

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT JANET BRADSHAW – FAREWELL MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this, it is with mixed feelings. This year that has gone by very quickly, had a tremendous learning curve attached to it, and presented many challenges and rewards. Would I do it again? In a heartbeat!

In the Annual Report I highlighted the events of the past year. Certainly, the implementation of Policy Governance was the steepest part of that learning curve. We have now completed one cycle, and I am happy to report that progress has been made. It has been a good start.

Our joint meetings with the RBSP have resulted in the Board moving forward to reach their goal of becoming a separate, legal entity.

The Fyke Commission dominated much of the health scene in this province. Through our partnership with RBSP, CSHP, CPhA, and the College, a submission was presented to the Commission on Medicare at a joint meeting with Ken Fyke. I have enjoyed representing this Association at various interdisciplinary levels. We really need to promote our profession and the good work that is being done — blowing one’s own horn, so to speak.

A highlight for me this year was the Association’s 90th anniversary celebrations held at Conference at which time I had the opportunity to host the Past-President’s breakfast. Our history is rich with leadership and I am honored to be joining this illustrious group.



Our Association has always had a close relationship with the College. Having Dean Gorecki and the Senior Stick representatives as members of Council and the RBSP has strengthened this bond. I have been to Saskatoon many times this year and have had the opportunity to tour the new facilities at the College, and meet the students. We can be proud of the caliber of students that are graduating from our College. The future of pharmacy is in good hands.

I have worked with people who are truly dedicated to this profession. This Association exists because of its volunteers. To members of Council, I thank you for your encouragement and support. The various areas of expertise around the table are a tremendous asset in fulfilling our mandate. To Ray and all the staff — thank you for your assistance and guidance this year. You are good friends.

At my induction ceremony I stated that leadership is what this position is about. I still feel that way. “No organization can depend on genius; the supply is scarce and unreliable. It is the test of an organization to make ordinary human beings perform better than they seem capable of, to bring out whatever strength there is in its members and to use each person’s strength to help all the others perform. The purpose of an organization is to enable common men and women to do uncommon things.” It has been an honour to serve as your President.

Janet Bradshaw

FIELD OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENT – LORI POSTNIKOFF

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lori Postnikoff as Field Officer. Her duties will begin June 11, 2001.

Lori is a 1985 graduate of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan. She brings a unique combination of practice, public service and administrative experience that will be a valuable asset to the Association. Since 1996, Lori has been a Drugs and Medical Devices Inspector for the Therapeutic Products Program, Bureau of Compliance and Enforcement of Health Canada. In that capacity she conducted Good Manufacturing Practice inspections in the province, investigated alleged violations of the drug and medical device regulations and provided technical advice to stakeholders. From 1988 to 1996 she was the Narcotic and Controlled Drugs Inspector for the former Bureau of Dangerous Drugs. Her duties included



inspecting, auditing and investigating pharmacies, hospitals, practitioners and licensed dealers for compliance with the relevant legislation. For three years prior to that, she practiced community pharmacy in Prince Albert focusing on services to special care homes.

Lori looks forward to applying her experience in practice and in the federal public service to her new responsibilities, and renewing her contact with pharmacy practice and members across the province.

As Lori resides in Delisle, we will be experimenting with a remote office in her home for one year. Members may contact her at:

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Please join us in welcoming her as she assumes her new role.



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met in Regina on April 5 and 6 just prior to the commencement of the 90th Annual General Meeting and Conference of this Association, and on May 10.

The newly elected Officers for the one-year term beginning July 1, 2001 are:

- President Doug Spitzig, Division 4
- President-elect George Furneaux, Division 5
- Vice-president Randy Wiser, Division 3

Upon the retirement from Council of Gary Groves, Councillor for Division 7, Janet Bradshaw was elected as our delegate to the **NAPRA Council**. On behalf of all members, Council thanks Gary for his efforts during his term with NAPRA.

Council met with the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists to discuss issues relating to **incorporation of the Board**. The results of these discussions and outcome from the annual general meeting are being reported elsewhere.

Council approved the new bylaw amendments, which change our **membership structure** to accommodate the Mutual Recognition Agreement which takes effect July 1, 2001. The MRA reduces the barriers to the mobility of pharmacists amongst provinces, except Quebec, under Canada's Agreement on Internal Trade. Members were provided with detailed information in their membership renewal packages regarding the new member categories.

As reported in the last Newsletter, **disease screening** continues to be an issue as Council considered recent correspondence. The most recent example is heel bone density sonometry (i.e. osteoporosis screening) programs conducted in some pharmacies. Council has agreed that, if such disease risk screening activities are to be formally acknowledged within the scope of practice of the pharmacist, then

SPhA should regulate these activities to ensure quality and safety. Council asked the office to prepare practice guidelines for approval at their September meeting.

