



Pharmacy Technician

SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2022 Conference



The Pharmacy Technician Society of British Columbia is proud to bring you the 16th annual BC Pharmacy Technician Conference, featuring dynamic speakers from diverse practice backgrounds with sessions relevant to technicians in all practice settings.

Join us in-person at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, BC on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th for educational sessions and networking with your colleagues!

REGISTRATION

Registration deadline is October 3rd, 2022. Register now to reserve your spot! Full registration fee covers the Friday evening networking session and entertainment; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and all presentations. Note that your registration is not finalized until payment is received in full.

Please note that by registering for the PTSBC Conference, you have provided your release for the free use by PTSBC for promotional purposes of any photographs taken of you or in which you may be seen during the conference. A list of the names of all registrants attending the conference will be made available.

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ACCREDITATION

The content of this conference has been submitted for review by the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) for accreditation (File#1468-2022-3520-C-T). We anticipate approximately 7.75 accredited learning hours that can be used towards your annual PDAP requirements!

Conference Agenda

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2022 PTSBC Member of the Year Award

Every year, we recognize a PTSBC member for their commitment to professionalism through excellence in pharmacy practice. If you know of a technician that deserves recognition for making a difference, let us know by nominating them for the member of the year award! The honoree will receive a \$300 award, plus complimentary registration and one night accommodations to attend the next annual conference. Submission deadline is October 3rd, 2022. Click the button below to nominate a technician today!



2022 Poster Presentation

A poster presentation competition will be held on the evening of October 14th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best poster. Submission deadline is October 3rd, 2022, 11:59 pm. Please see our website for full details. Questions can be emailed to info@ptsbc.org. Good luck to all participants!



Friday, October 14, 2022

- 5:30 pm Welcome, Opening Remarks, Vendor Exhibits, Networking Session and Prizes
- 7:30 pm Session 1: Supply Chain in the Spotlight - Lessons from the Past, Challenges in the Present and the Outlook for the Future! (Jitendra Prasad)
- 8:30 pm Entertainment: Comedian (Steve McGowan)
- 9:00 pm 50/50 Draw

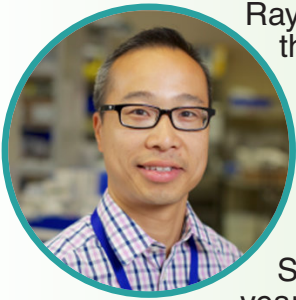
Saturday, October 15, 2022

- 7:30 am Hot breakfast buffet (open until 8:15 am)
- 7:45 am Welcome and Opening Remarks & Prizes
- 8:00 am Session 2: College Tech Talk 2022 (Suzanne Solven, Bethany Gamache, Ashley Cheung, Ed Diaz)
- 9:00 am Session 3: BC Hazardous Drugs Exposure Control Program (Jackie Ellis, Michelle Koberinski)
- 10:00 am Networking Break
- 10:15 am Session 4: Pharmacy Ergonomics (Emily Morrow)
- 11:00 am Session 5: Considerable Impacts of Inhalers and Anesthetic Gases on Climate Crisis (Gigi Y.C. Wong)
- 12:00 pm PTSBC AGM / Lunch Break / Prizes
- 1:00 pm Session 6: A Patient's Journey Through Transplant (Gurjit Pawar)
- 2:00 pm Session 7: Open to Opportunity - Advocating for Yourself in the Job Market (Robert Solek)
- 3:00 pm Networking Break
- 3:15 pm Session 8: Proceed with Caution - Living in Uncertain Times (Dr. Marietta VanDenBerg)
- 4:15 pm Grand Prize and Closing Remarks

Speaker Spotlight

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Master of Ceremonies: Ray Jang



Ray worked as a pharmacy assistant in a chain drug store for four years while completing the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences undergraduate program. Following graduation, he worked in the same community pharmacy where he was an assistant until he completed a hospital pharmacy residency program based out of St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, BC. With over 25 years of practice as a pharmacist in several different hospitals, Ray has been active in the field of pharmacy, participating in various roles and committees within the College of Pharmacists of BC, the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, and Lower Mainland Pharmacy Services.

Some examples of Ray's involvement includes serving as a past board member for six years at PEBC on the national level, working as a Chief Examiner of PEBC for four years in Vancouver at the local level, serving as the current chair of the CPBC Registration Committee, serving as an interim Pharmacy Manager covering Fraser Canyon Hospital, Chilliwack General Hospital, Langley Memorial Hospital, Ridge Meadows Hospital, and Eagle Ridge Hospital, and being part of the pharmacy leadership team at Surrey Memorial Hospital as the Pharmacy Distribution Coordinator. When not thinking about the field of pharmacy, Ray can be found cycling, fishing, or spending time with his spouse and two daughters."

