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President's Report Katy Toale, PharmD, BCPS



As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

As one of the largest local chapters of the Texas Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (TSHP) we thank you for your continued support. GCSHP caters to a wide variety of health-systems pharmacy individuals. This includes pharmacy managers, technicians, clinical pharmacists, and industry. Our goal is to shape the future of pharmacy and it would not be possible without your help. Many have asked how they can get involved and if this is something which interests you please email us at gcs hp.membership@gmail.com.

In the coming months we will have several opportunities for you to develop yourself as a pharmacy practitioner but also to give back to the community. A volunteer opportunity at the Houston Food Bank is currently being organized for November 2014. Please see details below. We also plan to have another Habitat for Humanity volunteer opportunity in 2015. In February 2015, Brad Shields, will be joining us to give a law continuing education event. For all the preceptors out there, we plan to offer a 3 hour preceptor continuing education program in early 2015 and in November 2015 we will offer a one day seminar in which 13 hours of CE credit will be available.

Please keep in mind that soon we will be sending out a call for nominations for officers and awards. If you have a colleague who you think is deserving of this honor then make sure to nominate him or her.

We put a lot of hard work and time into organizing events for our members. Please remember to be professional and courteous if you RSVP to an event and cannot make it. We would appreciate that if this happens in the future that you notify us so that we can change our arrangements if needed.

Again, the Board of Directors is working hard to ensure that your membership is worthwhile. We would be happy to hear from our members so please send any comments/suggestions/feedback to gcs hp.membership@gmail.com.

Katy Toale, PharmD, BCPS



2015 TSHP Annual Seminar - SAVE THE DATE

TSHP's 2015 Annual Seminar will be held in San Antonio, Texas! Join us for Fiesta!
Mark your calendar now for April 24 - 26, 2015.

Event Location:

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

Hotel:

The Hilton Palacio Del Rio
200 S. Alamo
San Antonio, Texas 78205
<http://www.palaciodelrio.com/>

Schedule and registration information will be available in January 2015.

For more information, visit us at

<http://www.tsHP.org/tsHP-annual-seminar.html>

Pharmacy Fiesta:



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Silent Auction

GCSHP will be partnering to support the TSHP annual meeting. If you are interested in volunteering or can provide an item for the auction for the silent auction please

send your name and contact information to
Rick Burnett, Pharm.D. at rjb100p392@gmail.com.





Houston Food Bank

Let's show the Food Bank what we can do to help those in needs and give back to the Community.

If you would like to volunteer, please take 3 minutes to fill out the form below **BY NOVEMBER 15** so we can submit your name to the Food Bank.



<http://goo.gl/T0A8rr>

Details are as follows:

November 22nd (Saturday)

1230 - 4pm

Food Bank

535 Portwall St, Houston, TX
77029

(713) 223-3700

Children who are 8 years of age or older and adults are welcome! We ask that you wear closed toe shoes and jeans or long shorts and of course, wear your favorite pharmacy shirt to show your spirit.

For any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Phuoc Anne Nguyen at panguyen@utexas.edu. Look forward meeting you.

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foodbank
Filling pantries. Filling lives.



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Save the Date

- Volunteer opportunity with Houston Food Bank **November 22nd** from 1230-4 pm.
- Volunteer Opportunity with Houston Food Bank **January 10th** from 8am-12pm.
- Law continuing education event. Speaker Brad Shields. Date: **Feb 18th at 6pm.** Location: MD Anderson Cancer Center, Hickey Auditorium.
- TSHP Annual Seminar. Date: **April 24-26.** Location: The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX.

