PHARMACY ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Members' Update

www.skpharmacists.ca

Visit the newly redesigned PAS website!

JULIA BAREHAM

PAS CHAIR What an exciting time to be a pharmacist in Saskatchewan. We can offer our patients flu shots, treatment for a variety of minor ailments, assess their medications and work with their physician to optimize their therapy, and even provide needed prescription medications when our patients did not realize they were out of refills. But, it has not been easy. This expanded scope is the result of much hard work performed by the PAS staff and committees, along with other organizations such as SCPP and the Ministry. We have faced some pushback, but despite this, pharmacists have embraced these new patient services and have arguably had a positive impact on the health of their patients. Membership engagement through the uptake of patient services, delivered with dedication, is integral to the further expansion of patient services. Without this commitment to provide quality care, PAS would struggle to justify an extension of programs and services. I would like to thank our members for their perseverance through many changes over the past few years; along with their devotion to the patients they serve each day. PAS is committed to supporting the pharmacists of Saskatchewan to help advance the profession even further. Our current financial model allows the Association to better serve members through the support, development and implementation of new programs and services. We will continue to innovate and advocate on behalf of Saskatchewan pharmacists and set a standard that other provinces will look to as an example of progression and excellence. I would ask that each pharmacist challenge themselves to make a move toward becoming further engaged with the profession whether it is through offering a patient service that is not currently part of your workflow, attending an additional networking opportunity, perhaps an educational event, or becoming actively involved with PAS through committee work or the Board. Be sure to support one another and share your successes, both big and small, as they are all significant and the path forward needs to be taken one small step at a time. *If you have any questions, please contact me at* **paschair@skpharmacists.ca**

DAWN MARTIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Each time I sit down to write my yearly update report, it gives me a chance to reflect on what we have done, the environment we are in, and the vast amount of change and challenge in the pharmacy world. During this last year we struggled with timely contract negotiations, but eventually finalized a solid contract. The next priority elements are daunting but achievable: a new days supply program and additional mechanisms to address access to high-cost drugs. PAS contracted IMS Brogan to do an intensive comparative analysis on days supply and develop a model that we could use to test various days supply scenarios. We will rely on these tools as we move into collaborative work with the Ministry on these critical items. Pharmacists are providing flu shots for the first time this year and we are grateful for the immense amount of work done by SCPP, CPDP and the Ministry of Health to make this a reality. Over 800 pharmacists will have undertaken the training (covered by a PAS Grant to CPDP) this year. The commitment of Saskatchewan pharmacists to providing this new service has been impressive. PAS is now also poised to deliver significant public awareness campaigns – starting with alerting Saskatchewan residents that pharmacists are now able to provide flu shots. I consider myself lucky to serve pharmacists and pharmacies in the province. However, it is impossible for me to do this without having a committed and passionate Board of Directors and incomparable staff within the PAS office whose commitment and work ethic allows us to achieve more every year. Also, the volunteers that serve on our committees are invaluable resources to us, and we thank them for their advice and help as we do our work. I look forward to serving you throughout the next year – please contact us should you have any question or concern about PAS activities.

CHRISTINE HRUDKA CPhA REPRESENTATIVE

Friends and Colleagues – First I would like to say how privileged I feel to be your PAS representative on the CPhA board. I attended my first board meeting in October in Halifax. It was very productive and we moved forward on many issues, despite still being such a new board. The meeting had one day of governance training that was very helpful. We will be seeking agenda items from all Associations across the country for each of our board meetings. We also discussed creating skill sets which Associations can use to help choose their CPhA board representatives. These ideas came out of the governance day and more initiatives will be coming forward. **Advocacy**: CPhA was very active during the Federal Election. Questions were sent out to all parties to hear their platforms on Pharmacare, drug affordability and Influenza strategy. We now are creating new relationships with the newly elected Liberal members and hope to have meetings set up as soon as they take office. **Pharmacare:** CPhA and PAS had a Pharmacare Forum in Regina in September. This forum featured PAS and CPhA discussing the Pharmacare 2.0 program and hearing members opinions. PAS and CPhA also met with Minister Duncan on this issue as well. **Joint Meetings**: The CPhA board met with the Associations from the Atlantic provinces in Halifax to discuss issues of mutual concern. We also have a joint CPhA board meeting with Ontario Pharmacists Association Board scheduled for March. More joint meetings are planned so we can continue to better relationships between all provincial associations and CPhA. Our next meeting is in December and I hope to have more to report then. *If you have any questions, please contact me at* **pascpha@skpharmacists.ca**

MYLA WOLLBAUM DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Over the past 5 years I have been privileged to be a part of supporting Saskatchewan pharmacists through two of the biggest scope of practice changes in pharmacy history - prescriptive authority and administering drugs by injection and other routes. These new practices have impacted workflow, increased responsibility and transformed pharmacy team dynamics, but have also significantly changed the relationship between pharmacist and patient, for the better. Patients now seek out their pharmacist as a destination for primary care services. As patient's understanding of our role and trust in the care we provide continues to grow, PAS will continue to support your understanding, education and practice needs while you provide these new clinical services. Please be sure to check out our new website, refer to emails, *PAS It On* bulletins and social media for the latest information on what PAS is doing to support your successful practice change.

PHARMACARE 2.0

Canada's Pharmacists Drive National Pharmacare Conversation

Renewed national discussions on a pan-Canadian pharmacare framework has led to the Canadian Pharmacists' Association (CPhA) committing to gathering evidence and building consensus through its Pharmacare 2.0 initiative. PAS is very involved in this process in partnership with CPhA.

