

2018 PAS New Horizon Award

Recognizes a pharmacist who has convocated in the past five years and has demonstrated impact and commitment to the pharmacy profession



Anan Ahmed, BSP, MA

with presenter Janet Bradshaw (PAS Awards Committee Chair)

Anan graduated from U of S in 2014 and has since been a force within our Saskatchewan pharmacy community. She has exemplified tremendous leadership and is committed to the advancement and progression of our profession. Anan has worked in community pharmacy with Shoppers Drug Mart since graduation. She has also been involved with academia and a teaching position for the Faculty of Pharmacy at U of S. She has successfully defended her master's degree thesis.

She has also initiated numerous enhanced patient-care initiatives within her dispensing practice, as well as outreach programs to medical residents to facilitate collaborative practice. Most importantly, Anan has been a mentor to numerous pharmacy students.

Additionally, in 2017, Anan became a Certified Diabetic Educator and has delivered many Diabetes-focused medication reviews for patients. She has developed a curriculum that she tailors to meet the needs of every patient she supports, whether it be nutrition, foot care, or how to work their meter. In January 2018, Anan successfully defended her master's thesis: A Qualitative Assessment of the Saskatchewan Medication Assessment Program in Patients with Renal Failure or Renal Replacement. Anan has created collaborative practices with nephrologists, the transplant unit, and renal pharmacists. She has developed a dispensing program under the supervision of mentor Rod Amaya at SDM Broadway and Taylor for renal patients to offer a program called "MedSync" in which they take special measures to ensure compliance, medication safety assured by SMAPs and follow-up, and collaborative practice with other healthcare providers.

Anan has been a mentor and preceptor for a Specialty Methadone Rotation for 4th year U of S students. Anan created a comprehensive curriculum for her students which encompasses all areas of methadone care, including breaking barriers within current dispensaries, and organizing for students to spend time at the clinic with a methadone prescriber.

Anan has recently received a grant for a new research project, the topic of which is to Assess the Gap in Pharmacy Services for Recent Veterans under 40 years of age. Her areas of focus include veteran demographics, mental health support, the impact of support animals, and use of cannabis. The end goal will be to present data to other pharmacists to increase care and minimize care gaps for veterans within this demographic and to improve outreach to those who would benefit.

She is leading the way, as a dispensing pharmacist with a tremendous commitment to patient care. She is a mentor and teacher to our students and future pharmacists. Anan is a researcher committed to advancing our profession through scientific and statistical analysis, and working collaboratively with other healthcare professionals to encourage understanding of our expanded scope and complementary patient care initiatives.