Dear (Contact First Name),

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to some enjoyable fall activities with family and friends. Autumn also brings special occasions for pharmacists. (Note: The following is excerpted from material prepared by ASHP)

September 25th was World Pharmacists Day and this year's theme was "Pharmacist: Your Partner in Health." Created by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), World Pharmacists Day encourages activities that promote and advocate the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world. "Partnership is essential to the responsible use of medicine," says FIP President Carmen Peña. "Every day we act as partners to patients, other health care professionals, scientists, as well as policymakers, with the shared vision of better health. World Pharmacists Day is an opportunity to promote the valuable role we play in bringing about great health for all."

Continue to celebrate this special day by asking your member of Congress to support provider status legislation that will increase U.S. patients' access to pharmacist-provided healthcare (see article in Legislative section below).
~A Successful TriState

The Big Event!
November 13th
Catch the Wave

Student News
News from the student chapters at USJ and UConn

Opportunities
~ A sampling from our web site
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ASHP Website
CT Dept. of Public Health
Your Legislative Contacts
CT Dept. of Consumer Protection
US Food and Drug Administration

November 10, 2015

Pharmacy Week: October 18 - 23, 2015
Pharmacy Week acknowledges the invaluable contributions that pharmacists and technicians make to patient care in hospitals, ambulatory care clinics, and other healthcare settings. It is an ideal time for pharmacists to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements in ensuring safe and effective medication use and to share those accomplishments with patients, other health professionals, and the community. Click to see more.

National Pharmacy Technician Day: October 20, 2015
The pharmacy technicians on your staff play a pivotal role in the daily activities of the pharmacy, so make sure that they also have a prominent place in your Pharmacy Week observance and make a point to recognize their work on National Pharmacy Technician Day. Click to See more

The CSHP office is open to assist you on weekdays from 9 - 5. Please do not hesitate to call.

Sherri
Sherri Oken, CAE
Executive Director

Inside CSHP

Meet Our New PPMI Chairperson
Kimberly Boothe, PharmD, MHA, Associate Director, Clinical Pharmacy Services for Yale New Haven Hospital, is CSHP’s new Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) Chair. Many of you may remember her as Kimber Walter before she relocated out of state nine years ago to continue her career development in the pharmaceutical industry. Kimber is passionate about spending time on the right things to deliver strategic, focused results in business while also excelling in the other areas of life - family, self, and community. She is thrilled to be back in CT and in health system pharmacy and eager to support the PPMI.

As the Chair. Kimber is tasked with keeping the Board well-informed
Deadline for submissions to the next issue of 
*News Brief*

E-mail to our editor, 
**Salia Farrokh**

*News Brief* is a service for and about CSHP and its current members. We invite you to send us information to share as well as your comments on the information contained in this issue.

CSHP is an association of individual members. Send us information to help celebrate your professional and personal accomplishments and milestones. Examples: promotions, degrees or certificates, new jobs, awards, grants, presentations; marriage, birth, special anniversary, volunteer activity; book review, case study, new technique.

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**We Welcome Our Newest Members**

- Deanna Akinbajo, PharmD
- Ahmad Badwan, PharmD Candidate
- Lauren Barillari, PharmD Candidate
- Sunny Bath, PharmD
- Kimber Boothe, PharmD, MHA
- Melissa Burke, PharmD
- Lourdes Cantwell, PharmD
- Stephanie Cotugno, PharmD
- Aimee Dassner, PharmD
- Jenn Forman, PharmD, CGP

and helping to educate our members through our programming, website and broadcast *News Brief*.