Pharmacare 2.0 is a multi-phased policy development process designed to build a Canadian consensus and reboot the Pharmacare conversation. While much of the pharmacare conversation to date has focused on cost containment, ensuring fair drug prices and access to necessary medications is only one piece of the puzzle. Patients also require access to the full range of pharmacist services, including renewals, medication assessments, injections, care plans and prescription modifications to ensure safe and effective drug therapy.

In September, CPhA released its Pharmacare 2.0: Principles and Priorities Discussion Paper which reflects input from pharmacists across Canada, and provides a framework for ongoing discussions. For more information on the future of this initiative, please go to:

http://www.pharmacists.ca/index.cfm/news-events/news/canadaes-pharmacists-drive-national-pharmacare-conversation/

Activity Highlights 2014/2015

- Sustained work with the Ministry of Health related to provincial negotiations and program development and quality initiatives. PAS established a stronger, formalized relationship with Ministry for negotiations and program development.
- Further developmental work on new governance model with CPhA – very positive results thus far for the Association and we anticipate a much better membership benefits package moving forward. The high-level benefits of the new model for members includes:
    - Significant discounts on continuing professional development;
    - Access to CPJ at significantly reduced rate;
    - Access to e-therapeutic CE opportunities;
    - Access to research sources to help you in your practice and business; and
    - Exclusive access to practical practice tools and resources.
    - Access to a much broader array of discounted services (i.e. car rentals, fitness, etc.) once we are able to work with CPhA to put together this package.
- Ongoing focus on public awareness and media relations
- Significant work related to injections authority and training in order to support (collectively with SCPP, Ministry and others) this new pharmacist service.
- Investments into Associations' ability to support members and patients through our database and website upgrades.
- PAS and all provincial associations now have access to IMS Brogan data on drugs and chronic diseases to support practice and economic work. This was a significant benefit negotiated by CPhA on our behalves.

2015/2016 Board Members

Julia Bareham
PAS Chair
Rx Files
Saskatoon, SK

Paul Bazin
PAS Vice Chair
Pharmacy Manager,
Loblaw Pharmacy

Christine Hrudka
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Compounding and
Wellness Pharmacy
Saskatoon, SK

Kishor Wasan
Appointed College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Rep
Dean, College of Pharmacy
and Nutrition, U of S –
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Lori Albers
Appointed CSHP Rep
Pharmacist Clinical
Coordinator, RQHR
Regina, SK

Steven Kary
Appointed Senior Stick Student Rep
U of S –
Saskatoon, SK

2015 Award Winners

PAS PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR

Karen McDermaid
Moosimin, SK

PFIZER CONSUMER HEALTHCARE BOWL OF HYGEIA

Jahnaya Mann
Swift Current, SK

PAS NEW HORIZON

Katherine Jiricka
Saskatoon, SK

2015 PHARMASAVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD

Pharmasave 406 – Swift Current, SK

MAGNUM OPUS
(sponsored by Takeda)

Courtney Junop
Saskatoon, SK

PAS AWARD OF MERIT

Karen Jensen
Saskatoon, SK

Janice Burgess
Regina, SK (not shown)

Program Statistics to December 31 / 2014

MEMBERSHIP Numbers...

CURRENT YEAR (2015/2016)

Full	1128
Joint	167
Affiliate/Auxiliary	14
Retired	20
Student	49

Total 1378

LAST YEAR (2014 / 2015)

Full	1100
Joint	156
Affiliate/Auxiliary	12
Retired	21
Student	4

Total 1293

Prescriptive Authority Statistics

(March 4, 2011 – Dec 31, 2014)

	Total # PAF	Total $
Interim Supplies	539,771	$4,248,083
Emergency Situations	21,007	$201,344
Missing Information	16,981	$106,525
After Dosage Form	10,817	$68,856
Unable to Access Supply	9,436	$71,894
Drug Reconciliation	2,299	$47,873
Totals		**$4,744,575**

Minor Ailments

(Feb 1, 2012 – Dec 31, 2014) *Feb 1, 2012 **May 24, 2012 ***May 1, 2014

	# PAF	Total $
Acne*	1,025	$18,450
Cold Sores*	9,330	$167,922
Insect Bites*	1,903	$34,254
Allergic Rhinitis**	2,959	$53,280
Diaper Dermatitis**	573	$10,314
Oral Aphthous Ulcer**	1,710	$30,775
Oral Thrush**	1262	$22,704
Atopic Dermatitis***	454	$8,172
Dysmenorrhea ***	51	$918
GERD***	316	$5,688
Headache***	187	$3,366
Hemorrhoid***	202	$3,636
Musculoskeletal Sprains and Strains***	283	$5,094
Superficial Bacterial Skin Infections ***	194	$3,492
Tinea Skin Infections	170	$3,060
Totals	**20,619**	**$371,125**

Home Care & Mental Health Medication Assessment and Compliance Packaging

(Jan 1, 2014 – Dec 31, 2014)

	# Beneficiaries	Total $
Medication Assessments	2,043	$121,585
Compliance Packaging	4,163	$891,137
Totals		**$1,012,722**

PACT

(Oct 2, 2013 – Dec 31, 2014)

	# Patients	# Billings	Total $
Bronze	595	597	$2,879
Bronze Plus	4,106	4,137	$41,290
Silver/Gold/Group	1,515	2,068	$156,068
Follow-up	844	1,991	$19,934
Totals			**$220,171**

SMAP

(Apr 2014 – Dec 2014)

	# Patients	#Billings	#Pharms	Total $
Medication Assessment	7,182	7,182	243	$430,680
Follow-up	1,330	1,554	136	$31,080
Compliance Packaging	3,694	24,250	238	$594,467
Totals			**254**	**$1,056,227**