Council began the process of reviewing the **Commission on Medicare** report. Council discussed many of the recommendations, especially those dealing with primary care and collaboration amongst providers. While we have publicly supported the report, some recommendations require further elaboration to assess their impact on the public and the profession. We will be seeking this information and fully participating in the government's consultative process.

Council considered new correspondence from interested parties on the bylaw changes to allow the pharmacist

to **dispense prescription drugs without a prescription** under certain circumstances (refer to page 3, October 2000 Newsletter). Most of the correspondence was directed towards emergency contraception. Because of concerns expressed that the proposed bylaws may

exceed the pharmacist's scope of practice, Council agreed to limit the amendments and passed new bylaws to permit the pharmacist to dispense prescription drugs without a prescription:

1. specifically for emergency contraception; and,
2. when the patient is on chronic therapy and is stabilised on the drug, a reasonable quantity to allow sufficient time for the patient to consult with their physician, or for the pharmacist to obtain the prescription.

Council also directed that members who will be engaging in dispensing **emergency contraception** without a prescription must undertake the educational initiatives designed to prepare members for this role. Further details will be announced soon.

We will continue to pursue authority to dispense without a prescription when





TRIPPLICATE PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM UPDATE

transfer of function or delegation of authority agreements exist, and for broader emergency circumstances such as when a diagnosis or assessment by a physician is not needed.

Briefly, other decisions:

- Change the **fiscal year end** from June 30 to December 31. This will not affect fees, or the membership, licence and pharmacy permit renewal process;
- Continue to pursue integration of our **internship requirement** with the structured practical training program at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition;
- Agreed with the auditor's recommendation to strike an Audit Review Committee;
- Obtain the opinion of our Solicitor on the merits of either deleting the **bylaws governing coupons, rebates, etc.**, or amending them to make them more enforceable.

Recently the Association received information from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan that there have been irregularities with some of the data transmitted to the Triplicate Prescription Program. Before we are able to proceed with a more comprehensive and effective drug utilization review program, the integrity of the data must be assured.

1. Double entry of scripts into the Database. Unfortunately, some pharmacies are still submitting paper copies of triplicate prescriptions to the College after they have been electronically adjudicated. Although every effort is made to detect this duplication, some double entries do occur which significantly undermines the reliability of the database. Please continue to separate scripts that pertain to products already electronically captured and do not send the paper copies to the College.
2. There have been instances of pharmacists dispensing products under the Triplicate Prescription Program that are prescribed by optometrists who do not have prescriptive authority for these products. Optometrists only have prescriptive authority for diagnostic and therapeutic topical ocular preparations, not for any systemic medications listed on the Triplicate Prescription Program.
3. Prescriptions have been filled which have been prescribed by physicians who have been registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan in the past, but have left the province some time ago, and are no longer registered in Saskatchewan. Members are reminded that the prescription is invalid under those circumstances because the physician has ceased to attend to the patient regardless of whether there is a part-fill or refill remaining.

Please ensure that the information transmitted either electronically or manually to the Triplicate Prescription Program is complete so that future program enhancements will provide accurate patient health information.

DRUG SCHEDULE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Council of the Association, at a meeting duly convened April 6, 2001, approved the following amendments to the **Administrative Bylaws**.

The National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee has recommended that meningococcal vaccine be re-scheduled from Schedule I to Schedule II. The Schedule I listing for Vaccines is amended to add meningitis to the list of exemptions and **Meningococcal vaccine is specifically added to Schedule II**.

This means that Meningococcal vaccine may be sold without a prescription, but must, at all times, be kept or stored in a secure location in the pharmacy, such as the dispensary, that is not accessible to the public. The pharmacist must be involved in the sale of these drugs, which includes arriving at the decision to sell the drug.



