

Isabel E. Stauffer Meritorious Service Award 2004/2005 Presented by Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada Donna Wheeler-Usher

Donna Wheeler-Usher received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Dalhousie University in 1980. Her first professional opportunity was as a Staff Pharmacist at the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in 1981 she entered a hospital pharmacy residency at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

Upon successful completion of her residency, Donna worked for 2 years as a Staff Hospital Pharmacist at the Dr Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. In 1984 Donna joined the staff of the Regional Drug Information Service at the Camp Hill Medical Centre in Halifax as a Drug Information Pharmacist. The following year she was accepted to the Master of Science program (Institutional Pharmacy) at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

During her studies, Donna held a part-time position as a Drug Information Research Assistant at the Oregon Poison Control and Drug Information Center, Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital, in Portland, Oregon. Her thesis involved research she conducted at the poison control and drug information centre.

After completing her master's program in 1987 Donna returned to the Regional Drug Information Service. She worked there as a Drug Information Pharmacist until 1994, when she joined BMC Health Associates Limited as Coordinator of Drug Information and Resources Development.

Donna is now working on her own as a pharmacy consultant. Her consulting work has involved the development and implementation of the Nova Scotia formulary. She has also designed and conducted workshops on communication strategies in the workplace and smoking cessation. Donna is currently working on a pharmacy preceptor development program for Dalhousie University College of Pharmacy.

Throughout Donna's professional career she has given numerous formal presentations to pharmacists, allied health professionals, and consumers at local, provincial, and national meetings on a broad range of therapeutic and practice-oriented topics. Her writing has been published in journals such as the *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*, the *Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*, *Medical Toxicology*, and the *American Journal of Hospital Pharmacy*.



Donna Wheeler-Usher receives the Meritorious Service Award from Randy Hughes of Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada at the 2005 Professional Practice Conference.

Donna has a genuine interest in her professional organizations and has served on several provincial and national committees. Her work within the Nova Scotia Branch of the CSHP included representing the Branch on the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society Council and serving as Chair of the Membership Committee and Chair of the Nova Scotia Institutional Pharmacy Practice Committee. She also served on 2 Nova Scotia Branch AGM Host Committees. Donna was the President of the Nova Scotia Branch between 1992 and 1994 and was the Nova Scotia delegate for national CSHP Council for 3 years. At the national level Donna served as CSHP's liaison for the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board, chaired the Newfoundland Task Force, which realized the formation of CSHP's newest Branch (Newfoundland and Labrador), and cochaired the Society's New Standards Committee. She was CSHP President in 1999/2000.

Donna lives in Halifax, where she leads an active family life with her husband, Grahame, and her 14-year-old daughter, Nicole.



Distinguished Service Award 2004/2005 Presented by Janssen Ortho Inc Bill Bartle

Bill Bartle received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto in 1969 and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1974. He is currently a Clinical Coordinator in the Department of Pharmacy, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, and an Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, University of Toronto. His main practice areas are the Anticoagulation Clinic and the Thromboembolism Service.

Bill has been a member of CSHP for approximately 30 years. He has served on the Educational Services Committee and the Canadian Hospital Pharmacy Residency Board (1990–1994) and has been an Associate Editor of *CJHP* since 1995. He acted as a reviewer for the CSHP Awards Committee for many years and was the CSHP representative to the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs from 1995 to 2001.

Bill is currently a member of the Board of Examiners for the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada and the Editorial Board for the *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. He is also a member of the Thrombosis Interest Group of Canada and the Canadian Dyspepsia Working Group.

Bill was the 2002 recipient of the William McLean Clinical Pharmacist Award, given by the Ontario Branch of CSHP.

Bill's involvement in CSHP and other professional organizations would not be possible without the ongoing support of Ginny, his wife, mentor, and best friend, and is balanced by the rewards of involvement in the lives of their 2 children, Cassandra and Aaron.



Bill Bartle receives the CSHP Distinguished Service Award from John Harvey of Janssen Ortho Inc at the 2005 Professional Practice Conference. Also shown (at far right) is Bill's colleague Tom Paton.

