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Fall 2016

Members' Update

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What's New?

- New Member Benefits
- Member Satisfaction Survey
- Flu Campaign /Public Awareness

JULIA BAREHAM

PAS CHAIR A recent PAS member survey indicated that most of our members are not really sure what PAS does. Members know that PAS provides excellent malpractice insurance, but are left wondering what "a day in the life at PAS" might look like. While I don't work out of the PAS office in Regina, I can certainly tell you that the days are busy for the PAS staff due to endless competing priorities, member inquiries, and the numerous other daily activities. PAS activities include advocating for new services, educating members on how to deliver these services, negotiating fees for these services, and ensuring members know how to bill for services in addition to educating the public about the role of the pharmacist and the services that they can deliver. A great example of this would be pharmacist-administered flu shots. Between October 2015 and March 2016, pharmacists administered 55,000 flu shots. This is a number to be very proud of, and evidence of the hard work of the PAS staff. This was no easy task for those coordinating the service, nor for the pharmacists delivering the service. Workflows had to quickly be adjusted when the public flocked to their pharmacies for their vaccinations, but we did it, and we did it well. And we will do it again this year and for many years to come. PAS activities also involve negotiating with stakeholders such as Sask Health's Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) to ensure adequate dispensing fees, fees for services such as minor ailment prescribing, and days supply for Sask Health beneficiaries. A few of the other activities you will find PAS involved in are negotiating Pharmacist Initiated Treatment with NIHB, advocating for the role of pharmacists in regards to both medical marihuana and medical assistance in dying (MAiD), organizing a provincial conference and acknowledging the great work Saskatchewan pharmacists do with the PAS awards, SMAP, minor ailments, PACT, Pharmacist Awareness Month – the list goes on and on. The PAS staff, board, and committees are always working hard to ensure that Saskatchewan continues to be a great place to be a pharmacist.

DAWN MARTIN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Another year has sped by and with it came so much more opportunity and challenge. Here's a few key ones: ▪*Increasing focus on provincial and national advocacy and issues management* – we can no longer operate in a provincial silo and the new CPhA/Provincial Association partnership model has been of immense positive impact for PAS and its members. ▪*A very difficult and complex environment for negotiations* – we continue to have discussions with the Ministry of Health but the fiscal position of the government is a large barrier to a new contract. We do not see this changing much in the short-term but continue to monitor the situation both here and in other provinces for any additional context: ▪*New partnerships with public health, health regions and other stakeholders that are positive*, but definitely change the way we manage the needs and wants of important partners. ▪*A stronger commitment to ongoing issues management and politically-based advocacy.* This is heavy work and comes with related costs but we believe it is critical in the increasingly complex and changing pharmacy environment. ▪*An ongoing commitment to continue to work to improve patient care within a larger health system structure.* We provided a submission to the Advisory Panel on Health System Structure that outlined increased, more integrated and appropriately funded roles for pharmacists and pharmacies within the health system.
The Association continues to manage these and other complexities to further the interests of our members and demonstrate our commitment to patients and the health system. It is indeed a world with increasingly complex issues and a need to work united with our members, other stakeholders and system partners to ensure that we position the profession extremely well in this new and changing world. As always, if you have any questions about the work of the Association or PAS Board deliberations, please do not hesitate to call us at the office.

CHRISTINE HRUDKA CPhA REPRESENTATIVE

Friends and Colleagues – I am pleased to be your PAS representative on the CPhA board and am thrilled to report I will be serving as Vice Chair for the next year. This will involve a larger role of leadership for myself and I hope, a larger voice for PAS and Saskatchewan. Our conference in Calgary was a great success with highlights such as *Thought Leadership* and the *Great Debate*. The feedback from these sessions will be available to all provincial associations. CPhA attended the Premier's conference in Whitehorse, and it was a great meeting ground to advance our many advocacy platforms. I also attended *Pharmintercom* which is a meeting of many countries to share ideas on leadership and economics. We left with many new ideas and concepts and hope to bring them to CPhA. CPhA has its next board meetings in Ottawa and have organized Oct. 18th as a lobby day. We hope to be meeting with many MPs on this day. Provincial delegates will be joining us also. CPhA is also working hard to expand member benefits, so please watch out for updates as we roll these new benefits out. I look forward to serving you for the next year and hope to work hard to move our profession forward.

