



Winter 2021 E-Newsletter

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A Message from Our President

Dear :

As we begin a new year and work through this critical, historic time by serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to take this opportunity to thank every CSHP member for everything you do for your patients. I am so proud to see pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students across the state highlighted through media outlets recognizing our profession for our expert role in the pandemic.



Our CSHP community has provided much needed support and guidance through our Board of Directors and commitments with our committee and task force members over the past year. We have an incredible CSHP Board with innovative, enthusiastic task force teams and committees that are planning our 2021 events:

- Advocacy for promotion of pharmacy services with state legislature
- CV reviews/mock interviews
- Resident and student engagement led by the Resident Networking Task Force
- Catch the Wave with the Greg Gousse Residency Conference
- Tri-State Health System Pharmacy Educational Summit
- Relevant and timely CE programs
- Expanding Pharmacy Technician support
- Enhanced social media presence led by the Communications Committee
- New initiatives for pharmacists in industry led by the Industry Partners Task Force

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 volunteering by filling out this form: [Get Involved](#). We hope you will consider getting involved in some way to drive our profession forward. Being a member of CSHP provides excellent opportunities for networking, advocacy, professional growth, sharing best practices, and much more. We are committed to connecting our members and providing professional development opportunities for pharmacy professionals at all stages of their careers.

I look forward to *virtually* seeing you at our upcoming programs.

A Few Words from the Membership Committee Co-chairs

Submitted by Jason Lew PharmD, and Charles Jones, PharmD



We wanted to take a moment to remind you that the 2020 membership term ended on December 31st, and the 2021 term has begun. With that in mind, please don't forget to renew your memberships for the upcoming year. As a reminder, CSHP offers benefits to both the individual pharmacy professional and the profession at large.

Some of the offerings of CSHP to enrich your professional life include:

- Continuing Education
- Leadership Opportunities
- Networking
- Professional development
- Advocacy activities that affect your professional practice

We also invite you to consider joining one of our many task forces and committees to stay engaged and active in the organization. It is a great way to stay involved and helps foster leadership skills. The CSHP committees include:

- Awards and Nominations Committee
- Communications Committee
- Education Committee
- Industry Partners Task Force
- Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- PAI Committee
- Pharmacy Technicians Task Force
- Resident Networking Task Force

Also, please take the opportunity to encourage your colleagues to join our organization. As current members, you are uniquely poised to introduce pharmacists and pharmacy technicians unfamiliar with CSHP to its mission and many benefits. We are asking all members to help spread the word to their colleagues and educate them about the importance of our organization and becoming a member. Your support of CSHP is greatly appreciated!

Please feel free to contact us (or email the [CSHP office](#)) with any questions regarding your CSHP membership renewal.

It's renewal time.

My CSHP membership dues are paid through

If you haven't done so already, renewing is easy! Please log into your existing listing on the [CSHP web site](#) (this email address; please do not create a duplicate listing) to renew your membership and update your record.

You can conveniently renew online using a credit card or select offline payment to remit dues by check. If you do not want to use our automatic dues renewal, when you are remitting a credit card payment, you may opt out.

If you are a PGY-1 Resident, you can change to a PGY-2 Resident or Active Pharmacist membership. If a student member, you can change to PGY-1 Resident or Active Pharmacist. When on the "Join" page, choose the correct option then log into your existing account.

All pharmacists who work for industry but are not involved in sales and marketing should renew as Active Pharmacist members, not as Associate members.



A Remedy for Social Distancing

For members only

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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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Submitted by Matt Morrison, PharmD, BCPS

On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, CSHP, in partnership with Paradigm hosted, a virtual CE program, "New Directions in Influenza Management: The Pharmacist's Guide to Patient Identification, Testing, and Antiviral Use". There was a good turnout with over 30 attendees who had the privilege of learning from Katherine Lusardi, PharmD: an antimicrobial stewardship pharmacist from Arkansas.