GCSHP Supported Activities

Support for UH/TSU student to attend ASHP Summer Annual Meeting

Support to send winning team from clinical skills competition to ASHP Midyear

Student Membership Drive

Residency Mentoring Social

Annual Residency Workshop



UH SSHP Summer 2014 Chapter Report

Meghann Davis, Chapter President & P3 Student

Greetings from UH SSHP! Throughout this semester, our chapter has been busy with a variety of activities. In September, we held our local ASHP Clinical Skills Competition where a total of 32 teams participated. Sarah Jung and Monica Lee, both P4 students, were the winners of the P3/P4 division and will be representing UHCOP at the national competition in December at the Midyear Clinical Meeting. We would like to sincerely thank Dr. Paige Pitman and Dr. Matthew Wanat, our chapter advisors, for facilitating this event and helping to make it a success. On October 6, we hosted the 5th Annual Residency Workshop and were privileged to have speakers from various TMC institutions representing a range of pharmacy residency programs - from clinical specialties to pharmacy administration to community pharmacy residency. Almost 80 students (P1-P4) attended and listened to presentations on "Residency 101 – How to Find Your Match," "A Day in the Life – What's Residency *Really* Like," and "The Perfect Residency Candidate – Ways to Get the Edge." Our members continue to actively participate in community outreach events including Brown Bag medication reviews, health fair screenings, and antibiotic awareness presentations to the general public. For Hospital & Health-System Pharmacy Week, our chapter launched a week-long social media campaign on Facebook to raise awareness about the training requirements, available careers, and substantial impact that health-system pharmacists make in the provision of quality and cost-effective healthcare. Finally, we would like to thank all students and pharmacy professionals who attended our UHCOP Residency Showcase on November 7th. Over 250 students from 8 colleges of pharmacy were able to interact with the 30+ programs in attendance. We wish everyone our very best from UH SSHP for the remainder of the semester and the holiday season. See you in 2015!



TSU-SSHP Fall 2014 Chapter Report

Hongmei Wang, Chapter President

SSHP- TSU Chapter held the Antibiotics Awareness event at a local YMCA where we educated children from pre-K to 5th grade about proper hand washing skills. In order to enhance the training outcome, we created educational games for the kids.

In the first general meeting during September, we discussed the upcoming year's events such as: potential guest speakers, health care events, ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition, TSHP Annual Seminar, clinical competition, membership drive, merchandise sale, fundraising and much more. Dr. Phuoc Anne Nguyen, our guest speaker from TSHP New Practitioner Executive Committee, gave us her presentation on TSHP opportunities, ASHP Midyear meeting, residency training programs, PPMI, and pharmacy leadership roles. We also had the membership drive and merchandise sale in the first general meeting. To show our appreciation for our faculty and staff, we brought breakfast for them to celebrate National Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week.

With the help of the VA Medical Center Pharmacy Practice Residency Program, we held an informative instruction workshop on our clinical skill competition (CSC). Thus, we had another successful year with our supportive officer team.

Our upcoming meeting comprises of having Dr. Richard Cadle to discuss residency programs, the 3rd annual TSU Residency Panel Seminar and future community events. We will continue in assisting our members gain more knowledge on residency from current pharmacists as well as those who have just recently completed their residency. We are also preparing for the 2014 ASHP Midyear Meeting where we will be providing support to our students on reviewing CVs, interviews, PPS, poster presentations, and the skills of networking.

On behalf of the TSU SSHP officers, we appreciate all of the support from GCSHP.



Update on Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations

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Pneumococcal infections remain a large source of morbidity and mortality in adults, children, and immunocompromised patients. The two types of pneumococcal vaccines approved for use in the United States include a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) and a pneumococcal protein-conjugate vaccine (PCV13). PPSV23 is indicated for use in adult patients older than 19 who have certain conditions that cause them to be immunocompromised, and also for all patients older than 65 regardless of immune status. PCV13 was previously recommended for children in a 4 dose series at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12-15 months. Recent clinical trials have caused the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to change the recommendations of who should be receiving the PCV13 vaccine.