ASHP’s Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) aspires to transform how pharmacists care for patients by empowering the pharmacy team to take responsibility for medication-use outcomes. Through PPMI, ASHP and the ASHP Research and Education Foundation work to maximize the pharmacists’ role in patient care by improving health-care team integration, leveraging pharmacy technicians, promoting pharmacist credentialing and training, encouraging the appropriate use of technology, and taking leadership in medication use. See more at: [www.ashpmedia.org/ppmi](http://www.ashpmedia.org/ppmi)

If anyone is interested helping in this initiative please contact Kimber at 203-970-1568 or [kimberly.boothe@ynnh.org](mailto:kimberly.boothe@ynnh.org)

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**Attention All Residents and Residency Program Directors**

Your new residents have settled in by now but do they know that they can join CSHP for just $40 and receive all membership privileges through Dec. 2016? Membership provides eligibility to present a poster, to receive discounted CTW registration, to attend CE programs at no charge, to participate in “The Great Eight” and take advantage of all the other professional development and networking opportunities available with CSHP membership.

Please encourage them to join us. [Click for more information.](#)

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**Election Results: 2016 Board of Directors**

President: Eric Tichy, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP; Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services, PGY2 Transplant Director Of Residency, Yale-New Haven Hospital

President-elect : Stacy Vaeth, PharmD, MS; Executive Director of Pharmacy and Respiratory Care, Bridgeport Hospital

Immediate Past President: Lorraine Lee, RPh, MHA; Executive Director, Corporate Pharmacy Services, Yale-New Haven Health Systems

Secretary: Tamara Malm, PharmD, MPH, BCPS; Assistant Professor,
We want to celebrate your successes. Send us your good news: promotions, awards, advanced degrees, speaking engagements, authorship, births, etc.

USJ School of Pharmacy

Treasurer (2016 - 2017): Nicolas Tessier, PharmD, MBA; Clinical Pharmacy Manager, Hartford Hospital

Senior Board Member: Elizabeth A. Cohen, PharmD, BCPS; Clinical Pharmacist II, Solid Organ Transplant, Yale-New Haven Hospital

Junior Board Member (2016; 2017 Senior Board Member): Salia Farrokh, PharmD, BCPS; Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Administration, USJ School of Pharmacy

Present a Poster at Catch the Wave

Deadline for Receipt of Poster Submissions: 5 p.m., October 15, 2015

We encourage all current CSHP members -- pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and students -- to present posters at Catch the Wave. Posters presented at ASHP or other association meetings can be presented as long as they have not been presented at Catch the Wave in the past.

Professional pharmacy has become increasingly competitive. Presenting a poster is an excellent opportunity to...

- enhance your professional curriculum vitae and/or resumé
- gain valuable experience in abstract and poster writing
- practice presenting research data to a captive audience
- share with the pharmacy community all the great things you and your institution has been doing for the past year.

Your poster will be prominently displayed from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. As a presenter, we’ve established a multi-faceted feedback system so that you won’t miss a moment of the conference programs. In addition, your abstract, with your permission, will be printed in the CSHP News Brief and posted on the CSHP web site.

To submit a poster for the meeting, please complete the attached application form and include a poster abstract. Abstracts should include a purpose, background, and methodology section, and consist of no more than 400 words in length. Final results may or may not be presented given the type of poster and the project timeline.

For more information regarding abstract content/format, please refer to ASHP’s guidelines for poster abstract submissions.
Note: Presenters must be registered for the full *Catch the Wave* conference.

### Legislative and Advocacy

#### Provider Status Update

**Keep Pushing Your Legislators to Support Provider Status**

Seven members of the House of Representatives signed on as cosponsors of the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act during or immediately after ASHP’s September 16 Legislative Day campaign on Capitol Hill. Keep the momentum going by educating your elected officials about the ways that provider status will improve patient care in your community. Personalize the e-mail provided in ASHP’s Grassroots Advocacy Center with examples from your practice that demonstrate the value you bring to the healthcare team.

CSHP represents you and your interests as a pharmacy professional. We work to create the best possible work environment for all. Throughout the year, CSHP’s Committee, in concert with our lobbyist, identifies issues of special concern to health-system pharmacists, monitors the progress of legislation, submits written testimony and provides verbal testimony.

