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CSHP News for Our Members Summer 2019 7/30/2019



**Summer 2019 E-Newsletter**

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**A Message from Our President**

Dear Sherri:

I can't believe that summer is almost halfway over; time does fly. Before you know it, fall will be here. In looking back on the summer, Lorraine Lee, David Goffman, and I represented Connecticut in the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) at the ASHP Summer Meeting. The ASHP policy process starts with the member. At the end of the HOD, ASHP asks for recommendations from the HOD Members. ASHP develops official professional policies in the form of policy positions and guidance documents for the continuum of pharmacy practice settings in integrated health systems. Professional policies contain varying levels of detail. The following are a few new policies that were approved at the ASHP Summer Meeting. If you are interested in being a delegate for next year, please reach out to a CSHP Board Member. It is a great way to get involved in both CSHP and ASHP.

**[ASHP Policies Approved 2019](#)**

- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Therapeutic Use of Cannabidiol
- Safe Administration of Hazardous Drugs
- Compounded Sterile Preparation Verification
- Pharmacy Technician Training and Certification
- Safe Medication Preparation, Compounding, and Administration in All Sites of Care

I also want to take a minute and remind you to save the date for our first collaborative event with the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists (RISHP). On September 28th, we will be

hosting a morning CE Program, "Focus on Professional Well-Being." This event will be addressing the issues of reducing burn out and achieving work-life balance for pharmacy professionals. I hope to see all of you there!



Molly Billstein Leber, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP  
2019 CSHP President

NOTE: The 2020 Board of Directors ballot is coming to your email box soon.  
Please exercise your vote.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Results of the 2019 legislative Session

*Submitted by Thomas Buckley, RPh, MPH; CSHP Legislative Chair*

The 2019 Connecticut General Assembly came to a close in early June, and finished with a flurry of bills passed that affects pharmacy practice. In addition to monitoring over 3000 bills introduced in this session, CSHP raised and coordinated the effort for 2 specific bills. Both of these bills had numerous live and written testimony in support of passage from CSHP members, and we can be very proud of our efforts to raise the awareness of pharmacy practice in legislators' minds.



[READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

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## INSIDE CSHP

### [Honor Your Colleagues](#)

We also invite you to **honor CSHP members** who have made outstanding contributions by nominating them for CSHP's **prestigious annual awards**, presented at Catch the Wave.

Deadline: **4 p.m. on Sept. 27, 2019** [Link](#) to details and a nominations form.

Read about our [2018 Honorees](#).

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### New Website and Social Media Updates

*Submitted by Elizabeth Cohen PharmD, BCPS; CSHP President-elect*

The CSHP website has a new look. If you've not visited yet, check it out: [www.cshponline.org](http://www.cshponline.org). We want to make sure you have all the information you need available on the website, which is more mobile friendly, and also to be sure we can increase our presence for you using surveys and other members-only content.

Also check out our **social media** pages! We're on Facebook (Connecticut Society of Health-System

Pharmacists), Twitter @ctsocietypharm, and Instagram @ctsocietypharm. Send us your feedback and share your professional news of interest.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION



### **Great 8 Resident Showcase**

*submitted by Colleen Teevan, PharmD, BCPS; Junior CSHP Director*

*Pictured in photo (L to R): Sunish Shah, Jack McCormick, Robyn Riggott, Anastasia Bilinskaya, Kasia Sasiela, Jasmine Chen, Minh Do, Jamie Blanck*

On June 18, 2019, CSHP held its annual Great Eight: Resident's Showcase, which spotlights residents' research. Nearly 20 abstracts from across the state were submitted for review and consideration. Special thanks to Liz Cohen, Laura Hobbs, Dayna McManus, Becky Curtin and Judy Huang, who assisted with the abstract review process.

The top eight abstracts were presented at the evening CE program by the residents pictured. Topics ranged from the use of procalcitonin in influenza patients to the evaluation of immunotherapy in patients with existing autoimmune disorders. The top three abstracts are linked through this newsletter and are posted on our web site.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed hearing about the work of the residents over the past year. We wish them luck in their new positions!

### **2019 THE GREAT EIGHT WINNING ABSTRACTS**

- Evaluation of Procalcitonin (PCT) in the Management of Influenza-Positive Patients Admitted from the Emergency Department (ED) presented by Robyn A. Riggott, Hartford Hospital
- Evaluating the Impact of Antibiotic Prophylaxis on the Microbiology and Incidence of Ventriculitis in Patients with External Ventricular Drains presented by Jack McCormick, PharmD, Yale New Haven Hospital
- Clinical Outcomes of Oseltamivir versus Baloxavir in Patients Hospitalized with Influenza A presented by Sunish Shah, PharmD Yale New Haven Hospital

[Click to Read Full Abstracts](#)

**Plan ahead for our Fall continuing education programs and conferences.**

### **September 28th CE Program**

A morning program with a **focus on well-being**  
co-presented with RISHP  
Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mash  
3 CE credit

## 7th Annual Tri-State Health-System Pharmacy Summit



Friday, Sept. 20, 2019  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Tarrytown, NY

*Co-sponsored by the CT, NY, and NJ Societies of Health-System Pharmacy  
5 CE credits & exhibits*

*For more details and to register*

[Exhibitors](#) (early bird rates until August 30th)

[Attendees](#) (early bird rates until Sept. 9th)

[Conference Brochure with Program Details](#)

[Residency Program Showcase Brochure & Registration](#)

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## *Catch the Wave* 30th Annual Catch the Wave Conference of quality continuing education Greg Gousse Residency Conference

Friday, November 1, 2019  
Red Lion Hotel, Cromwell, CT

A great opportunity to meet up with your colleagues from all over CT  
5 CE credits for both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians  
Exhibits, contest for great prizes, awards luncheon, posters, networking refreshment breaks

For more details and to register

[Exhibitors](#) (early bird rates until October 1st)

[Attendees](#) (early bird rates until October 11th)

[Catch the Wave Program](#)

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### STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS



*Submitted by Thuy Duong Tran, PharmD Candidate 2021*

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT** With the summer more than half over, and classes fast approaching on August 26th, all of us here at UCONN CSHP are excited to ring in the upcoming semester with our monthly **Florence Mill Blood Pressure Clinic**. Located in Florence Mills Apartment, Vernon, CT, this clinic is the perfect opportunity for our student pharmacists to obtain invaluable, hands-on experience in a clinic-based situation.

We have other significant events to look forward to this coming year! [READ MORE](#)



*Submitted by Nicole Stepak, 2021 PharmD Candidate, ASHP-SSHP  
President*

The summer semester at USJ has been full of learning, excitement, and transitions. P1 students just returned to classes after a month-long IPPE rotation in May and are now wrapping up the year in preparation to transition into the P2 year. Our P2 class, now P3, successfully culminated their semester and embarked on their journeys to a variety of locations for their first APPE block. We wish them all the best of luck!

During the spring semester, we hosted many informative events, [READ MORE](#)

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Please encourage your colleagues to become members of CSHP. For over 70 years, we have represented the interest of health-system pharmacists and those training to enter the profession.

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***Our Value Statement*** CSHP provides you with a community of pharmacy professionals who share their time, resources, and expertise to work together toward a common goal of professional growth and enhanced patient outcomes.

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