SCHEDULE F ADDITIONS

Effective March 1, 2001, Part 1 of Schedule F to the Food and Drug Regulations is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order:

- Daclizumab (an immunosuppressive indicated as an adjunct for the prophylaxis of acute organ rejection in renal transplant patients)
- Marbofloxacin and its salts and derivatives (an antibacterial indicated for the treatment of infections in dogs)
- Melanoma therapeutic vaccine (an immunostimulant and adjuvant indicated for the treatment of Stage IV malignant melanoma)
- Oseltamivir and its salts (an antiviral indicated for the treatment of uncomplicated illness due to influenza virus in adults)
- Poractant alfa (a lung surfactant (porcine) indicated for the treatment of Respiratory Distress Syndrome in pre-mature infants)
- Risedronic acid and its salts (a bone metabolism regulator indicated for Paget's disease of the bone)
- Rofecoxib (an nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis and primary dysmenorrhea and relief of pain in adults)
- Telmisartan and its salts and derivatives (an angiotensin II AT1 receptor blocker indicated for treatment of mild to moderate essential hypertension)
- Temozolomide and its salts (an antineoplastic indicated for the treatment of adults with recurring or progressing glioblastoma multiforme or anaplastic astrocytoma after standard therapy)
- Tirofiban and its salts and derivatives (a platelet aggregation inhibitor indicated for unstable angina or non-Q wave myocardial infarction. Used in combination with heparin and ASA)
- Trastuzumab (an antineoplastic indicated for metastatic breast cancer whose tumours overexpress the HER2 protein.

These changes will be reflected in upcoming replacement pages to your SPhA Pharmacy Reference Manual.



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NEXT RBSB MEETING

The Board will meet next on September 18, 2001 in Regina. To have your issues addressed at an upcoming meeting, please contact your Board member or Dean Bradley at 306-359-RBSP (7277) or e-mail dean.bradley@sk.sympatico.ca

RBSB RESPONDS TO FYKE COMMISSION

The Saskatchewan Commission on Medicare publicly released its final report on April 11, 2001. In response to the report, RBSB released the following statement to the media.

April 20, 2001

For Immediate Release

Saskatchewan Pharmacists Encouraged by Fyke's Recommendations

The Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists, the advocacy organization for Saskatchewan pharmacists, is encouraged by the recommendations made by the Commission on Medicare, headed by Mr. Ken Fyke.

Among the many recommendations contained in his report, Mr. Fyke recommends that pharmacists become active participants on Primary Health Services Teams. He advocates for an enhanced role for pharmacists as part of the Primary Health team, allowing them to apply their knowledge as full participants in prescribing decisions. He also says that all team members should be rewarded appropriately and be allowed to use the full scope of their training and skills.

Ms. Penny Thomson, Chair of the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists is pleased with the report. She states that "We embrace the opportunity to work closer with other health professionals to provide better patient care." Ms. Thomson also asserts that "the Fyke report recognizes the value that pharmacists bring to the health care team. Pharmacists are readily accessible to the public at large and provide a direct benefit to the health of Saskatchewan residents."

Mr. Fyke believes that using all providers to the maximum of their scope of practice, and using higher cost providers and services only when most appropriate will result in better health care for Saskatchewan residents, as well as making better use of our health system dollars.

Mr. Dean Bradley, Director of the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists agrees with many of Fyke's conclusions. Mr. Bradley says, "When we met with Mr. Fyke, we made it clear that pharmacists are the drug therapy experts on the health care team, and therefore should be more involved in drug therapy decisions. We are pleased to see that this report contains recommendations supporting our position."

The Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists expects to be involved with government as they move to implement these recommendations.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

RBSP District Meeting

The Board reviewed the feedback from the membership regarding the RBSP District Meeting held via Satellite Conference on March 16, 2001 in Regina. The satellite format of the meeting seemed to be well accepted by the membership. The Board liked the concept that all members heard the same message at the same time. The Board was encouraged by the positive feedback and decided to use this type of meeting format in the future, provided that the topic of discussion is compatible. The Board considered the requests from Meadow Lake and Nipawin and agreed to add more receive sites for future meetings.

RBSP Incorporation

The Board reviewed the progress on the incorporation of RBSP. The draft RBSP Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the Board solicitor. Under the *Non-Profit Corporations Act*, these bylaws can be passed by the corporate directors upon incorporation and then approved by the membership at the next annual meeting. Therefore, the Board will operate under these bylaws beginning July 1, 2001 and the membership will vote on

the approval at the 2002 RBSP Annual General Meeting. The auditor for RBSP will also be appointed at that time.

The Founders of the RBSP will consist of the 2000-01 and the 2001-02 Boards. The 2000-01 Board was the Board who put together and executed the RBSP incorporation plans, and the 2001-02 Board will be the first Board of Directors for the new incorporated RBSP. The documents filed with Corporations Branch will name the following Directors as Founders of the RBSP.

- Rod Amaya
- Syl Gawoyski
- Bill Gerla
- Kevin Hudy
- Guy Norbert
- Teri Ruecker
- Linda Sulz
- Penny Thomson
- Margaret Ustupski
- Garth Walls
- Shelley Woloshyn

The Board continues to work to finalize the other incorporation issues such as the occupancy costs within the SPhA office, processes for tracking RBSP administrative costs, and accounting systems.

