - Key partnerships include CAPSI, CSHP Executive at ASHP, NAPRA, PEBC, Health Canada re Drug Shortages etc.
- Have a question about CSHP's advocacy and consultation work? Please reach out to the [Professional Practice team](#).

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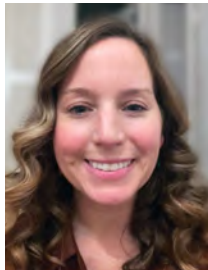
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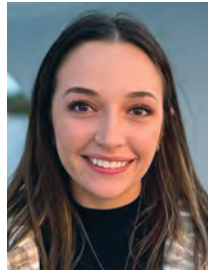
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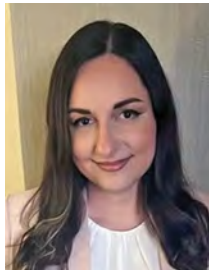
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WELCOME TO ALL
INCOMING COUNCIL
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YOU TO EVERYONE
STILL IN THEIR ROLES

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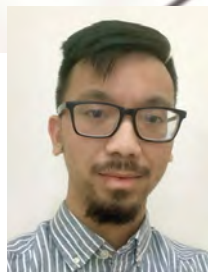
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CSHP OB COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Anthony Amadio



Ariane Blanc

The CSHP Ontario Branch Council continues to focus on advancing strategic priorities, strengthening member engagement, and supporting advocacy efforts across the province.

the diversity of healthcare-systems pharmacy in Ontario. Members interested in contributing are encouraged to explore volunteer opportunities posted on our website.

that enhance accessibility and broaden participation. We remain committed to showcasing resident scholarship while modernizing the format to better meet evolving needs.

We also reviewed strategies to better engage primary care pharmacists, particularly those working within Ontario Primary Care Team Pharmacists (ImpACT). As practice models evolve, it is essential that CSHP OB continues to provide relevant supports and representation for pharmacists working outside traditional hospital settings.

A key theme of recent Council discussions has been volunteer recruitment and succession planning. We are actively seeking to broaden engagement across practice settings and career stages to ensure our committees and working groups reflect

Council also explored innovative approaches to delivering residency poster nights, with discussions focused on hybrid and virtual models

In collaboration with CSHP National, Council discussed opportunities to partner on educational materials and resources related to laboratory value ordering and monitoring. This aligns with ongoing advocacy efforts to support expanded pharmacist scope of practice and ensure members have practical, evidence-informed tools to support patient care.



CSHP OB COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS... continued

Council continues to monitor and respond to open and ongoing consultations. We are currently in dialogue with the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) regarding scope of practice considerations and PACE assessments. Additionally, the Branch is in the process of submitting a consultation response regarding OCP Board governance structure and term length, emphasizing the importance of diversity, continuity, and staggered terms in regulatory leadership.



Through these discussions and initiatives, Council remains focused on aligning our work with national strategy while advocating for the evolving role of healthcare-systems pharmacy in Ontario.



CSHP-OB ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATES!

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January 2026

Dear Members,

CSHP-OB Advocacy Committee updates!

Last year, we conducted a Lab Ordering Readiness Survey with over 340 responses from members and non-members. Results were clear: Hospital and Family Health Team (FHT) pharmacists are prepared—and many are already ordering labs—to improve patient care. This year, CSHP Ontario branch council members are planning a collaboration with CSHP National to create a lab ordering e-learning module accessible to our membership.

In February 2026, CSHP-OB Primary Care chair Joey Champigny and myself will meet for a follow-up discussion with Assistant Deputy, Minister of Health, Dr. K. Velji to further discuss the need for primary care pharmacists to be part of the Ontario Health strategy to increase attachment to physicians. When a family health team adds a pharmacist to their team it can increase their roster by 300 patients. *Discussion points that we continue to highlight:*

- Primary care or family health team (FHT) pharmacists' scope of practice is not equal across Ontario's family health teams.
- A proportion of FHT pharmacists are governed by hospitals that oversee family health teams. There continue to be inconsistencies in prescribing authority for hospital and those FHT pharmacists under the *Public Hospitals Act (PHA)* compared to community pharmacists under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. Any expanded scope of practice that does not address the PHA cannot be applied equally across the profession. This important dialogue is another opportunity to highlight the need for alignment and expanded scope of practice for all across the field.
- Wage disparity with their peers (e.g. Pharmacists working in FHTs with hospital oversight make wages consistently higher than FHT team wages outside of hospital structure) has also created greater vacancies in the primary care field that needs correction.

CSHP-OB president continues to give feedback to consultation requests. The most recent request for feedback was completed Nov 2025 for OCP's "*Proposed Regulatory Amendments: Expanded Scope of Practice for Pharmacists*" and there is currently an open consultation for governance structure of the OCP board of Directors.

We are proud of the work our members do every day to advance pharmacy practice and improve patient outcomes. If you are passionate about advocacy, now is the time to get involved—consider joining the Council or Advocacy Committee. Volunteer opportunities are posted on our website.

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership.

Sincerely,

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ADVOCACY

We need *you!*



Check out our [website](#) for opportunities to volunteer with the Ontario Branch at the local chapter level or on a committee.

Current opportunities:

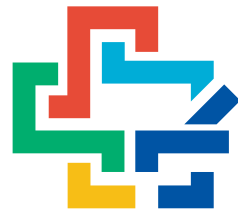
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- Education Committee members
- Awards Committee members
- Communications Committee members

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