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**Connecticut Society
Health-System Pharm**

News Brief

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A Message from Our President



The summer is an exciting time to take a vacation to help recharge your professional motivation. For many new pharmacists, this season marks the beginning of their careers. This year, the job market has been very competitive and a challenge for new entrants.

This situation highlights the importance of participation in CSHP for all pharmacists. Please take advantage of the great networking and professional development opportunities available through CSHP including continuing education, poster presentations, speaking and social events.

New residents are invited to join CSHP now, and for just \$40, receive membership privileges through December 2019. Please encourage your new colleagues to take advantage of this offer and all CSHP offers. It's easiest to [join online](#)

[Nick Tessier](#), PharmD, MBA, BCPS
2018 CSHP President

Our Next CE Program: September 18, 2018

What's a nice pharmacist like you doing in a place like this?

The importance of refugee immigrant healthcare issues

Cambodian refugees, severely tortured 40 years ago, are suffering from physical and mental health trauma-related diseases today. A team of UConn professors is helping them here and in their homeland. Tom Buckley, RPh, MPH, one of the team members, will recount his experiences as an example

of an unique pharmacist role as a practitioner and researcher, and provide a general focus on immigrant/refugee health issues that apply to CT pharmacy practice.



2018 Fall Conferences Presentations Announced

TriState Health- System Pharmacy Educational Summit



Friday, September 21, 2018
Doubletree by Hilton, Tarrytown, NY

5 CE Credits

- Advancing Pharmacy Practice with Strategic Clinical Leadership
- Management of High Cost Drugs
- Informatics

Plus:

- Residency Program Showcase
- Vendor Forum-Understanding Health System Customers and Value
- Student Leadership Program: Empowering Yourself for Career Advancement:

Includes continental breakfast and lunch

[Click for more Details](#)

[REGISTER to Exhibit](#)

29th Annual Catch the Wave and the Greg Gousse Residency Conference

Friday, November 2, 2018

Red Lion Hotel (formerly the Radisson)
Cromwell, CT

- Keynote: "Curing Adulthood" presented by Jason Kotecki, CSP
- GLP-1's Agonists: The Who, What, When, Where, Why and How
- Pain Management During an Opioid Epidemic presented
- Keynote: Updates from ASHP – The National Perspective
- Panel Discussion: The Mysteries of Clinic: What an Ambulatory Care Pharmacist REALLY Does

Catch the Wave
of excellent CE program

Conference

includes

- Breakfast
- Poster Presentations
- Exhibit Hall
- Stamp Pad Contest for professional prizes and a grand prize (in 2017, a GoPro)
- Awards Luncheon
- Reverse Expo

Greg Gousse Residency Conference attendees are invited to attend CTW general sessions when not in special Greg Gousse presentations.

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Professional News of Note

GI Reimbursement for Board Certification

Are you a Veteran, or do you know a Veteran considering a specialty board certification?

The GI Bill can be used to cover the following expenses:

- The cost of sitting for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) exam
- Annual recertification costs

Additionally, ASHP's [Review and Recertification Reward Program \(RRRP\)](#) can be used in conjunction with the GI Bill. The RRRP is available for the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, and Pharmacotherapy specialties. For more information on the GI Bill, click [here](#).

ASHP, ACPE Release Revised Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training: *New Standards Support Quality Education and Training for Technician Workforce*

ASHP and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) released revised national standards that will serve as a guide for the development of ASHP/ACPE accredited pharmacy technician education and training programs. The [Accreditation Standards for Pharmacy Technician Education and Training Programs](#) serve as the criteria for the evaluation of new and established pharmacy technician training programs and will help to ensure that pharmacy technicians possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for their critical role on the healthcare team. [READ MORE](#)

CDC Guide for the Pharmacy Profession: Participate in the National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Change Program

Over 84 million Americans have prediabetes and 90% of them are unaware that they have it. Pharmacists are in a position to identify, refer, and care for patients with prediabetes and the [National Diabetes Prevention Program \(DPP\)](#) provides a framework to do it. The CDC recently released the [Rx for the National Diabetes Prevention Program Action Guide](#) for pharmacists and pharmacy staff to help prevent new cases of type 2 diabetes among patients at high risk. This is an important opportunity for pharmacy to make an impact on public health and reduce the burden of diabetes.

