

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obituary: Mary Gannon

It is with sadness that CSHP reports the death of an esteemed member of the Society, Mary Gannon, who died in Toronto, Ontario, on Monday, December 20, 2004. Mary started contributing to CSHP in 1957, at the 10th anniversary meeting in Montreal, when she was appointed secretary. In recognition of Mary's 10 years of dedicated and devoted service in that position, CSHP paid tribute to this most deserving member at the Hospital Pharmacy Social Evening of August 21, 1968, which was designated as "MGM Night" or Mary Gannon Merit Night. Mary continued her involvement by chairing several important committees and was an active member of the Ontario Branch. She was the recipient of the E. Amy Eck Award in 1979, the Ontario Branch Award in 1980, and the Distinguished Service Award in 1983.

Upon her graduation from the University of Toronto with a pharmacy degree in 1956, Mary began her career at the Women's College Hospital in Toronto. Shortly thereafter, she accepted the position of Director of Pharmacy at the Princess Margaret Hospital, where she worked for nearly 40 years. She retired from her position there in 1993. Mary was noted for her contagious smile and for having a kind word for everyone. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and colleagues.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, December 23, 2004, at St Basil's Church in Toronto. The family has requested that donations in Mary's memory be made to the St Vincent de Paul Society or the "Out of the Cold" Program. CSHP has made a donation on behalf of the membership.

Providence Healthcare

Doson Chua, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, BCPS, has accepted a position with Providence Healthcare in Vancouver as the Pharmacy Specialist for Cardiology. Doson will be primarily providing pharmaceutical care to cardiology patients at St Paul's Hospital.

Epoetin Alfa Resistance: Valuation of a Management Algorithm: Correction

In an article on epoetin alfa resistance by Piera T. Calissi and others,¹ the algorithm presented as Fig. 1 (page 20) contained an error. The fourth decision point, regarding percent transferrin iron saturation, should read "TSAT < 20%".

The updated algorithm may be viewed at the journal's Web site at: http://www.cshp.ca/productsServices/cjhp/2004/february_e.asp

Reference

1. Calissi P, Pylypchuk GB, Stryker R. Epoetin alfa resistance: valuation of a management algorithm. *Can J Hosp Pharm* 2004;57:18-26.

CSHP Is Moving!

As preparations are being made, the anticipation grows. The Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) is preparing to relocate its national office.

Because of the move, the CSHP national office will be closed for the week of March 21 to 28, 2005, inclusive. We will reopen for business on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at which time we will respond to all email and phone inquiries.

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