MYLA WOLLBAUM DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

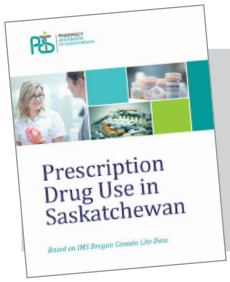
With one year of new legislation under our pharmacy belts, we continue to see pharmacist's roles and collaboration across the health care system expand. Almost 1000 pharmacists across the province receive foundational training to administer drugs by injection and other routes. As a result, pharmacists vaccinated over 55,000 residents in the 2015-16 influenza season. We also showcased this new service in a broad reaching provincial campaign using our newly trademarked tagline "Pharmore". The ability to administer injections, technician regulation and eventually the authority to order labs is all changing the landscape of pharmacy. But, with those changes, comes new challenges and needs. We have updated our strategic plan which will lay the foundation for PAS's priorities over the coming years, and how to best serve member's needs with the resources we have. Continued professional service development, facilitation of clinical education, public education and member communications are just a few of the many priorities identified in the renewed strategic plan. We will continue to work towards fulfilling our priorities, and are always available to answer your practice questions and support your needs.

More BENEFITS for PAS Members...

PAS is excited to offer a growing number of benefits to our members such as access to QID (Online Pharmacy Practice Community exclusive to Canadian pharmacists) and Canadian Pharmacists Travel Affinity Program (travel discounts), as well as additional discounts through VIA Rail Canada, GoodLife Fitness, TELUS Mobility and the American Pharmacy Association (APhA). For full details on how to receive these NEW benefits please visit our website.

What you told us...2016 Membership Survey

Of the 271 members who responded to our recent Membership Satisfaction Survey, most responded with a 7 or 8 out of 10 (averaged 7.4 out of 10) when asked about overall satisfaction with PAS. Many feel the need for increased communication about what PAS does and when asked about the biggest risks to the profession members answered: economic/financial viability, professional services and the "value of pharmacists in the healthcare team". Please see our website for a summary of survey results.



Report — Prescription Drug Use in Saskatchewan

Prescription drug use continues to rise at a steady rate in Saskatchewan, totaling nearly 16 million for April 2015 – April 2016 as compared to 15.6 million from the previous year. This places Saskatchewan fifth amongst provinces in terms of prescription volume per capita. The amount of money spent on these prescriptions also continues to increase at a similar rate. PAS has developed a report based on IMS Brogan Canada Lite data. To access the full report please see our website.

Activity Highlights 2015/2016

- Sustained work with the Ministry of Health related to provincial negotiations and program development and quality initiatives. PAS entered into a collaborative working group on days supply with the Ministry of Health.
- Significant research and economic analysis related to days supply has been undertaken (e.g. IMS Brogan research and projection model). We have also contracted an economist to run scenarios for us as we work through the days supply issue.
- Significant integrative work with CPhA on national policy and advocacy issues (e.g. Pharmacare, medical marijuana, assisted dying services).
- Member benefits increasing through CPhA collective work:
  - Significant discounts on continuing professional development;
  - Access to CPJ for free;
  - Access to e-therapeutic CE opportunities;
  - Access to research sources to help you in your practice and business; and
  - Access to a much broader array of discounted services (i.e. car rentals, fitness, etc.)
- Huge effort in February and March on political advocacy coupled with public awareness campaign during PAM. MLA communications, community meetings, advertising in rural/remote papers and magazines, meeting with Ministries of Health, Economy, Education and Innovation and more…
- Significant work related to injections authority and training in order to support (collectively with SCPP, Ministry and others) this new pharmacist service. PAS continues to cover the costs of injection training through CPDPP until September 30, 2016 (may extend);
- 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.