During the CE, Dr. Lusardi discussed influenza transmission and clinical progression. She also was able to provide some helpful tips on differentiating influenza from other respiratory illnesses, including colds and Covid-19. Dr. Lusardi went on to discuss testing options, including the advantages and disadvantages of each. The final portion of the CE was spent evaluating currently approved antiviral therapies for influenza and their potential place in therapy. A brief review of some of the key literature surrounding antiviral therapy was discussed. Dr. Lusardi did a masterful job of explaining some of the key differences between medications and closed out the presentation with some practical counseling points.

CSHP would like to thank Dr. Lusardi, Paradigm, and all of those that attended our event on this timely topic.

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

The Passing of Paul G. Pierpaoli

Paul G. Pierpaoli died at his home in Hilton Head, SC, on December 17, 2020, after a long and valiant battle with Parkinson's disease. In his honor, CSHP presents the Paul G. Pierpaoli Award annually to a "CSHP member of the highest integrity who best exemplifies the profession of pharmacy through significant contributions, of a long-term nature, to the practice of pharmacy in Connecticut and the development of high standards of pharmacy practice".

Paul Pierpaoli began his career in 1962 at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, as assistant to the chief pharmacist. During his long and varied career, spanning over 60 years, he served as a professor and director of pharmacy at numerous institutions, including UCONN Health Center, VCU Medical Center, and Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. He transitioned to industry as senior vice president for pharmacy practice at McKesson Medication Management, a position he held until 2006.

He was a prolific author, served as a board member and national president of ASHP, received the Whitney Award, his profession's highest honor, and trained well over 100 residents. As well, he was the recipient of distinguished alumnus awards by both his alma maters, The University of Rhode Island and The University of Michigan. He was the first in his family to complete high school, college, and graduate school. He spoke often and passionately about the importance of human dignity and believed that all human labor, no matter the level, was innately noble.

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ADVOCACY

involved in:

- Communicating with multidisciplinary health care colleagues
- Contributing ideas to further advance the profession of pharmacy through legislation
- Communicating with your legislators
- Testifying verbally and/or in writing for proposed legislation
- Sharing patient experience stories
- Advocating for your profession
- Encouraging your colleagues to get involved

If you are interested in joining the Committee and have not already done so, please email Steph.Luon@ynhh.org. We will be holding our first meeting within the next month. We look forward to working with you!

STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS



Submitted by: Lauren Bronson, PharmD Candidate 2022; Student Chapter President

Happy New Year to all of CSHP! UConn's chapter of CSHP is wrapping up our winter break and gearing up for the start of the Spring 2021 semester. We had a very successful fall semester and are looking forward to continuing into the spring.

Many of our UConn CSHP members were actively engaged in the community over winter break. Our members are taking part in COVID-19 vaccination clinics at health-systems across the state, as well as volunteering to help contact tracing, and help UConn prepare for the upcoming semester with COVID test sampling kits. Thank you to all the pharmacists who are helping with vaccination efforts.

We will be conducting two of our most anticipated events in April: the residency panel and the P4 residency application panel. These are two very exciting and educational events for our students. They will be able to meet the various residential directors throughout the state to learn more about the residency application process and what life is like as a resident.

UConn CSHP looks forward to continuing to host and take part in more socially distanced events in the spring semester.



Submitted by Jenessa Teta; PharmD Candidate, 2022; Student Chapter President; APHA-ASP, Vice President 2020-2022

The USJ chapter of SSHP would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. We are excited to see what 2021 will bring and have many events planned.

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Over winter break, many students were engaged in administering the COVID-19 vaccines to our frontline workers and community. It is fulfilling to see the critical role the pharmacy staff has played in immunizing, to ensure we can end this pandemic. Students continue to put their best foot forward and help in any way they can to vaccinate the greatest number of people before more lives are lost to this terrible virus. We encourage you to join our advocacy and a community for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, aspiring pharmacists and our industry partners.

We invite all members to become active participants in CSHP. Click to [Activate your membership](#) and please encourage your colleagues to join us.

Have you just completed a residency and started a new job? Did you graduate last spring and are now a resident? Please log into your contact listing on the CSHP web site and update your information. We also encourage you to update your membership status: Resident to Active Pharmacist; Student to Resident or Active Pharmacist.

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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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