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LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL – SEPTEMBER 2018



News Brief

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A Message from Our President



As summer is quickly coming to an end, we have several exciting events to forward to. In September, we have Tom Buckley discussing the importance of refugee/immigrant health care issues (Sept 18th) and our Tri-State pharmacy leaders sharing best practices at The 6th Annual Tri-State Health System Pharmacy Summit/Residency Showcase (Sept 21st). Our grand finale event will be the 29th Annual Catch the Wave Conference/Greg Gousse Residency Conference (Nov 2nd). We have excellent programs planned for the two conferences which offer the best networking opportunities of the year. Please plan on joining us for these upcoming events!

[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

September 18, 2018

hosted by Integrated Care Partners, Hartford Healthcare, Wethersfield, from 5:30- 7:00 p.m.

[REGISTER](#)

Speaker: Thomas Buckley, RPh, MPH
Associate Clinical Professor, UConn School of Pharmacy



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 a unique pharmacist role as a practitioner and researcher, and provide a

general focus on immigrant/refugee health issues that apply to CT pharmacy practice.
Complimentary registration is offered to all current CSHP members
and host facility pharmacy staff
1 Live CE Credit for both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

Inside CSHP



Attention All Members

Present a Poster at Catch the Wave

Get the attention you deserve for your research.

Interested? Click for the [details, an abstract submission form](#)
and a [slide set with guidelines](#).

Calling all CSHP Resident and Active members!

BECOME A POSTER MENTOR:

Provide live feedback on posters. Active pharmacists will receive reduced price registration. Contact CSHP to register but don't delay. Spots are limited – first come, first serve.

Coming Soon: A New CSHP Website

by Elizabeth Cohen, Pharm D, BCPS

We are actively working on rebranding CSHP and as a part of that initiative, re-developing the CSHP website. New features will include a bank of recorded presentations, additional access to opportunities within the state and enhanced functionality. We plan to go live with the new website at this year's Catch the Wave.

Clinical Pearls

Alternatives in Administration Frequencies of Ertapenem in Critically Ill Patients with Hypoalbuminemia

By [Reshma Singh](#) PharmD Candidate 2019, USJ School of Pharmacy; and [Judy Huang PhD, PharmD, BCPS, Bridgeport Hospital](#)

Recent studies conducted in critically ill patients favor a change in ertapenem administration from once-daily bolus dosing to twice daily dosing or continuous infusion after a loading dose. Ertapenem is a broad-spectrum carbapenem FDA approved for the treatment of intra-abdominal infection, complicated skin infections, UTIs, and CAP.¹ Unlike other carbapenems, ertapenem is 85–95% protein bound which contributes to its allowance for a once daily dosing regimen.¹ In critical care patients, hypoalbuminemia is a common finding.² Hypoalbuminemia contributes to higher morbidity and mortality rates when compared to patients with a normal serum albumin.³ Multiple studies have shown that ertapenem concentrations negatively correlate with hypoalbuminemia. Ertapenem concentrations taken over 3 days in a cohort of 9 adults were found to be frequently below the susceptibility breakpoint.⁴ Similarly, a cohort of 17 septic patients with hypoalbuminemia given ertapenem had failed to maintain effective MIC levels throughout the once daily dosing interval.⁵ [CLICK](#) to read the full article

Clinical Pearl: Drug Update–Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) Oral Solution

By [Maria Hysolli](#), PharmD Candidate 2019, Western New England University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

The FDA approved Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) oral solution on June 25th, 2018 for the treatment of seizures associated with Lennox–Gastaut syndrome (LGS) and Dravet syndrome in patients 2 years old and older. LGS and Dravet syndrome are rare, severe form of epileptic encephalopathy that are usually treatment resistance to available medications. Cannabidiol drug is the first drug approved by the FDA for the treatment of patients with Dravet syndrome. Cannabidiol is also the first FDA approved drug that contains purified drug substance from cannabinoid.

