

2000 Professional Practice Conference

The 31st Professional Practice Conference of CSHP was held from January 30 to February 3 at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. The conference was very well attended, with the highest attendance in the past 5 years!

The educational component of the conference opened with 3 Fellows of CSHP, Charlie Bayliff, Bob Nakagawa, and Donna Woloschuk, sharing with us their thoughts on where pharmacy is headed and the challenges that lie ahead in the areas of clinical practice, administration, and education. Three themes were created for the first day. The first theme was geriatrics. Cheryl Wiens provided an update on managing urinary incontinence in older patients. Brief reviews of tolterodine, tamsulosin, and revastigmine were well received. In addition, the workshop on chronic pain in the elderly, led by Allan Mills, was in high demand. Expanding roles for pharmacists was another theme of the day. Salma Bhaloo, Linda Dresser, and Jean François Bussi eres shared their tempting experiences of working overseas and in humanitarian efforts. New roles for pharmacists in the emergency department and operating room were discussed by Peter Zed and Bill Perks. Colleen Metge shared with the audience opportunities and examples of how pharmacists could become involved with large databases. To end the day, Terri Murzyn led the workshop "Implementing the Direct Patient Care Curriculum and the Associated Challenges". The third theme for the day was pediatrics and respiratory. Nilu Partovi brought us up to date on the treatment of pulmonary hypertension, and Blair Seifert discussed the latest asthma guidelines. Afternoon workshops included "Inhalation Devices", by Karen Agro, "Pediatric Seizures", by Patricia Gerber, and "The Use of Antibiotics in Pregnancy and Lactation", by Mike Heffer.

Neil Shear opened Tuesday's program with a plenary session on "Post Marketing Surveillance". Andrew Simor followed this session with a talk on the growing prevalence of resistant gram-positive infections and their management. Registrants had a choice of 3 concurrent sessions focussing on infectious diseases, pediatrics, and women's health. The oral presentations were extremely well attended, a recognition of the importance of pharmacy research. The roundtable

discussions of important clinical questions, led by practice leaders, were also well attended (and next year we will ensure better space allocation for these discussions). On both Monday and Tuesday, registrants had an opportunity to speak with over 80 exhibitors. Monday's workshops were repeated on Tuesday afternoon.

John Horne opened Wednesday's session, providing us with an approach to evaluating drug interaction literature. An important message was that this information is changing, and John used drug interactions with azole antifungal agents as an example. Don Willison reviewed his work in providing pharmaceutical care to patients at home. A very popular session was Ross Tsuyuki's review of recent trials in heart failure, during which he suggested how a pharmacist should incorporate the results of these trials into practice. Other well-received sessions were a review of the treatment of colorectal cancer, by Jennifer Harrison, and a session on cultural sensitivity. The themes of oncology and cardiology continued, with Margaret Ackman telling us which new cardiovascular risk factors we should be treating and 3 "short and snappies" on different oncology topics. Sandra Knowles suggested how pharmacists can play an important role in a multidisciplinary adverse drug reaction clinic. Afternoon workshops included "Modifying Cardiac Risk Factors", "Changing Outcomes in Oncology Trials", "Renal Insufficiency", "Nutrition in Critically Ill Patients", and "An Ambulatory Warfarin Clinic".

Thursday's session was opened by Barry Carter, Professor at the University of Colorado in Denver. He presented the results of the IMPROVE study, including some data not previously released. The IMPROVE study examined the impact of pharmacists' care on seriously ill ambulatory patients. Its results demonstrated that although more money was spent on medications, the overall cost of care was significantly decreased. An attention theme for the day was gastrointestinal, and Bill Bartle spoke about infliximab. This theme was further developed by Christine Papoushek, who spoke about gastrointestinal bleeding, and through a roundtable discussion on *Helicobacter pylori*. Other roundtables covered oncology training for pharmacists and guidelines for glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptor antagonists.



Michael Cohen, who was unable to attend last year's PPC, talked about safe medication practices. Ambulatory practice was featured in a talk about pharmacists working in an outpatient dialysis unit and in Pierre Martineau's description of his involvement in a heart failure clinic. The afternoon had the audience learning about qualitative research: its usefulness to pharmacists and an introduction to how to perform such research. To close the PPC, the Wednesday afternoon workshops were repeated.

I would like to thank the CSHP office staff, particularly Sharyon Smith, for their hard work, which contributed so much to the success of the meeting. I would also like to recognize and thank the members of the Educational Services Committee for their hard work. With the PPC barely over, this group is well into planning the AGM, to be held in Winnipeg, August 12 to 15, 2000.

Heather Kertland
Chair
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Prix d'excellence APES–SCPH Pharmacia & Upjohn 1999

Nous avons le plaisir de vous présenter les deux gagnants des Prix d'excellence APES–SCPH (Association des pharmaciens d'établissements de santé du Québec et Société canadienne des pharmaciens d'hôpitaux — section Québec) Pharmacia & Upjohn 1999.

Rappelons que chaque manuscrit fait l'objet d'une première révision scientifique par trois pharmaciens experts indépendants. Les meilleurs manuscrits des catégories « produits pharmaceutiques » et « soins et services pharmaceutiques » sont relus par un jury indépendant composé de trois pharmaciens n'ayant pas participé à la première révision. De façon générale, les manuscrits de l'Université de Montréal sont relus par des pharmaciens de l'Est du Québec et les manuscrits de l'Université Laval sont relus par des pharmaciens de l'Ouest du Québec.

Le responsable des prix ne participe pas à l'évaluation compte tenu que des résidents sont en formation au sein de son établissement.

Et maintenant, les deux gagnants.

Catégorie soins et services pharmaceutiques : **Patrick Nadeau**. Étude évaluant l'impact d'un programme de soins pharmaceutiques pour insuffisants cardiaques chez les patients hospitalisés au Centre universitaire de santé de l'Estrie (Sherbrooke, 1999).

Catégorie produits pharmaceutiques : **Virginie Turcotte**. Évaluation de l'administration concomitante de dropéridol et de diphénhydramine dans le traitement de l'hyperémèse gravidique. Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Mère-Enfant (Sainte-Justine) (Montréal, 1999).

Nous remercions tous les participants et plus de 30 réviseurs scientifiques qui ont participé au cru 1999. Un résumé des projets présentés au congrès de l'APES fera l'objet d'une publication dans le *Pharmactuel* à l'été 2000 et les récipiendaires seront encouragés à publier leur manuscrit. Chacune se mérite une bourse de 500 \$.