RBSP 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists was held in Regina on April 6, 2001. Outgoing RBSP Chair, Penny Thomson presided over the meeting and incoming RBSP Chair Bill Gerla was introduced to those in attendance. Penny presented a report from the Chair that highlighted the activities of the Board during the past year. Dean Bradley presented the RBSP Budget for 2001-02 that calls for a membership fee of \$235.00.

Karen McDermaid, Past-past President of CSHP (Sask Branch), brought greetings from the Branch and outlined CSHP's current initiatives. Dean Bradley presented his 3rd Director's Report, and Fred Martin, Past President of CPhA also presented a report from CPhA.

Christine Hrudka, Chair of RBSP's Negotiating Committee outlined the challenges ahead for her Committee and for Saskatchewan pharmacists. The Negotiating Committee plans to renegotiate the Pharmacy Contract with the Saskatchewan Drug Plan beginning in the Fall of 2001. She encouraged the membership to contact her to discuss what types of reimbursement should be included in the next contract.

RBSP incorporation was a hot topic for discussion at the meeting. Dean Bradley presented an update on the incorporation plans outlining some of the background on the issue, the reasons in favour of incorporation, and the RBSP Business Plan for the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. After some discussion of the issues surrounding incorporation, the following motion was passed.

"We support and approve the incorporation of the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists as a non-profit pharmacist advocacy organization, legally and financially independent from the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association, subject to the outcome of a mail-in ballot vote by the membership in which the majority of the votes received are in favour of RBSP incorporation."

RBSP INCORPORATION – MAIL-IN BALLOT

In accordance with the motion passed at the 3rd Annual General Meeting, the RBSP sent out a mail-in ballot to all practising pharmacists in Saskatchewan so that all members had an opportunity to vote on this important and historic issue. Accompanying the ballot was an informational package outlining the background and reasons for RBSP incorporation. The deadline for the mail-in ballot was May 9, 2001.

Effective July 1, 2001, RBSP will become an autonomous non-profit pharmacist advocacy organization, legally and financially separate from the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association.

BALLOTS MAILED:	1063
BALLOTS CAST:	359
VOTES IN FAVOUR:	335
VOTES AGAINST:	24

The Board wishes to thank the membership for this strong indication of support of RBSP incorporation.

NATIONAL SURVEY ON PHARMACIST MANPOWER SHORTAGE

The Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores (CACDS) approved the contracting of IPSOS Reid to complete a survey on the national pharmacist shortage. To ensure credible, relevant data, much work has been done in the development of the survey. The survey questions have been designed to limit the time required and to encourage participation. It is expected that the telephone survey will take between 7 to 10 minutes to complete, and all participants will be entered into a draw for a Videoscope Big-screen television worth approximately \$5,000. The survey is expected to commence on June 18, 2001, and take about three weeks to complete.

It is imperative that pharmacist participation is high in all provinces to ensure the success of the survey. On behalf of the CACDS, the RBSP encourages all members to participate in this survey.

Please note that IPSOS Reid will schedule call back times if necessary to suit your schedule. It is important to the Board to have accurate and relevant figures with respect to the extent of the pharmacist shortage in our province. CACDS expects that approximately 15% of Saskatchewan pharmacies will be randomly contacted to complete the survey. Following completion of the survey CACDS will share the results with the RBSP and other interested stakeholders.

MORE SASKATCHEWAN PHARMACY GRADS LEAVE THE PROVINCE THIS YEAR

RBSP has completed its second annual employment survey of the U of S pharmacy graduates and the news is not encouraging. Despite the RBSP Recruitment Fair highlighting Saskatchewan opportunities held last fall in Saskatchewan, the number of graduates electing to stay in Saskatchewan has slightly decreased.

Only 26 grads of the 2001 Class, out of the 70 with jobs so far (37%), have accepted positions in Saskatchewan. Last year, 32 of the graduates (49%) took Saskatchewan positions. More grads this year are taking jobs in Alberta and B.C when compared to last year, while fewer grads are moving to Ontario or outside Canada.

The 2000 Survey revealed that 65 graduates had accepted pharmacy positions by late April, with five still looking. This year, 70 graduates have accepted positions, and three graduates were still looking for a job, as of April 25, 2001.

The average wage offered to these new pharmacists increased in all Canadian jurisdictions. The average wage for all Canadian positions increased by \$4.81/hr from \$25.28 to \$30.09. Wages offered in Saskatchewan increased by \$5.38/hr from \$22.56 to \$27.94, moving Saskatchewan to a more competitive position when compared to the other provinces.