New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Awards 2004/2005 Presented by Sabex Inc

Stephanie Ong

Stephanie Ong received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Toronto in 2001. As a pharmacy student, she worked in both hospital and retail settings to expand her knowledge of pharmacy practice. With her mentors at Centenary Health Centre, she was inspired to pursue a career in hospital pharmacy and after graduation continued her training as a pharmacy resident at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre. After her residency, she joined the Sunnybrook team as a Clinical Pharmacist in the area of cardiology.

Stephanie went on to explore other aspects of pharmacy practice by joining the team at University Health Network (UHN) a year later. In her present position as a Clinical Pharmacist in Nephrology, Stephanie is actively involved in the management of patients with chronic kidney disease in both the inpatient unit and the ambulatory environment. Participating in the Renal Management Clinic helps Stephanie to solve and prevent drug-related problems in the predialysis patient population and to promote prevention or delay progression to dialysis through modification of risk factors. In this position, Stephanie also takes part in monthly education of patients with kidney disease regarding medication choices.

Teaching pharmacy students is one area of her career that Stephanie particularly enjoys. Through her involvement in the undergraduate pharmacy program at the University of Toronto, Stephanie has the opportunity to share her clinical experience with students, whether as a teaching assistant in a professional practice laboratory or as a preceptor in the Structured Practical Experiential Program for fourth-year students.

Stephanie's interest in research started during her residency year, when she developed and evaluated an electronic documentation tool for pharmacists using a personal digital assistant. This project sparked her motivation to continue participating in research projects. She is currently involved in research initiatives to



Stephanie Ong receives the New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner award from Gordon Meyer of Sabex Inc at the 2005 Professional Practice Conference.

develop and implement seamless care strategies and to promote medication education to patients.

At the professional level, Stephanie has been an active member of CSHP since she was a pharmacy student. She was a member of the CSHP Ontario Branch Membership Committee, helping to promote the Society to undergraduate pharmacy students. She is also a member of the Renal Pharmacists Network. In the hospital, Stephanie is part of the UHN Patient Medication Education Committee, which develops patient-friendly medication sheets and promotes compliance and medication education for patients.

Stephanie continues to learn through her enrolment in a diabetic educator program, which she feels will enhance her present practice with patients who have chronic kidney disease. During her spare time, Stephanie enjoys travelling and trying different international cuisines with her husband, family, and friends.

Kerry Wilbur

Kerry Wilbur graduated from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1997. Following completion of the hospital pharmacy residency program at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in 1998, she travelled to Vancouver, where she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of British Columbia in 2000.

Since that time, Kerry has been a Pharmacotherapeutic Specialist at Vancouver General Hospital, where she is responsible for providing pharmaceutical care to internal medicine patients admitted to the acute medical and acute care for elders units. She has been an integral member of the medical and allied health care teams on these units, developing and participating in a number of initiatives to optimize patient drug therapy and safety and to advance medication knowledge among staff. In 2002, she assumed the Co-Coordinator role for Vancouver General's hospital pharmacy residency program, and she has been Chair of the BC Hospital Pharmacy Residency Committee.

As Clinical Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC, Kerry has instructed undergraduates and now lectures in the advanced therapeutics course of the Doctor of Pharmacy program. She has already supervised 30 residents and Doctor of Pharmacy students on rotation in the internal medicine practice setting and has precepted several pharmacy residency and undergraduate projects.

Kerry's research and clinical interests so far lie in gastroenterology, venous thromboembolic disease, geriatric drug therapy, medication management, drug safety, and adult education. Kerry has a number of peer-reviewed publications and over a dozen published abstracts to her credit. This work has been presented at the CSHP's Professional Practice Conference and at



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CSHP BC Branch and National AGM events, as well as at meetings of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and the American College of Physicians — Internal Medicine. She is invited to speak each year at various nursing, medical, and pharmacy conferences and events.