2016 / 2017 Board Members

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Dean, College of Pharmacy
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Lori Albers
Appointed CSHP Rep
Pharmacist Clinical
Coordinator, RQHR
Regina, SK *(term ending Oct 31, 2016)*

Jordan Kalesnikoff
Appointed Senior Stick Student Rep
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Saskatoon, SK

PAS MEMBERSHIP No.'s

	Current Yr 2016/17	Last Yr 2015/16
Full	1176	1128
Joint	162	167
Affiliate/Auxiliary	12	14
Retired	21	20
Student	49*	49
Total	**1420**	**1378**

** 2015/16 student numbers (2016/17 not yet available)*

2016 / 2017 Seasonal Influenza Program

The official start date of the 2016/17 Seasonal Influenza Program is October 31, 2016. Last year Saskatchewan pharmacists provided over 55,000 flu shots and PAS is actively preparing our members and the public for another successful season. *Please see PAS IT On #81 Special Edition - Influenza Immunization Program for further information.*

2015 / 16 Influenza Immunization Program Statistics

- 55,654 patients were vaccinated by community pharmacists
- 21% of flu shots in the province were given by community pharmacists
- 262 of 362 pharmacies, (72%) participated in the program
- 25% of all shots given were in 1st week

2016 Award Winners

PAS PHARMACIST OF THE YEAR
Dr. Fred Remillard
Saskatoon, SK

PFIZER CONSUMER HEALTHCARE BOWL OF HYGEIA
Joan Cochrane
Saskatoon, SK

PAS NEW HORIZON
Brandon Krahn
Swift Current, SK

CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR PHARMACY— PAST PRESIDENTS (CHAIR) AWARD
Christine Hrudka
Saskatoon, SK

PAS AWARD OF MERIT
Tracy Price (shown)
La Ronge, SK
Bill Semchuk
Regina, SK
Medication Assessment Centre
Saskatoon, SK

2016 PHARMASAVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD
Rosetown Pharmasave
Rosetown, SK
Alana Ritz (shown)

Program Statistics to June 30 / 2016

Prescriptive Authority

(March 4, 2011 – June 30, 2016)

	# Billings	Total $
Interim Supplies	850,729	$6,332,960
Emergency Situations	31,145	$286,892
Missing Information	24,016	$140,036
Alter Dosage Form	15,722	$93,708
Unable to Access Supply	13,708	$101,234
Drug Reconciliation	3,831	$81,173
Totals	939,151	**$7,036,003**

Minor Ailments

(Feb 1, 2012 – June 30, 2016)

	# Billings	Total $
Acne	1,862	$31,009
Cold Sores	17,720	$295,158
Insect Bites	2,128	$37,674
(May 24, 2012 – June 30, 2016)		
Allergic Rhinitis	5,846	$102,108
Oral Aphthous Ulcer	2,933	$49,292
Oral Thrush	2,336	$39,084
Diaper Dermatitis	793	$13,086
(March 31, 2014 – June 30, 2016)		
Atopic Dermatitis	1,621	$25,434
Dysmenorrhea	173	$2,646
GERD	1,196	$18,630
Headache	749	$12,240
Hemorrhoids	861	$13,752
Musculoskeletal Sprains and Strains	811	$13,158
Superficial Bacterial Skin Infections	614	$9,738
Tinea Skin Infections	614	$10,216
Totals	40,257	**$673,225**

Medication Assessment and Compliance Packaging Program

Year	Medication Assessment		Compliance Package	
	# Billings	Total $	# Billings	Total $
2011	3,862	$142,630	30,434	$755,127
2012	4,191	$138,620	33,132	$827,074
2013	4,315	$151,485	36,957	$923,554
2014	4,163	$121,585	35,945	$891,137
2015	4,568	$127,845	37,481	$920,567
Totals	21,099	**$682,165**	173,949	**$4,317,459**

PACT

(Oct 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016)

	# Patients	# Billings	Total $
Bronze	1,143	1,143	$5,557
Bronze Plus	8,306	8,306	$82,903
Silver/Gold/Group	3,836	4,655	$331,025
Follow-up	2,161	3,345	$19,934
Totals	15,446	17,449	**$439,419**

SMAP

(June 30, 2013 – June 30, 2016)

	# Billings	Total $
Medication Assessment	30,173	$1,810,000
Follow-up	6,695	$132,060
Compliance Packaging	110,565	$2,643,083
Totals	147,433	**$4,585,143**