The Board will continue to work with the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition on initiatives such as the Saskatchewan Opportunities Recruitment Fair to keep more of our Saskatchewan grads in the province.

NEW PROCESS FOR CLAIMING FOR METHADONE IN SASKATCHEWAN

Non Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) came to an agreement with the RBSP for the reimbursement of methadone used for the treatment of addictions. The new model is intended to better reflect the monitoring activities associated with methadone prescriptions, and to standardize the billings for methadone throughout the province. The new reimbursement method will be effective July 1, 2001.

In order to ensure the proper reimbursement, the following steps must be followed:

Step 1: Contact the Drug Exception Center to obtain a Special Authorization

Step 2: Submit a claim only once a week (every seven days)

Step 3: Complete the electronic claim document as follows:

- item number is the pseudoDIN 00908835
- in the "Drug Cost" field the cost of the drug for the seven day period + a maximum of \$25.27 that constitutes the monitoring fee
- in the "Markup" field a maximum of 10.5% of the drug cost only
- in the "Prof Fee" field a maximum of \$11.46 (\$7.64 X 1.5).

Should you have any questions or concerns about the new billing methods, please contact Dean Bradley at (306) 359-RBSP.

	2001		2000	
	Number (%)	Average Wage	Number (%)	Average Wage
Saskatchewan	26 (37.1%)	\$27.94	32 (49.2%)	\$22.56
Alberta	21 (30.0%)	\$30.10	8 (12.3%)	\$27.69
British Columbia	11 (15.7%)	\$33.06	2 (3.08%)	\$28.88
Ontario	7 (10.0%)	\$33.70	12 (18.5%)	\$29.11
Manitoba	2 (2.9%)	N/A	4 (6.1%)	\$26.23
Nova Scotia	1 (1.4%)	\$30.00	0 (0.0%)	N/A
Outside Canada	1 (1.4%)	\$53.54 (CDN)	7 (10.8%)	\$55.80 (CDN)

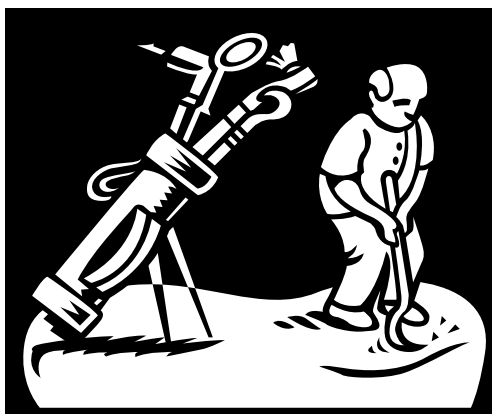
CDA AMENDS FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) amended their fluoride supplementation recommendations in March 2000. The Medical Health Officers' Council of Saskatchewan has approved these recommendations, which suggest that "Fluoride Supplements" are only required for high-risk dental caries patients and may be unnecessary if the patient is receiving adequate fluoride from other sources. This is particularly true of children under the age of six, where exposure to more fluoride than is required simply to prevent dental caries can cause dental fluorosis. There is no evidence of any health problems being created by such exposure, but it is prudent to attempt to limit exposure to the optimal levels required for continuing dental caries protection. Other recommendations of the CDA include, but are not limited to:

- The estimation of fluoride exposure from all sources should include use of fluoridated dentifrice and all home and child care water sources. The possible impact of fluoride-reducing factors within the home, such as the

use of unfluoridated bottled water of some reverse osmosis devices should be taken into account.

- Lozenges or chewable tablets are the preferred forms of fluoride supplementation. Drops may be required for individual patients with special needs. A lozenge or chewable tablet containing 1mg fluoride delivers the same amount of fluoride intra-orally as brushing with an average load (1gm) of a 1000ppm fluoride dentifrice.
- The use of fluoride supplements before the eruption of the first permanent



tooth is generally not recommended. The total daily fluoride intake from all sources should not exceed 0.05–0.07 mg F/kg body weight in order to minimize the risk of dental fluorosis.

- Following the eruption of the first permanent tooth and the associated decrease in the risk of dental fluorosis at this stage of development, fluoride may be used to deliver an intra-oral fluoride dose.

These recommendations will replace all previous Saskatchewan Health fluoride supplementation guidelines. High-risk dental caries patients will be referred to their dental office for risk assessment and estimation of fluoridated exposure, if deemed necessary.

The CDA also recognizes and supports the use of fluoride toothpaste to prevent cavities. It is recommended that children should use a pea-sized (or smaller) amount of fluoridated toothpaste. Generally, children under the age of three should not use fluoridated toothpaste unless they are under supervision, and are able to spit out the toothpaste.

