
PAS May 2023 Newsletter Featuring PAS Conference Update, New Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship and more!

From The Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan <info@skpharmacists.ca>

Date Mon 4/28/2025 11:58 AM

To Virginia Wilkinson <virginia.wilkinson@skpharmacists.ca>



May 2023 Newsletter

PAS Membership and Malpractice Insurance Renewal.



The online process to renew your membership and / or malpractice insurance with the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan for the 2023 – 2024 year opened May 1st, 2023.

The deadline to complete your SCPP renewal application is June 1st, 2023.

It is a requirement of licensure to have active malpractice insurance.

Your malpractice insurance will be considered in place once the PAS office has received payment for your membership and insurance, and all required documentation has been completed. Do not wait to receive your policy before completing your renewal application with SCPP.

Once you have renewed your malpractice insurance through the PAS office starting your new policy will come into effect on July 1st, 2023 (the date of expiration of your current policy).

If you have any questions about your PAS membership or malpractice insurance, please contact the PAS office at (306) 359-7277 or info@skpharmacists.ca

Start Gathering Your Receipts for Biomedical Waste Pick Up



Keep children, family and pets safe.



RETURN UNUSED MEDICATION
TO YOUR PHARMACIST
FOR SAFE DISPOSAL

skpharmacists.ca



PHARMACY
ASSOCIATION
OF SASKATCHEWAN



The Safe Medication Disposal Pilot Project will wrap up shortly.

If you collected waste medications from the public, as part of the Safe Medication Disposal campaign this year, PAS will soon be asking you to scan and e-mail in receipts for your payments made to either Biomed or Stericycle, for waste medication pick up between October 1, 2022, and March 31st, 2023.

Provincial funding for the pilot program will provide partial reimbursement to pharmacies for the pickup by biomedical waste disposal companies, of disposed medications.

Please [wait to submit](#) your receipts of payment to PAS until PAS sends out a request for proof of payment of biomed services, later in June.

If you have any questions, please call (306) 359-7277.

First In-person Conference Since 2019 - A Resounding Success



In May (May 12-14th) PAS held its first in-person conference since 2019.

The event included more than 20 speakers from a wide variety of backgrounds, sessions ranging from ***Deprescribing for Older Adults with Dementia***, ***Optimizing Care for Communicable Diseases in Marginalized Populations***, to the ***Impacts of Advanced Prescriptive Authority on the Pharmacy Profession and Patient Care***, and many more.

A total of 17 sessions were held over the 2.5-day conference and included a trade show with 23 exhibitors.

The conference also included a speech and Q&A session with the Honourable Paul Merriman, Saskatchewan Minister of Health.

We want to thank our speakers for their exciting and insightful presentations, and our many sponsors for helping to support and enable the conference.

For more information on the conference, [click here](#).

Complete Your Annual CEUs By Accessing Recorded Sessions



Missed the 2023 PAS conference and the opportunity to secure all your educational credits for the year? Don't fret – we have you covered!

All educational sessions were recorded. **By purchasing the online version of the session you will be able to access up to 12 credits.**

Rates for accessing the recordings by those who did not attend the conference are:

- PAS Full Member - \$280.00
- Nonmember - \$320.00
- Pharmacy Technician - \$240.00
- CSHP Member not with PAS - \$280.00

The recordings of the sessions are currently being loaded to our online platform. Watch for information on how to access the sessions in the coming weeks!

Call PAS at (306) 359-7277 if you have any questions.

PAS Recognizes 2023 Award Winners



At its annual conference May 12 to 14th, the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan proudly celebrated the exceptional service provided by pharmacists in our province.

The awards were presented during the conference Gala held on the evening of May 13th. Presentations were made to successful candidates in each of six categories:

- The Lifetime Achievement Award was **presented to Garth Walls.**
- The Pharmacist of the Year Award was **presented to Courtney Junop.**
- The Bowl of Hygeia Award was **presented to Amy Lamb.**
- The New Horizons Award was **presented to Courtney Mish.**
- The Award of Merit was **presented to Derek Jorgenson.**
- A second Award of Merit was **presented to Ryan Bruck.**
- A third Award of Merit was **presented to Clinical Instructors at the University of Saskatchewan.**
- The Professional Services Award was **presented to Vital Care Pharmacy.**

Congratulations to all the PAS award winners, along with all the nominated candidates. Your participation in this event has helped to strengthen the role of pharmacists across all areas of the province!

Fun Times at PAS 2023 Conference



The 2023 PAS Conference included many fun activities such as a “flash mob” line dance session, an evening of comedy with the “Don’t Mind Us” comedy team, and even opportunities to watch some “good sports” in the audience get hit with whipped cream, while participating in a “Pie in the Face” game!

New IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship Announced



The Indigenous Pharmacy Professionals of Canada (IPPC) and the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) have launched an IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship.

