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**Early Spring 2020 E-Newsletter**

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**A Message from Our President**

Dear Michael

CSHP has gotten off to a great start this year. We have been working on a number of initiatives to enhance the experience of our members, pharmacists, technicians and trainees throughout the state.

These have included:

- Legislative initiatives led by our Legislative Committee
- Ideas for current and new members led by our Membership Committee
- Amazing CE events led by our Education Committee
- Enhanced social media presence led by the Communications Committee
- New initiatives for pharmacists in industry led by the Industry Partners Task Force
- Resident and Student engagement led by the Resident Networking Task Force.
- Details on these initiatives are included in this NewsBrief.

We are so fortunate to have a great team of engaged leaders throughout the state who have been motivated to enhance the careers of our members, and all health system pharmacists, technicians, and trainees. The CSHP Board hopes to continue to involve pharmacists through all of our initiatives and we need your support.

Membership in CSHP is critical to sustaining our mission. Please encourage your colleagues to renew or sign up for membership at [Join CSHP](#). Consider joining a committee or micro-volunteering by filling out this form: [Get Involved](#).

We're looking forward to upcoming events and collaborations including the Virtual CT

Compounding Conference and other CE events.

We wish you all good health through the current emergency. Scroll down for our "Special Feature" focusing on Covid-19.

Elizabeth A Cohen, PharmD, BCPS  
2020 CSHP President

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### March 2020

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



We are certainly living in interesting times, and it has dramatically affected all of our lives and the activity at our State Capitol. With the rapidly changing news of the coronavirus, Pharmacy Day at the Capitol on March 10<sup>th</sup> was canceled at the last minute, as all public events at the Legislative Office Building and Capitol were canceled for at least two weeks.

At the time of this writing, it looks like all remaining public hearings for this session will be canceled; however, written testimony can still be submitted for any bill in a committee that is still actively reviewing bills. This includes the Public Health Committee, and CSHP has been working with that committee to see if our revised language changes for the collaborative practice law could be included in a bill that involves clinical practice changes for other health professionals.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#) including coronavirus information

We are excited to have an active legislative advocacy team of [Steph Luon](#), [Cory Heck](#), and [Tom Buckley](#). Please don't hesitate to contact us with your questions, concerns, and most importantly with your willingness to reach out to our policymakers when needed.

There is a great deal of activity by **ASHP** on the national level. Visit <https://www.ashp.org/> to read about their initiatives on behalf of pharmacists and their patients nationwide.

## INSIDE CSHP



### A Remedy for Social Distancing For members only!

In these challenging times of social distancing, it's important to stay in touch with other members including those at other facilities. Through the CSHP website, members may contact other members by email. Just log on (don't forget to set up your password) and enter a person's name.

Note: Your privacy is protected. Only your name with credentials and place of employment will be visible. No personal information or email address is revealed.

### **CSHP is your professional community.**

We are the organization that provides professional development opportunities and represents the interests of CT health-system pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, aspiring pharmacists and our industry partners.

Don't be left out and please encourage your colleagues to join us.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Join the CSHP Education Committee!

*Submitted by Abigail Zeiner, Junior Director*

Throughout the year, the CSHP Education Committee develops and presents a wide range of excellent individual CE programs and conferences. We have so many opportunities for you to get involved whether as a full Committee member, or as a volunteer for planning and presenting one program or conference, or as a micro-volunteer who has time to assist with a single aspect of a program or conference.

### Medical Marijuana: A Panel Discussion

The work of the Committee was in evidence on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, when CSHP presented a timely CE program entitled, "Medical Marijuana: A Panel Discussion", at Bristol Hospital. Over 45 members of the organization heard from our panel members Thomas Buckley, MPH, RPh; Eric Halpern, PharmD; Dayne Laskey, PharmD, DABAT; and Kent Owusu, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP.



From left to right: Eric Halpern, PharmD; Kent Owusu, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP; Dayne Laskey, PharmD, DABAT; Thomas Buckley, MPH, RPh

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## 5th Annual Connecticut Compounding Conference Virtual Conference and Exhibit Hall Tuesday, April 21, 2020

[Details and Registration for Attendees](#)

[Details and Registration for Exhibitors](#)

### Attention Pharmacy Technicians!

*Submitted by Sara Fern, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician Task Force Coordinator*

The Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists is coordinating "[Compounded Sterile Preparation Technician: Exam Study Workshop](#)", a continuing education program for pharmacy technicians on **Saturday, May 2, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** It will be a virtual program to help preserve the health and safety of everyone involved.

