

New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award 2011/2012 Sponsored by Sandoz Canada Inc Christina Adams, RPh, BScPhm, ACPR

Christina Adams completed a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Waterloo in 2002, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Toronto in 2006. She went on to complete her residency at Kingston General Hospital in 2007. In January 2012, Christina started the Pharmacy Leadership Academy program through the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and at the end of that program will transition to a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institutional Pharmacy Leadership, with the University of Florida. She intends to graduate in the spring of 2014.

Christina has been actively involved with the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) since her second year of pharmacy school. She started as a volunteer student for the Professional Practice Conference and then was accepted as the first summer student intern at the National Office of CSHP. After completing her residency, Christina became the Chapter Chair for the Quinte–St Lawrence Chapter of the Ontario Branch. Shortly thereafter, Christina accepted the position of Presidential Officer for Ontario Branch, completing her duties as Past-President in November 2011. She also served as the Ontario Branch Champion for CSHP 2015. Since January 2011, Christina has cochaired the Pharmacy Technician Task Force.

During her career, Christina has been a preceptor for a resident, an intern, and students in the Structured Practical Experience Program. She was an instructor for the Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program in Ontario. Christina has been an interview panel member and team leader for the admission interviews at the University of Waterloo for the past 4 years.

As a military spouse, Christina has found it advantageous to be employed in a “portable” profession. Christina has been able to take this approach one step further and has found not one, but two innovative positions that allow her to work from home



Christina Adams (right), recipient of the New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award, with James Boudreau (left), of Sandoz Canada Inc.

and never have to worry about employment if she moves. She splits her days between being a Drug Information Pharmacist for Specialty Health Network, based in Mississauga, and a hospital telepharmacist for Northwest Telepharmacy Solutions, covering several hospitals across Ontario.

In her downtime, Christina enjoys reading, quilting, and spending time with her husband Ryan and their three cats.

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Erin Marie Yakiwchuk, BSP, ACPR

Erin Yakiwchuk received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy with Great Distinction from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan in 2006. She then completed a hospital pharmacy residency with Capital Health Authority in Edmonton in 2007. Erin then worked as a Clinical Pharmacist at the University of Alberta Hospital in adult general medicine, where she also served as a preceptor for undergraduate pharmacy students and pharmacy residents.

In fall 2009, Erin returned to Saskatoon to begin her Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy. For her thesis, Erin implemented and evaluated a pharmacist-led collaboration to identify and reduce uncontrolled cardiovascular risk factors in a family medicine clinic. During her time at the University of Saskatchewan, Erin has also taught numerous undergraduate pharmacy lectures and served as a facilitator for pharmacy practice laboratories and tutorials. Erin is expected to graduate with her MSc this spring.

Erin has received numerous scholarships and awards, including the Merck Frosst Canada Ltd Postgraduate Pharmacy Fellowship Award and the Pfizer Canada Inc Centennial Research Award for 2010/2011. Erin has a number of peer-reviewed publications to her credit and has given both oral and poster presentations at various local and national conferences.

Erin was the Chair of the Awards Committee for the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) from 2007 to 2009. She was a member of the CSHP Task Force for Pharmacist Prescribing and has served as a peer-reviewer for several pharmacy journals.

Outside of pharmacy, Erin is an avid runner and also enjoys travelling with her husband Steve and spending time at the lake. Erin and Steve welcomed their first baby, Elodie, in January 2012!



Erin Marie Yakiwchuk, recipient of the New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award.