Kerry served as Treasurer of the CSHP BC Branch for 4 years and continues to be involved in CSHP activities as a mentor for hospital pharmacy undergraduates and as a national award appraiser.

In her spare time, Kerry runs and enjoys sailing, skiing, squash, hockey, and — like all good pharmacists — golf.

Awards Presentations at PPC 2005



Apotex Award
Management Issues in Pharmaceutical Care
Mark F. Collins (right), with Jeff Leger (left) of Apotex Inc
 Measuring Performance Indicators in Clinical Pharmacy Services with a Personal Digital Assistant



Aventis Award
Specialty Practice in Cardiology
Charmaine Cooke, with John Elliott of Aventis Pharma Canada (coauthor not present: Ingrid Sketris)
 Impact of Statins on Mortality in Seniors with Cardiovascular Disease



Baxa Award
Innovative Practitioner
Robert M. Balen (left) and Sumit Raybardhan (right), with Larry Grzebinski (centre) of Baxa Canada (coauthors not present: Nilufar Partovi, Peter Loewen, Gwen Liu, Peter J. Jewesson)
 Implementation of a Personal Digital Assistant-Based Drug-Related Problem Documentation Tool for Pharmacy Practice in a Multi-site Healthcare Organization Setting



Baxter Award
Innovation in Safe Medication Practices
Jana Bajcar (far left), Stephanie Ong (centre left), Annemarie Cesta (centre right), and Olavo Fernandes (far right), with Alicia Gatt (centre) of Baxter Corporation (coauthor not present: Marisa Battistella)
 Development of a Seamless Care Strategy and Tool for Chronic Renal Failure Patients



Bristol-Myers Squibb Award
Clinical Pharmacy Program

Sumit Raybardhan (centre) and Robert M. Balen (right), with Ruth Pritchard (left) of Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada (coauthors not present: Nilufar Partovi, Peter Loewen, Gwen Liu, Peter J. Jewesson)

Implementation of a Personal Digital Assistant-Based Drug-Related Problem Documentation Tool for Pharmacy Practice in a Multi-site Healthcare Organization Setting



Hoffmann-La Roche Award

Specialties in Pharmacy Practice

Chole Campbell (right), with Alana Persaud (left) of Hoffmann-La Roche Limited (coauthor not present: Geoff Lewis)

Effects of Switching Patients from Coumadin® to a Generic Warfarin Product



Mayne Pharma Award

Oncology

Suzanne Taylor, with Pierre Beaulieu of Mayne Pharma (Canada) Inc (coauthor not present: Erica Greanya)

Temozolomide for Malignant Gliomas in British Columbia: A Population-Based Cost-Effectiveness Analysis



Merck Frosst Award

Rational Drug Use

Karen Shalansky (right), with Ann-Julie Comeau (left) of Merck Frosst Canada Ltd

Complete Switch to Darbepoetin in a Hemodialysis Unit



Novartis Award

Pharmacoeconomics

Andrea Kent (right), with Sarah Sheppard (left) of Novartis Pharma Canada Inc (coauthor not present: Ingrid Sketris)

Trends in Fluoroquinolone Use in Nova Scotia Hospitals and the Effects of Policies on Utilization



Novopharm Award

New Programs in Patient Counselling

Ross Tsuyuki (left), with Por Choo Pin (right) of Novopharm Limited

Development of an Educational Video for Patients with Heart Failure — The Congestive Heart Failure Outreach Program of Education (COPE) Study



Pfizer Award

Long-Term Health Care

Krystal Horudko-Napper, with Phil Madden of Pfizer Canada Inc (coauthors not present: Jane Richardson, Shannan Neubauer)

The Role of a Pharmacist in a Primary Health Centre for Older Adults



Pharmascience Award

Patient Care Enhancement

Michael Tierney, with Frances Hall, Chair of CSHP Awards Committee, on behalf of Pharmascience Inc

Prospective Identification of Hospital Adverse Drug Events Using Structured Pharmacist Surveillance