9TH ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO CARE AWARDS – PHARMACY PRACTICE

It's time once again to consider nominations for the Annual Commitment to Care Awards. Pharmacy Practice has been recognizing excellence and innovation in pharmacy since 1993 and in addition to reaping rewards for themselves, the award-winners create a positive image for pharmacists across Canada. This year, there are two new categories: Technological Innovation and Best Pharmacist/Technician Team sponsored by Novopharm.

Deadline for entries is **Friday, September 28, 2001**. Early bird entries received by August 10th get a special Pharmacy Practice prize. If you nominate someone who is deemed a winner, you'll receive \$200.00. See the insert in this Newsletter for further details and nomination form.

"DEAR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" LETTERS NOW ON TPD WEB SITE

The Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD) and Biologic and Genetic Therapies Directorate (BGTD) have begun posting industry-issued "Dear Health Professional" letters (or "Dear Doctor" letters) on their web site, in addition to the advisories they already issue and post.

Industry-issued "Dear Health Professional" (DHP) letters are an important source of information regarding the post-approval safety and effectiveness of therapeutic products. The TPD and BGTD recognize that the effective and timely communication of these letters is primarily the responsibility of industry. However, in isolated cases the information does not reach all the intended recipients. Furthermore, there is a public expectation for this type of information to be more readily available to all interested parties. The posting of industry issued DHP letters on the TPD web site is a means of meeting these goals and expectations.

A new web page listing has been prepared for this purpose. It is entitled "Advisories to Health Professionals." Any queries that TPD or BGTD receives regarding the industry-issued DHP letters will be re-directed back to industry.

You can locate DHP letters on the TPD web site at:

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/advhpe.html



THANKS FROM SIAST

Thank you to the members of SPhA who served as practicum preceptors for the students in the Pharmacy Technician Program at SIAST Kelsey Campus, the members who mentored students in their orientation to community pharmacy practice and the members who aided students in various course projects over the year. Your cooperation and support of the program is greatly appreciated.

The program is currently looking for torsion balances in working condition. If you would like to donate or sell a balance to the program, please contact me at 306-933-5985 or at meier@siastr.sk.ca.

If you practise in community pharmacy outside of Saskatoon or Regina, employ pharmacy technicians and are interested in being a member of the program advisory committee, please contact me as previously noted.

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For more information please contact:

Karen McDermaid, B.Sc., B.S.P.
 Pipestone Health District, Director of Pharmacy Services
 Moosomin Hospital, Bag Service #1, Moosomin SK S0G 3N0
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While we appreciate all applications, only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted. Interested candidates should forward a covering letter and complete resume including qualifications, experience and references to:

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June 21 and 22, 2001 marks the First Annual Gerontology Institute hosted by the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Regina. The event will be held at the U of R, College Avenue Campus. The Institute qualifies for nine Continuing Education Units for Saskatchewan pharmacists and will deal with social aspects of aging.

Topics to be presented are:

- Images of Aging
- Active Living as a Prevention Tool
- End of Life Care for Seniors
- Advance Care Directives
- Social Support, Theory and Practice
- Cross Cultural Aspects of Aging
- First Nations and Aging
- Communicating with Individuals who have Alzheimer's Disease

Presenters are professionals who work with and for seniors, including individuals from the Seniors' Education Centre, Faculty of Social Work, the Regina Health District and the Saskatchewan Law Society. The cost of the Institute is \$150.00 for two days, or \$90.00 for one day, which includes coffee, luncheons and parking.

The deadline for registration is 12 noon, June 18, 2001. For more information or to register for the Institute, contact Lynn Redecopp at 585-5807.



COMPOUNDING MANUAL

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Alberta Children's Hospital Pharmacy Department has researched, reviewed and compiled compounding formulations, stability and storage information as well as criteria for ointments and creams. This 200-page manual is available to Saskatchewan pharmacists for the nominal fee of \$3.00 + shipping and handling.

Please fax request to: (403) 543-9101 – "Attn Please: Anne Martin". Be sure that your name and FAX number are clearly written.

This excellent publication has been made available through an unrestricted educational grant from Aventis Pharma.

ZYPACT STUDY

Pharmacists practising in **Shoppers Drug Mart** pharmacies across the province participated in a study to determine the impact that pharmacist initiated follow-up sessions would have on a patient's ability to quit smoking.

The study protocol and pharmacist training was developed at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, at the University of Saskatchewan. GlaxoSmithKline provided the College an educational grant to complete the study.