This CE event is highly recommended for any pharmacy technician looking to advance their career and obtain their **CSPT credentials from the PTCB** by taking the CSPT exam. More reasons to take advantage of this great opportunity also include:

- Participation is free for all pharmacy technicians;
- The PTCB will waive the \$50 application fee for all technicians who participate and meet the eligibility requirements;
- It's an excellent opportunity to prepare for a move that will enhance your growth in your pharmacy technician career.

Interested in attending this event? [Click here to register!](#) Log in instructions will be emailed to all who register.

We encourage your pharmacy technicians to join CSHP so that they will receive updates and invitations to participate directly. Please speak with your staff about this special program.

## Professional Development – Plan Ahead

- June: Evening CE program, "The Great Eight: Resident Spotlight"
- September: Evening CE Program
- Friday, October 2, 2020: 8th Annual "TriState Health-System Pharmacy Summit"; DoubleTree by

Hilton, Tarrytown, NY

- Friday, October 30, 2020: 31st Annual "Catch the Wave" Conference; "Greg Gousse Residency Conference" DoubleTree by Hilton, Tarrytown, NY

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## SPECIAL FEATURE

IMPT: Please read ASHP's proposal to empower pharmacists to fully and effectively support our nation's COVID-19 response and help ensure patients get the treatment they need.

### [PHARMACISTS AS FRONT-LINE RESPONDERS FOR COVID-19 PATIENT CARE](#)

#### **ASHP Resources Relative to COVID-19**

ASHP's COVID-19 Resource Center is updated regularly with tools and quick links to evidence-based information and guidance, serving as a central online repository to provide you with helpful resources such as:

- Guidance for healthcare professionals
- Sample list of potential pharmacy public health roles at the local or state level
- Infection prevention and control checklist
- Free member access to the Pharmacy Competency Assessment Center modules on emergency preparedness and infection prevention
- Drug Shortages Resource Center
- Guidance on usage of face masks versus respirators
- Links to COVID-19 information hubs from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, World Health Organization (WHO), and others
- Links to academic journal collections
- Links to healthcare organizations' COVID-19 resource centers, including resources for patients
- "ASHP in the News," a collection of news articles quoting ASHP experts

#### ***AND***

ASHP has created a [new COVID-19 Connect Community](#) for both ASHP members and non-members. If you are an ASHP member, you are already enrolled. You will receive a daily digest of activity, but as always, can change your settings for real-time posts.

**[Any healthcare professional is able to join](#) if they register on ASHP Connect as an authenticated user, so invite others to join.**

To centralize and maximize our collective knowledge, please begin posting COVID-19 questions and discussions in this [new community](#). ASHP will also be posting updates to new resources, best practices, guidance documents, and library entries.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences and knowledge with others on the [new COVID-19 Connect Community](#).

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## STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

Please note: These articles were submitted prior to the restrictions on public gatherings and students being sent home from school. Unfortunately, most of the planned activities have been canceled.

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**UConn**  
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*Submitted by Mehak Sharma, 2022 PharmD Candidate*

UConn CSHP is happy to be welcoming spring and the future events we have planned. Since January, we have had some of our members shadow pharmacists at Hartford Hospital to better understand the role of specialized pharmacists in the hospital setting. Additionally, we have had two successful Florence Mill Blood Pressure clinics and as always, there was good feedback

from both the students and the residents at Florence Mill apartments.

Other than these clinics, the E-board has been working on setting up our future events. We plan to have a P4 panel where P4 students will come in and address rotation related questions for our non-P4 members. We are also exploring the possibility of a Residency Director Panel so that our members can gauge what residency directors look for in their future applicants. This event will be important in opening up the floor for discussion surrounding anything residency related.



*Submitted by Nicole Stepak, 2021 PharmD Candidate, Chapter President*

Spring break is right around the corner for pharmacy students at the University of Saint Joseph. As a result, P1 and P2 students are all working hard to finish strong and to strengthen our pharmacy knowledge. A handful of students in our P3 class have come to the culmination of their final Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience while the remainder have only one rotation left. We wish great success to our soon-to-be graduates!

American Heart Month in February was a busy time for USJ-SSHP. Throughout the month of February, we hosted numerous fundraisers in efforts to raise money for the American Heart Association. We began with a successful Valentine's bake sale and ended with our annual "Hoops for Heart" charity basketball game. This basketball game was a fun event for students and faculty to come together and play basketball in 3v3 tournaments and end with a knockout basketball shooting game. Ultimately, we raised about \$200 to donate to the American Heart Association. [CLICK TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE](#)

#### PAI Event at USJ

left to right: Nicole Stepak, PharmD Candidate,; Dr. Lauren Barillari; Alexa Zammett, PharmD Candidate.



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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