[Maximize 340B Performance While Staying Compliant](#)

The 340B Drug Program Handbook is the comprehensive guide for pharmacy leaders, hospital administrators, legal counsel, and pharmacy managers. Developed by Andrew L. Wilson, Pharm.D., FASHP, this practical, clear-cut reference provides the most up-to-date information needed to implement and keep a high-performing program running well. Order your copy from the ASHP bookstore today.

Legislative Report: New Legislation



What does Telehealth Legislation Mean for CT Pharmacists?

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

The 2018 Connecticut General Assembly passed Senate Bill 302 "An Act Concerning Telehealth Services" (now known as Public Act No. 18-148). This legislation adds pharmacists as providers who can administer telehealth services; it also modifies and clarifies patient consent procedures. This is a notable and significant achievement of adding any pharmacist licensed in Connecticut to: "provide health care or other health services through the use of telehealth within such person's scope of practice and in accordance with the standard of care applicable to the profession." The legislation specifically notes that "Telehealth does not include the use of facsimile, audio-only telephone, texting or electronic mail." However, through this legislation, a pharmacist is now considered a telehealth provider in Connecticut, which could lead to expanded opportunities with regard to reimbursement and efficiency of clinical services throughout the state.

[CLICK to read the full article.](#)

[CLICK to read SB302](#)

Event Recap: The Great Eight Residency Spotlight



On June 13, CSHP presented its 6th Annual Residency Showcase which is also known as The Great Eight. Why? CSHP resident members are invited to submit abstracts from which eight are chosen to make presentations. The top three are awarded plaques.

This year, the following abstracts were presented:
1st Place

- "Optimizing outcomes for methicillin-resistant S. aureus bacteremia (MRSA-B), methicillin-susceptible S. aureus bacteremia (MSSA), and coagulase negative Staphylococcus (CoNS) utilizing rapid diagnostics in conjunction with pharmacy residents across Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH)" Nika Bejou, PharmD, PGY2; Yale New Haven Hospita

2nd Place Tie

- "Increasing pharmacist efficiency through electronic health record optimization" Cory Heck, PharmD, PGY1; Yale New Haven Hospital
- "Proton pump inhibitor prescribing habits in an adult medicine continuity care clinic" Natalie Winters, PharmD, PGY2; St Francis Hospital and Medical Center

3rd Place

- "Effect of CT law requiring prescription drug monitoring program use on emergency department opioid prescribing habits: a single-center retrospective analysis" Abigail Zeiner, PharmD, PGY1; Hartford Hospital"Evaluation of a pharmacy to dose warfarin consult service" Jaclyn Kowalski, PharmD, PGY1; St Francis Hospital and Medical Center

Honorable Mention

- "Evaluation of a sterile product preparation and delivery technology in a community hospital" Michele Moura, PharmD, PGY1; Waterbury Hospital
- "Expansion of antimicrobial stewardship module to decentralized pharmacists" Anish Patel, PharmD, PGY1; Yale New Haven Hospital
- "Financial and Clinical Impact of Nasal Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Polymerase Chain Reaction swab in Adults with Pneumonia" Oumaima Sahbani, PharmD, PGY1; UCONN Health

Click on the speakers' names below to read the winning abstracts.

All abstracts are posted on the Residents' page of the CSHP web site.

Our winners pictured with Teresa Papstein, CE Program Chair

[Nika Beju](#)

[Cory Heck](#)

[Natalie Winters](#)

[Abigail Zeiner](#)



Student Chapter News

UConn

Prepared by [Jack Malespini](#), PharmD Candidate 2020, President UConn SSHP

With August 27th, the first day of classes, fast approaching and the summer break already halfway over, all of us here at SSHP are excited for this upcoming year and the many health-system based events that are already underway!

This summer, we started off strong with the continuation of the Florence Mill Blood Pressure Screenings that began in May. This event was a great opportunity for our members to practice their clinical skills before going home for summer break. The residents' at the Florence Mill Apartments were happy to have our SSHP members measure their blood pressures and answer any questions they had. Thank you to all of those who participated!

We have big events that we're looking forward to in the upcoming semesters. [READ MORE](#)

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