The program is a series of follow-up sessions either by telephone or in person. The patients, who voluntarily enrolled in the program, were interviewed to create a risk assessment for the patient. Regular follow-up occurred with the patient on the determined quit smoking day, then between 7-10 days and, with two other follow-up calls during the three-month program. This process was completed to ensure compliance, decrease chance of potential ADR's, and to discuss patient challenges in smoking cessation with tips to assist the ex-smoker.

Council's new vision and mission statement includes "Optimum public use of pharmacy services", and the ZyPACT study certainly is an excellent example of this. The success of the study will not only be measured by the number of smokers who kick the habit, but also by all the patients with whom the pharmacists interacted. Those patients will have a better understanding of what pharmacists do, as well as the opportunity to develop a better relationship with their pharmacist – to the patient's benefit.

Forty pharmacists participated in the study, with 178 patients being enrolled over the course of the 14-week study. The evaluation process is currently underway. Watch for published results later this year. To all the pharmacists involved in the study, well done!

METHADONE GUIDELINES

Members attending the CE session on April 6, 2001 at the Conference in Regina had the opportunity to obtain a copy of the draft methadone guidelines: "Surviving a Philosophical Shift in Care" for discussion. The document proposes guidelines for pharmacists providing service to patients currently on Methadone for opiate addiction. Not everyone in attendance had the opportunity to review the document prior to that session, and so participants were invited to submit any questions or concerns to the office. If you would like a copy of the draft document to comment, please contact the office.

If you were unable to attend the session and would like to submit feedback regarding the guidelines prior to the submission of the document for Council's approval in September, we request that members submit their comments and concerns to the SPhA office by June 30, 2001.

MEMBERSHIP/PERMIT RENEWAL NOTIFICATION

Any deficiencies of requirements for licensure or pharmacy permit renewal after June 1, 2001 are subject to a penalty invoice.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all requirements are met prior to June 30, 2001 to remain on the register of this Association.

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SPRA 90th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

Regina • April 6-8, 2001

Conference 2001 in Regina kicked off with a highly successful **Awards Banquet** in the main dining room of the elegant Hotel Saskatchewan. Following her welcome to attendees, President **Janet Bradshaw** was pleased to present graduates of the Classes of 1951 and 1976.



CLASS OF 1951

Back row: Nick Tomochko, Lawrence Schulte, Robert Roberge, Yvonne Smith (Utis), Elizabeth McGregor (Lumley), Joe Madarash
 Front row: Reg Clarke, George Wyllie (missing: Bill Ramsay)



CLASS OF 1976

The presentation of the **Award of Merit** recognizes individuals or organizations who, through their active participation have promoted the Association and the profession of pharmacy in Saskatchewan.



Danielle Fangou and Dawn Dalen

The Award of Merit was presented to co-chairs **Danielle Fangou** and **Dawn Dalen** who accepted on behalf of the Host Committee for the **2001 Professional Development Week** held in Saskatoon. The students of the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition conducted a highly successful conference attended by pharmacy students from all across Canada.

The **Presidential Citation** recognizes members who have provided a special service to the profession beyond the normal call of duty.



Bev Allen

On behalf of the Saskatoon Host Committee for the **2001 CPhA Conference**, **Bev Allen**, the Committee chair, accepted a Presidential Citation. This Award recognized the many hours of work done by the sub-committee chairs and all the volunteers who organized and hosted a very successful national conference.

Pat Smith was presented with a Presidential Citation to recognize her specialized work in the field of **asthma education**. Pat developed asthma programs for Safeway Canada pharmacies in southern Saskatchewan, and initiated private asthma education and counselling sessions with patients, organized monthly public asthma awareness meetings, and actively promotes asthma education to the Family Practice Unit at the Regina General Hospital.



Pat Smith

Lori Postnikoff received a Presidential Citation for taking a leadership role in the development of a new set of provincial **guidelines for pharmacists dispensing methadone**. Lori recognized there was a need to update an aging protocol and took the lead in the development of guidelines, which were rolled out for review at this year's conference.

Competency assessment required that SPhA implement changes to the requirements to register foreign trained graduates. A two-tier model was adopted wherein a candidate would be subjected to the normal appraisal training process. Once the candidate was deemed to have successfully completed their appraisal training, they moved onto the next level, the assessment phase.



Lori Postnikoff



Tom Chen, Arlene Kuntz, Dale Toni and Ed Berezowski (missing) volunteered as Assessors for the **Appraisal Training Pilot Project** and were recognized with a Presidential Citation for their groundbreaking efforts.

A Certificate of Recognition is presented to a retiring member of SPhA Council or the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists in appreciation for the contribution made to the Association.