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

2018 Fall Conferences

**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

[More details including a list of exhibitors and
online registration](#)

Note: Early bird registration pricing runs through
Oct. 12th

- 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
- The National Perspective on Pharmacy Practice and Advocacy
- 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: **Amazon Echo or Apple Earpods**
- Awards Luncheon
- Reverse Expo

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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

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Our keynote speaker, **Jason Kotecki** is an expert at helping people "Escape Adulthood," in order to restore balance, beat burnout, and become more innovative by breaking rules that don't exist. His mission is to fight Adulthood, sharing strategies from childhood to create lives with less stress and more success. Jason is passionate about sharing his message that there is more to life than the hectic busyness, cynical lethargy and overwhelming stress that is typical of most modern lives.

Student Chapter News

UConn

Submitted by [Jack Malespini](#), PharmD Candidate 2020;
President, UConn Student Chapter

With this summer coming to an end and students beginning classes again, we are excited to ring in the upcoming semester with our monthly Florence Mill blood pressure clinic. This clinic, which takes place in Vernon, CT, is the perfect opportunity for our student pharmacists to obtain valuable and hands-on experience in a clinic-based environment. We currently are in contact with a potential volunteer pharmacist in hopes that they will be in attendance of this

event. [READ the entire article](#)



Submitted by [Neha Siddiqui](#), 2020 PharmD Candidate;
President, USJ Student Chapter

As the class of 2021 gets settled into their classes, and the new routine of school becomes more familiar, we want to give a warm welcome to our new members and our new e-board members for the 2018–2019 school year!

Our ASHP–SSHP Chapter is excited to announce the many events that we will be having this semester. Recently, we held a welcome breakfast in August for the PIs to meet our SSHP members, get to know our organization, as well as chat over breakfast. There was a great turn out of students, and we expect to have many new members for this upcoming year. Additionally, at our first general body meeting, we had many students interested in joining the organization, which will almost triple our membership from last year! [READ the entire article](#)

Pictured from left to right: Mohammed Rabbah (Treasurer), Jessica McAllister (ODAP Co–Chair), Neha Siddiqui (President), Lauren Briggs (Heart Health Co–Chair), Shelvin George (Secretary), Ryan Funai (Journal Club Coordinator)



Professional News of Note

The ASHP Foundation offers the following grant opportunities:

Grants

For Experienced Researchers

- [Pharmacy Practice Advancement Demonstration Grant](#)

For New Practitioners (graduation years: 2014–2018)

- [New Practitioner Pharmacist Leadership Research Grant](#)

For Pharmacy Residents

- [New Practitioner Pharmacist Leadership Research Grant](#)
- [Pharmacy Resident Practice–Based Research Grant](#)

For Residency Programs

- [Pharmacy Residency Expansion Grant](#)

For State Affiliates

- [PAI State Affiliate Workshop Grant](#)

Researchers Resources

- [Residency Research Tips](#)
- ["Essentials of Practice–Based Research"](#)
- [FAQs About the Research Grant Application Process](#)

FDA Releases Revised Draft Compounding Memorandum of Understanding

On September 7th, FDA released a revised [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) meant to govern compounding oversight between states and the FDA. The new draft, which revises a 2015 version, allows additional flexibility to compounders and states. Although FDA retained language referring to both dispensing and distributing (ASHP has commented that dispensing, which is done pursuant to a patient prescription, is a practice of pharmacy/medicine issue outside of FDA's jurisdiction), the FDA did increase the limit on how much compounded medication can be dispensed or distributed interstate from 30% to 50% of a pharmacy's total interstate and intrastate monthly orders. Pharmacies exceeding the 50% threshold are considered to be dispensing and/or distributing an "inordinate amount" of compounded medication over state lines which will trigger state reporting to FDA. The MOU also provides states

additional flexibility in how they may gather information related to both pharmacy and physician interstate distribution/dispensing of compounded medication. It is important to note that the limits in the MOU do not apply to registered 503B outsourcing facilities. However, there is no explicit carve out for hospitals and health systems, so interstate distribution limits may apply even if the FDA removes the one-mile radius from the hospital/health system compounding guidance. States will need to individually ratify the MOU. In states that do not adopt the MOU, the limit for interstate dispensing will be set at 5% of total monthly orders. ASHP will be submitting comments to FDA by the close of the 90-day comment period. (source: ASHP 9.10.18)

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