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## News Brief

CSHP's new **News Brief** format has been designed for easier viewing. Just click on the links to read the full articles. Please email your feedback and submissions for future issues to [Abdalla Ammar](#) our new volunteer editor. Summer Issue Deadline: July 5, 2018

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### A Message from Our President



The spring is an exciting time of the year, and CSHP is actively planning some great events. Connecticut pharmacy residents who are CSHP members will present their research projects at The Great Eight Residency Showcase (CE included) on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We also have a fun night of baseball and barbecue with the YardGoats on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to enjoy these events and re-connect with fellow members!

**Nick Tessier, PharmD, MBA, BCPS**  
2018 CSHP President

### Our Next Event: The Great Eight Residency Showcase

Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center  
Hartford, CT

#### Congratulations CSHP Residents!

Each year, CSHP offers PGY1 Pharmacy Residents who are CSHP members the opportunity to submit their residency research abstracts for presentation at CSHP's June Meeting. This year, CSHP invited all member PGY2 Pharmacy residents to participate as well.

A panel of judges has evaluated each abstract based on an objective rubric and has selected the



Support our resident members by attending this annual event. 2 CE Credits will be awarded to both pharmacists & pharmacy technicians. And, for the first time, the Residency Showcase will be available to view via ZOOM! Details will be sent to those who register and are unable to attend in person.

Registration is complimentary for all CSHP members and all St. Francis Hospital and Medical

top 8 abstracts as "The Great Eight". These selected abstracts are presented in a platform format, each 12 minutes in length, with 3 minutes for Q & A. Plaques are awarded to the top three ranked abstract winners.

Center pharmacy staff.

For all the details and how to register

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## Legislative Report

### 2018 Session

submitted by [Tom Buckley](#), RPh, MPH, CSHP  
Legislative Chairperson

The Connecticut General Assembly ended their 2018 session on May 8th with a number of bills that included pharmacists and/or pharmacy practice. While there were at least 50 bills that we were actively monitoring that did not pass, the following bills did pass which may affect pharmacy practice, although in some cases not affecting hospital inpatient practice. [CLICK to read about those bills.](#)

In addition to state legislative activity, ASHP has released their analysis of the Administration's "Drug Pricing Blueprint" which was announced on May 11th. The [attached ASHP issue brief](#) describes the Administration's drug pricing policy proposals, includes their stance on the proposals (including what is promising and what is concerning), and their next steps in working with the Administration in addressing drug costs. HHS has released a site soliciting ideas for reducing drug costs: (<https://www.gao.gov/files/report/FR-2018-05-110.pdf/2018-10435.pdf>) ASHP will be submitting comments reinforcing the necessity of engaging pharmacists in these efforts and offering suggestions on how best to accomplish that aim.

## Inside CSHP – Summer Social Event – Baseball and Barbecue!

Mark your calendars now, because you wouldn't want to miss this!

**July 16th at 7:05 P.M.**

Dunkin Donuts Park – ConnectiCare Pavilion  
1214 Main St Hartford, CT 06103



We are excited to let you know about a new event CSHP has organized in partnership with the UConn School of Pharmacy Alumni organization to bring our group together! We are hosting a Baseball Game Social Event to cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats vs the Reading Fightin' Phils.

- \$30 per person with reserved game seating in the Pavilion Picnic Area
- 2.5 hour buffet with burgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, Mac N' Cheese, potato salad, chips, cookies and non-alcoholic drinks

[Click for more details and to REGISTER](#)

Questions? Please contact Elyssa Kelly, Director of Alumni Relations, via [email](#) or call the Office of Alumni Relations toll-free at (888) 822-5861 or email [Charlie Jones](#), CSHP Membership Committee Co-chair

## Professional News

### Pharmacy Technician Training Program at Yale New Haven Hospital Fact Sheet

Submitted by Shareé Parker CPhT, Chair of CSHP's Pharmacy Technician Task Force

Yale New Haven Hospital Pharmacy Technician Training Program includes 640 hours of classroom learning, simulation and experiential learning which takes place over a 19-week period.

- Program hours during the 9 week lecture-based didactics and simulation experiences are: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. on week 9

- Program hours during the 10 week experiential component are variable, with shadowing opportunities on weekdays and weekends, day and evening shifts.

[Click](#) To learn about admission requirements, cost, how to apply and upcoming session details.

## Feature: Clinical Pearl

### Hyperlactatemia in asthmatic patients: Cause for concern or caused by treatment?

Submitted by *Diana Gritsenko, PharmD, BCCCP*

#### Clinical Vignette:

L.M. is a 36-year-old female with a past medical history of persistent asthma who presents to the emergency department with wheezing and cough which was unrelieved by home inhalers. Patient was diaphoretic and appears to be in moderate distress with a respiratory rate of 33 breaths/min. Initial arterial blood gas is collected and reveals a metabolic and respiratory alkalosis with a lactate of 2.4 mmol/L. Based on patient's presentation patient received intravenously methylprednisolone 125mg once, Magnesium sulphate 2g in 50 mL D5W, and ipratropium bromide 0.5mg/3mg nebulization every 15 minutes for 4 doses. Upon reevaluation, the patient demonstrated improvements in her peak flow and decreased wheezing, however she had become more dyspneic. A repeat arterial blood gas showed a pH of 7.33 and a lactate of 5.6 mmol/L. The patient did not appear to be hypoxemic (saturating 99% on 2 L/min of oxygen) and had normal liver function tests and a negative tox screen. Could the lactic acidosis be drug-induced? [READ MORE](#)

## Recent Event Recap



### 2018 Connecticut Compounding Conference Revisited

Submitted by *David Goffman, PharmD, BCPS; CSHP Secretary, CCC Chair*

Over 70 participants attended the 3rd Annual Connecticut Compounding Conference (CCC), co-hosted by CSHP, CPA, and CT ASCP, on Friday, May 11th, in Cromwell, CT. The goal of the CCC is to spread knowledge and ideas around sterile, non-sterile, and hazardous compounding, as well as best practices, guideline changes, and legal revisions around the practice of compounding.

Keynote speaker Patti Kienle, RPh, MPA, FASHP, from Cardinal Health kicked off the conference with her presentation entitled, "Preparing Your Pharmacy for Current & Upcoming Compounding Standards". As a nationally recognized authority on the subjects of sterile and hazardous compounding, Patti's CE was both informative and engaging. [READ MORE](#)

## Student Chapter News



Prepared by *Nicholas M. Puqliese, PharmD Candidate 2019, Immediate Past President UConn SSHP*

As summer approaches and our old E-board transitions to some new faces, UConn's student chapter wants to give a warm congratulations to all our P2s receiving their BS Pharmacy and the P4s receiving their

Doctorate of Pharmacy degrees. We had a successful end of the semester with a few residency related events. We want to give a big thanks to all those who participated in our Residency Director Panel of 4/26/18. Eight different residency programs were represented:

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April 14th Annual dodgeball tournament fundraiser  
for the ALS Association of CT



Picture (left to right): Manvel Tosunyan, Iliana Figueroa, Mevlana Hursid, Dr. Amy D'Silvia, Carly Giavatto, Zuhair Zubair

*Prepared by Christina Petrelis, 2019 PharmD Candidate, SSHP Historian*

As spring showers bring May flowers, the school year is bustling along with P1s starting their month long IPPE, P2s finishing up their didactic year before heading out to APPEs, and P3s heading back into the classroom for a final hoorah before graduation. There is a lot of excitement from every class. SSHP at University of Saint Joseph also has been busy with many events to end the year with a bang. [READ MORE](#)



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