Penny Thomson and **Teri Ruecker** were elected to the **Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists** in 1998 at its inception representing Divisions 5 and 1 respectively. Penny served on the Executive for three years and as Chair during the 2000-01 term. **Syl Gayowski** was elected in the Fall of 1999 for Division 3 and retires after serving on the Executive since the Spring of 2000.



Penny Thomson



Teri Ruecker



Syl Gayowski



Gary Groves

Gary Groves previously served **SPhA Council** from 1983 to 1987 and was re-elected in 1995. Gary served on the SPhA Executive during the 1996-97 term and President for 1997-98. Gary's strong commitment and focused leadership as Chair of the SPhA Reorganization Task Force was responsible for the successful deliberations that led to the creation of the RBSP.



Garth McCutcheon

Garth McCutcheon served the membership on the Saskatchewan Pharmacy Economics Committee (SPEC) since 1993 and Chair since 1995. He was an integral member of the Alternative Reimbursement Task Force that initiated the Trial Prescription Program in 1996.



Bill Semchuk

The recipient of the **Pharmacist of the Year Award** for 2001 was **Dr. Bill Semchuk** of Regina. *This award is presented to recognize a pharmacist who, through either a single outstanding deed or long-term service, brings credit and prestige to our profession. Bill certainly meets these criteria.*

Bill was recognized for his contribution to the profession as a mentor, volunteer and leader with the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association and his community. Unfortunately, Bill was unable to attend the ceremony, however his colleagues celebrated his achievement.

*The **Bowl of Hygeia**, sponsored by Whitehall-Robins, is awarded annually to one pharmacist in each province for outstanding service and dedication to the communities they serve. In order to be considered for the award, a pharmacist must be an active community member, an active member of their profession, and have contributed to the advancement of the pharmacy profession.*

The Saskatchewan recipient of the 2001 Bowl of Hygeia award was **Walter Peterson** of Wynyard. Walter is one of those special people who deserve recognition for making Wynyard such a gem on the prairies.

Since graduating with his degree in pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan in 1975, and promptly returning to Wynyard, Walter has taken an active role in many community activities and causes, and shows no signs of stopping his commitment to enhance the lives of those around him.



Bob Steer presents the Whitehall-Robins Bowl of Hygeia Award to Walter Peterson

The **90th Anniversary Past-President's Breakfast** was celebrated on Saturday morning. Members enjoyed reminiscing with 16 of the members who served as president over the years.

Back row: Garth McCutcheon,
Bev Allen, Garry Guedo, Mike Davis,
Dale Toni, Clare Castonguay,
Hugh Thompson
Middle row: Jack Graham, Gary Groves,
Forrest Pederson, Ken Ready
Front row: Peter Pereversoff,
Arlene Kuntz, Betty Riddell,
Margaret Wheaton, Barb Shea



Drs. Ian and Ina Rothmann

Survivor – Your Place in the Tribe – *Enhancing Effectiveness in the Workplace* was an interactive workshop facilitated by Drs. Ina and Ian Rothmann of South Africa. Participants received a personal/professional assessment specifically related to the practice of pharmacy, based on the Myers Briggs Personality profile.

The Rothmanns' focused on personality preferences and preferred team roles, followed by surveying career anchors, organizational culture, job satisfaction and performance.

Several educational sessions were presented including: **Methadone Use in Opiate Addiction and Palliative Care** (Lori Postnikoff and Dr. S. Chary), **Evaluation of the Learning Portfolio Project** (Dr. Linda Suveges), **Practice Innovators** (Ray Bannister), **Herbal Medicine: The Role of the Pharmacist** (Dr. Heather Boone) and **Reducing Medication Errors: The Efficient Pharmacy** (Wayne Caverly). Members also participated in the Issues Forum, which featured discussions around the Medicare Commission and Choice of Members' Topics.

Doug Spitzig was sworn in as the next president of SPHA during the President's Banquet.

President Janet Bradshaw was presented with the Past-Presidents' Award from Bristol Myers Squibb, and the traditional gift of a clock from SPHA in appreciation for her efforts during her term of office.

Attendees were entertained by Sheldon Bergstrom – the Man, the Myth, the Maniac, a Saskatchewan favourite from Applause Dinner Theatre.

During the Sunday luncheon, Past-Presidents Gary Groves and Garry Guedo delighted the audience with stories of the antics of Wayne Wurtz, Field Officer of the Association for the past 16 years. Ray Joubert presented Wayne with a set of golf clubs. Everyone joined in wishing Wayne good luck as he and his wife Nida leave Saskatchewan for British Columbia.



Janet Bradshaw

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