

# Looking Ahead

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Over the past 2½ years, the revitalization of CSHP has been aided by a strategic plan focusing on the internal operations of the Society. Now that the Society has succeeded in meeting its goals in this area, the time has come to focus on a new strategy that directly addresses the Society's mission to support you, the members, through advocacy, education, information sharing, development of standards, facilitation of research, and recognition of excellence.

In considering what form this new strategy might take, we looked to the recent experience of our sister organization, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). The ASHP has developed a new approach to support both its members and the practice of pharmacy in hospitals. This initiative, called the Health-System Pharmacy 2015 Initiative,<sup>1</sup> is designed to provide a framework by which to improve pharmacy practice in hospitals and other health systems. As part of this project, our American colleagues established a series of practice-based performance indicators. They also collected baseline data through the 2004 ASHP national survey of pharmacy practice in hospital settings.<sup>2</sup> With indicators and baseline data in mind, they then set practice goals and targets for 2015. For example, the ASHP hospital survey revealed that in only 9.9% of responding hospitals are pharmacists involved in obtaining medication histories for at least 75% of hospital inpatients with complex and high-risk medication regimens. The target established by the 2015 Initiative is that 75% of hospitals will meet this performance standard.

This approach provides US hospital pharmacies with a professional scorecard by which progress toward the defined practice targets can be measured. This concept

was discussed with great interest at the CSHP Council meeting in August 2005. Council members voted unanimously to examine these performance indicators with a view to determining whether CSHP should adopt or adapt the goals and objectives of the ASHP

2015 Initiative to help advance the practice of pharmacy in Canadian hospitals. CSHP fellows and past presidents will be invited to meet at the Professional Practice Conference in early 2006 to explore ways in which this concept might be actualized, as well as the role of the Society in making it happen.

I encourage you, the members of CSHP, to read the ASHP report on the 2015 Initiative and to voice your opinion to the staff and officers of CSHP.



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