During the legislative session, we utilize a tracking service call "Bill Book". "Bill Book" contains information CSHP’s Legislative Committee and paid lobbyist are monitoring on behalf of CT pharmacy staff. We post these reports on the CSHP web site’s [Legislative Session](#) page.

Become part of this important work on behalf of all CT pharmacists. For more information on CSHP’s legislative initiatives, please contact [Tom Buckley](#), Legislative Chair.

### Continuing Education

*Planning has begun for our 2016, evening CE programs.* CE programs usually are presented on the third Tuesday evenings of January.
March, May, June and September. The past few years, our June program has showcased our resident members. Current CSHP members and host hospital pharmacy staff attend at no charge (including a light supper).

If your would like to be part of this important work or if your hospital would like to host a CE program, please contact the CSHP office.

**Tri-State Health-System Pharmacy Summit**

The 3rd Annual Tri-State Health-System Pharmacy Summit took take place on September 18th in Tarrytown, NY. The program has grown substantially in the past few years, this year attracting over 40 exhibiting companies, a dozen residency programs and nearly 150 attendees.

The Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York State Societies united again to develop a cutting edge continuing education program focusing on the hottest issues facing health-system pharmacy today. This year’s program featured national and local speakers focused on elements of the Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative (PPMI) (Transitions of Case and Advancement of Technician Roles) and novel stewardship programs (antibiotic, anticoagulant, immunoglobulin and opiates). For the second year in a row, this meeting featured a residency showcase providing an opportunity for students in the region to network with leading residency programs.

**Catch the Wave**

*Catch the Wave*

of excellent CE programs

26th Annual Conference and Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2015

CoCo Key Convention Center, Waterbury, CT

[Click to Register]

Hotel Accommodations: $89! Reserve by October 30th.

See details below

*Catch the Wave* conference registration includes 6, ACPE approved continuing education presentations; an exhibit hall featuring the latest products and service; an awards luncheon during which we will honor colleagues and swear in the 2016 CSHP Board of Directors; the Hall of Posters featuring posters prepared by CSHP members; full breakfast buffet a.m. and p.m.
refreshment breaks.

**Detailed Conference AGENDA**

**SAVE: CTW "Early Bird" Registration begins July 1, 2015 and runs through October 15, 2015. Click to register on line.**

**General Session Presentations**

- "The New Era of Treating Hepatitis C: Current Treatment Options and Clinical Considerations" Presented with the support of an unrestricted educational grant from Gilead Sciences.
- "Integrating Pharmacy Services: When Value Matters More than Volume"
- "Population Health: The Prescription for Value-Based Care"
- "Pharmacy Law Update"
- "Practice Trends in Health-System Pharmacy"
- "Biologics and Biosimilars: Preparing for the Future" Presented with the support of an unrestricted educational grant from Hospira.

**Parallel Tracks at Catch the Wave**

- Greg Gousse Residents Conference - Special programs have been developed for residents and preceptors who are invited to participate in Catch the Wave activities and attend general session presentations when not in their dedicated sessions.
- "MTM for the Adult Patient with Diabetes" - A full day "certification" program (15 CE credits), consisting of 8 hours of live credit presented by the UConn School of Pharmacy at Catch the Wave, plus 7 hours of post live activity credit. In order to receive a certificate of completion you must complete both the live and post activity requirements. Attendees are encouraged to visit the Catch the Wave exhibit hall. [Click for more information]

**Click to Register for Catch the Wave**

**Accommodations: Reserve by Friday, October 30, 2015**

$89 single or double occupancy, special rate for CSHP Catch the Wave attendees (subject to applicable state tax, which is currently 15% per room, per night)

Guests may make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-446-1449 or 1-203-706-1000. Press Option 1 for hotel reservations. When calling, guests are required to reference the Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists Room Block to receive the group rate.

NOTE: A limited guestroom block will be held until Friday, October 30, 2015. Additional rooms for the group may be reserved on a space and rate availability basis.