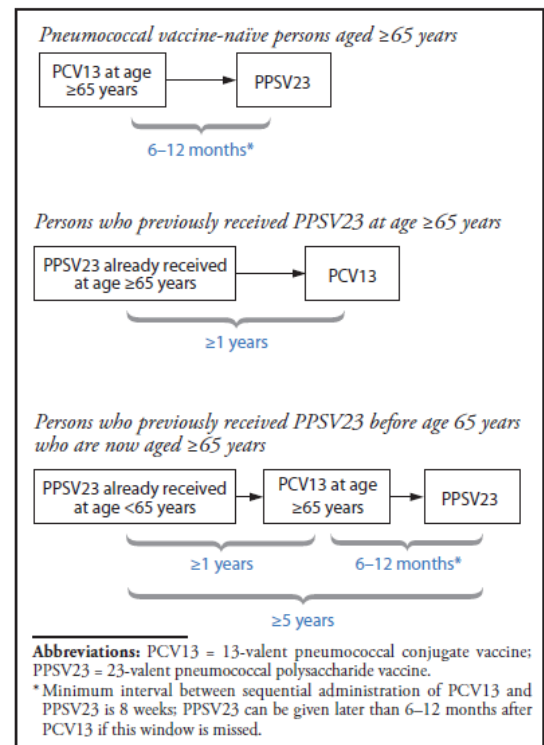
Effective September 19, 2014 ACIP recommends that PCV13 and PPSV23 are used for all adults 65 years and older. If the patient has not been previously vaccinated, then a dose of PCV13 should be given first followed by a dose of PPSV23 6-12 months later. However, if the patient has previously received a PPSV23 vaccination and is ≥ 65 years old then PCV13 should be administered at least one year after the last dose of PPSV23. If the patient received PPSV23 prior to turning 65 then give PCV13 when the patient is ≥ 65 and ≥ 1 year after PPSV23 was given. The PCV13 dose should be followed by an additional dose of PPSV23 6-12 months after PCV13 and at least 5 years after the previous PPSV23.

Recent updates to the recommendations were based on the Community-Acquired Pneumonia Immunizations Trial in Adults (CAPiTA) based in the Netherlands. Regarding the study's primary objective, there was a statistically significant lower percent of patients who showed fewer first episodes of vaccine type community acquired pneumonia. The study's secondary objectives included fewer first episodes of non-bacteremic/non-invasive vaccine type community acquired pneumonia as well as fewer first episodes of vaccine type invasive pneumococcal disease, and both secondary objectives were met with statistical significance.

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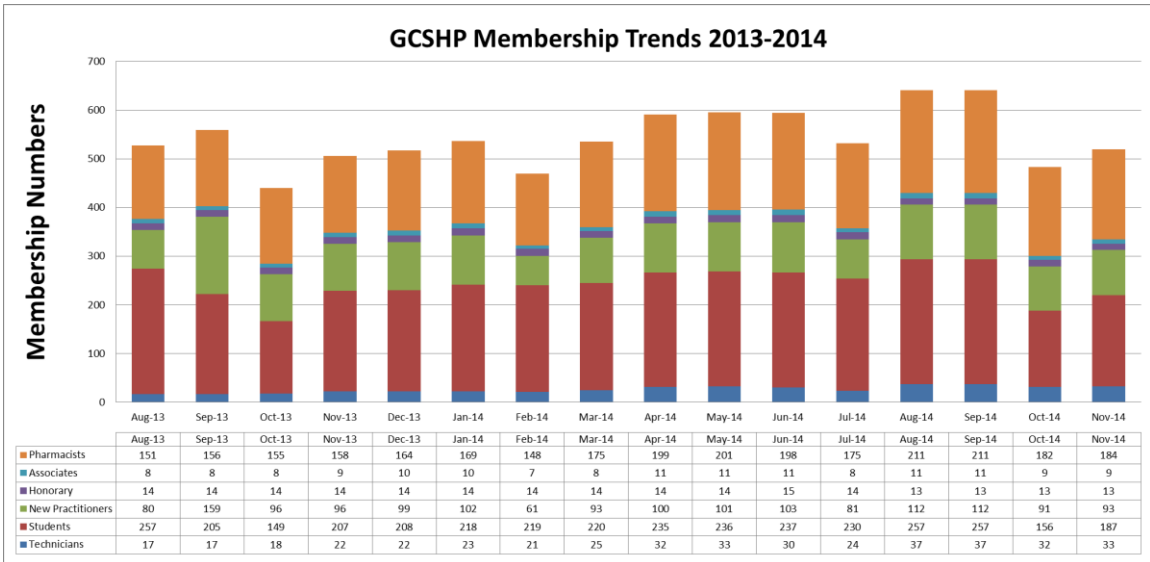
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