The annual scholarship was created to support Indigenous students pursuing a career in pharmacy. It supports First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals entering post-secondary pharmacy education programs. **The closing date for 2023/2024 applications is June 15, 2023.**

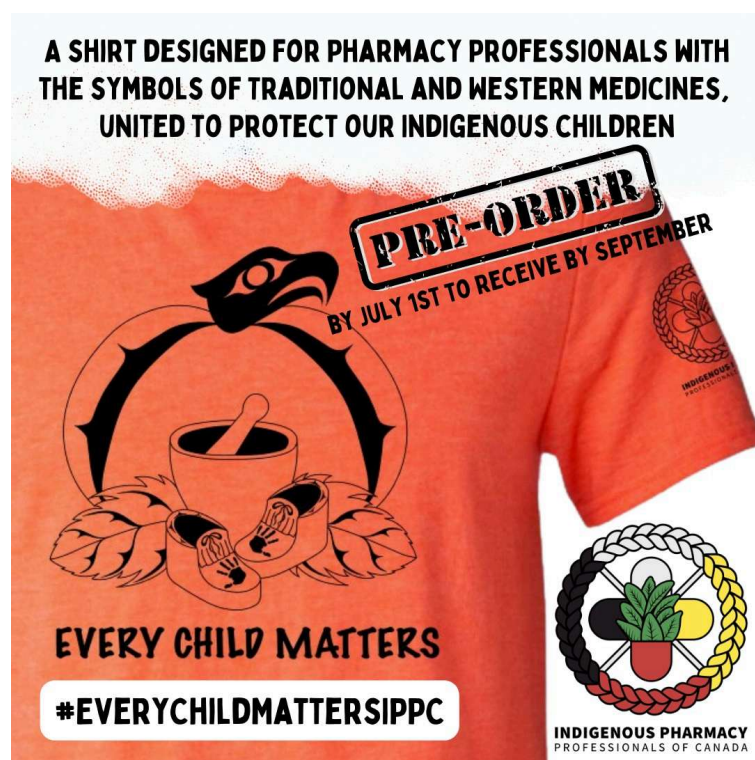
Scholarships available for the 2023/2024 academic year are:

- **IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship by Shoppers Drug Mart** (PharmD scholarship at \$20,000 per year for 4 years)
- **IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship by Johnson & Johnson** (PharmD scholarship at \$20,000 per year for 2 years)

- **IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship by Green Shield Canada** (Pharmacy technician scholarship at \$5,000 per year for 2 years)
- **IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship by Sobeys National Pharmacy Group** (Pharmacy technician scholarship at \$5,000 per year for 2 years)
- **IPPC Indigenous Pharmacy Scholarship** (TBD)

Click [here](#) for more information. Click here for the [Scholarship application form](#)

Indigenous Pharmacy Professionals of Canada Releases Every Child Matters Orange Shirt



Indigenous Pharmacy Professionals of Canada (IPPC) has released an Orange Shirt for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th, 2023.

This limited edition T-shirt, which is a collaboration by Indigenous designer, Brianna Bear, and Awasis Boutique, not only raises awareness of the meaning behind Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but it also helps to raise crucial funds to

support Indigenous representation in Canadian healthcare. Sales of the T-shirt help to support Indigenous pharmacy professionals and students who are intergenerational survivors of the Indian Residential School System in Canada.

By purchasing a T-shirt, you not only show your support for the cause but also contribute to making a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

T-shirt orders close July 1st, 2023 and T-shirts will be shipped by September 1st, 2023.

T-shirts can be purchased through Awasis Boutique by clicking [here](#).

Funds from every purchase go directly towards supporting the Cheryl Swidrovich Indigenous Pharmacy Fund. Cheryl (Sherri) Swidrovich (née Elder) (1960-2022), was a 60s Scoop survivor and intergenerational residential school survivor. As a result of her love and support, her son, Dr. Jaris Swidrovich, founded the Indigenous Pharmacy Professionals of Canada during Sherri's final year of life, in 2022.

Learn More About New PAS Member's Assistance Program



In March 2023, PAS launched the new Member's Assistance Program (MAP) delivered by Inkblot.

Through the MAP, you and each of your eligible dependents, have access to three (3) hours of individual counselling, and three (3) hours of couples counselling per program year.

Following your allotted hours, you can continue with the same counsellor, shifting to sessions reimbursable through your paramedical coverage, or paid privately.

- In addition to counselling, members have access to a variety of advisory services including:
 - legal,

- financial,
- health, and
- career and life transitions.

Eligible members also have access to Online Mental Health Training. More information including how to access this, can be found [here](#).

Members in manager roles may also be interested in accessing the HR / Manager Consultation Service for advice on how to best support employees experiencing mental health distress. Consultations can be set up by emailing consultation@inkblottherapy.com.

PAS hosted an orientation webinar on March 1st to introduce the new services available. A recording of this webinar can be watched [here](#).

If you have any questions about the new program, please reach out to us at PAS by emailing info@skpharmacists.ca.

PAS Job Listings



There are currently part and full-time job openings for pharmacists in a variety of positions and locations across the province. Check out the current job postings [here](#).



[Click here](#) to unsubscribe from PAS emails