**EXHIBITORS List of Exhibitors**

Click to register as an exhibitor and for all the details
Student News

The University of Saint Joseph’s Student Chapter of CSHP welcomes the incoming class of 2018 students as we begin a new year of learning and collaboration. We look forward to a full year of events and involvement including, membership drives, fundraisers and executive board elections.

In August, the School of Pharmacy held its annual Community Vendor Fair, including booths with representatives from several of the University’s student organizations. SSHP officers encouraged new students to join our Chapter and patient-driven initiatives.

In September, Dr. Christopher Yuen will be speaking to our students about his career as a consultant pharmacist for Omnicare.

As the year begins, we anticipate having many new faces take our SSHP Organ Donation Awareness Project (ODAP) to greater heights. One of the first events will be in collaboration with Donate Life CT at the Eversource Hartford Marathon on October 10th. We also plan to connect with current pre-pharmacy students and work together to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation, continuing our efforts from years past.
Along with the annual USJ Clinical Skills Competition in October, we will hold bi-monthly case study competitions with the help of faculty, alternating with our Journal Club meetings.

In November, Lora Pixley, APRN, will be giving an exciting talk on her career as a nurse practitioner at Boston Children’s Hospital, emphasizing the importance of the interprofessional health care team.

We are very enthusiastic to continue expanding our Chapter throughout the 2015-2016 year.
On June 16th, UConn CSHP member Abigail Zeiner represented our student chapter at the CSHP "Great Eight" event where selected CT residents presented their residency research projects. Abby enjoyed the experience and found all presentations interesting.

On August 28th, Anna Slupecki represented the UConn/CSHP e-board at the UConn Student Organization Leadership Conference. Having a representative at this conference will help our new UConn/CSHP e-board start strong on campus.

August 30th was the P1 orientation where a majority of student leaders are held responsible for introducing new students to basics on professionalism, ethics and e-mail etiquette. Our UConn/CSHP student chapter's first true opportunity for membership recruitment began after the fall semester started.

During our initial meeting, our e-board discussed why membership with CSHP is so beneficial to students interested in residencies and careers in health systems. Our current members have already been made aware they can apply to present a poster at the Catch the Wave conference on November 13th. New members will be made aware of this exciting goal to strive for next year! Secondly, we hope to get new or returning members to volunteer at Catch the Wave and other CE events.

Our current members are staying informed on important news updates via our UConn CSHP group online and via e-mail. We hope the new semester encourages returning and new students to take advantage of all the great events and programs they have available through our CSHP chapter.

Special Feature

Enhance your resume by contributing a clinical pearl, case study, book review or other article that would be of interests to pharmacists in CT. For consideration for publication in our next issue, send you article to Salia Farrokh by November 10th.

Opportunities

Each week, new professional development and educational opportunities are posted on the Resources section of the CSHP web site. Here is a sample of
recent posts:

**Learn to Optimize Care of HIV Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting**

Learn about current national guidelines for antiretroviral therapy and the pharmacist's role in treating and monitoring patients with human immunodeficiency virus infection in the ambulatory care setting during this free online continuing-pharmacy-education (CPE) activity. This activity is part of the "CE in the Midday" educational series and offers 1.5 hours of CPE.

**ASHP Invites Nominations for Honors, Awards**

Help ASHP publicly express gratitude to individuals who have made important contributions to advance the interests of pharmacists in acute and ambulatory care settings as healthcare professionals. Nominations of individuals for select ASHP honors and awards are being accepted until October 1, 2015.
CSHP is your professional organization

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CSHP is the professional society that represents the interests of those who practice in health-system environments.

For information, please visit our web site or contact our office at 888/506-3784 or office@chsponline.org

Please encourage your colleagues to join us.

**Catch the Wave Special:**

Join and register for the conference for membership privileges through December 31, 2016.

Click for an application with details of member benefits.

OR

[apply online](#)

Click here for a [student application](#)

Note: We can fill out applications and registrations, and complete a credit card transaction over the telephone.

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