

2018 Pharmacist of the Year Award

Recognizes a pharmacist who performs outstanding service and patient care within the profession of pharmacy



Mike Stuber, BSP

with presenter Janet Bradshaw (PAS Awards Committee Chair)

Mike works directly and indirectly with patients who are infected with HIV/HCV or may be at risk of becoming infected. He dedicates his time to the Saskatchewan HIV Collaborative. The provincial initiative that promotes high-quality HIV prevention and support services in the community through the provision of education and training to allied professionals, community-based organizations, peers, and the general public within relevant health service areas. An essential educator on the team, he spends a great deal of his time on the development and implementation of resources and tools to assist practitioners in delivering high-quality care for these patients.

Mike travels to remote/reserve communities to facilitate HIV care. He provides clinical support to Northern communities and on a consulting basis, to various physicians across Saskatchewan. Mike contributes a significant amount of his efforts to policy development and support for other pharmacists, students, healthcare professionals and the public. Mike spends time on policy development and advocacy to increase the availability of services for those with or at risk of HIV/HCV. He is a clinical pharmacist with HIV team at the Regina General Hospital. He is an active member of the team which consists of Infectious Disease specialists, nurses, social workers to achieve the best outcomes for his patients. Mike considers his approach to patient care "non-traditional".

Mike passed the American Academy of HIV Medicine exam in December 2017 and is officially an "HIV Pharmacist". Mike established a formal Collaborative Prescribing Agreement and worked with the Infectious Diseases Physicians. He runs a Pharmacist Driven PrEP Clinic out of Public Health, the first of its kind in Canada. Mike is promoting the role of the pharmacist, educating patients and others about HIV, the importance of testing, evaluating one's low or high-risk activities and the possible benefits of PrEP therapy for individuals. Mike's role with the Saskatchewan HIV Collaborative has evolved to a National role as he has started working with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Pharmacists Network and has contributed to a number of their publications this past year. Mike is also the Educational Chair for the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society for Hospital Pharmacists.

Mike is a sessional lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan. He regularly accepts pharmacy students and hospital Pharmacy residents for speciality rotations. Mike is also an active teacher and lecturer for pharmacists, physicians, nurses and agencies of the Ministry and he is a regular speaker for provincial conferences such as PAS, CSHP- SK Branch and Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. Mike is exceptionally collaborative with community pharmacists concerning providing seamless care for his patients and always makes himself available if there are questions or concerns about his patients. Mike has evolved into an established leader with the initiatives he's been involved with and will continue to be a strong advocate and trailblazer for clinical pharmacists expanding their scope of practice in this clinical area.