Entertainment: Steve McGowan

Steve brings a fun and exciting stand-up experience to the stage with his likeable and commanding presence. Combining observational stories of the day to day, tales of past relationships and today's single life, Steve has an energetic cheeky rage that audiences enjoy. Being open and honest, he has a wild frat boy style of comedy and makes it feel like a party where everyone is welcome. In his first month of comedy in 2010, Steve was an opening act for Pauly Shore at the Vogue Theatre during the Vancouver Comedy Fest. From there, he has toured around Canada, performed in Vegas, and took part in the Northwest Comedy Fest working with comedic names such as Dave Foley, Brian Posehn, and Rory Scovel. Steve has also opened for Steve Hytner, Tony Rock, and Police Academy's Michael Winslow as well as Chappelle's Show's Donell Rawlings. Steve was also a finalist in the People's Champ Comedy Competition in 2014 and has been seen on the Slice Network and Global TV.



Speaker: Jitendra Prasad



Session Title: Supply Chain in the Spotlight - Lessons from the Past, Challenges in the Present and the Outlook for the Future!

Jitendra Prasad (JP) was the former Chief Program Officer (CPO) of Contracting, Procurement & Supply Management for Alberta Health Services (AHS). AHS is tasked with coordinating the delivery of health supports and services across the province. JP has an undergraduate degree in Pharmacy and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Speaker Spotlight

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Speaker: Suzanne Solven

Session Title: College Tech Talk 2022



Suzanne has been a pharmacist since 1987. She worked in community pharmacy practice before moving to the provincial government from 1993-2007; became Executive Director of BC PharmaCare; involved in drug policy development of the low cost alternative program, reference pricing, limited drug coverage, special authorization, preferential listings, product listing agreement negotiations and coverage with evidence development. She led the Drug Benefit Committee, was Co-Chair of the National Pharmaceutical Strategy (1st phase) and Chair of the drug plan advisory committee at CADTH. She has led many provincial and national initiatives.

In 2007, she became the Deputy Registrar of the College of Pharmacists of BC and spent 10 years leading the legislation, bylaws, standards and policy development, complaints and discipline departments.

In 2016, Suzanne moved to Pacific Blue Cross (PBC) as the Associate Vice President of Audit, Investigations and Quality Assurance, leading the fraud investigation and internal audit branches. At PBC, Suzanne developed and implemented a 5-year Anti-Fraud Strategy that included major transformative change that resulted in PBC becoming a leader in healthcare benefit anti-fraud work. She also restructured and enhanced the Internal Audit branch to assist with ensuring appropriate controls are in place from an enterprise-wide, holistic viewpoint. She was also the Interim Chief Risk officer.

In January 2022, Suzanne came back to the College as the Registrar and CEO where she is very excited to be working with the College Board and staff on the Board strategic priorities to ensure safe and effective pharmacy care for British Columbians.

Speaker: Bethany Gamache

Session Title: College Tech Talk 2022



Bethany is a Hospital Pharmacy Compliance Officer for the College of Pharmacists of BC. She completed her pharmacy technician course in 2001 and became regulated in 2014. Bethany has extensive experience in

hospital pharmacy practice.

Prior to joining the College, she worked at St. Paul's Hospital. In October 2020, she successfully completed her Certified Investigator / Inspector Training with The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation. Most recently, in July 2021, she became a Certified Sterile Compounding Inspector through Critical Point and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Speaker: Ashley Le

Session Title: College Tech Talk 2022



Ashley is the Practice Reviews and Quality Assurance Coordinator for the College of Pharmacists of BC. She became a regulated pharmacy technician in 2012 and has over 10 years of experience working at the College and in community and long-term care pharmacy settings.

Speaker: Ed Diaz

Session Title: College Tech Talk 2022



Ed is a Practice Reviews / Quality Assurance Coordinator & Hospital Compliance Officer for the College of Pharmacists of BC. He completed the pharmacy technician course in 2000 and became a regulated pharmacy technician in 2015. He has worked in community, hospital and long-term care pharmacy settings. Ed has been with the College since 2018.

Speaker Spotlight

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Speaker: Michelle Koberinski

Session Title: BC Hazardous Drugs Exposure Control Program



Michelle has worked as a pharmacy technician since 1999 in various community and hospital settings in BC and Alberta. She currently works for Provincial Pharmacy at BC Cancer where she developed, implements, and maintains an Oncology Certification Program for pharmacy technicians, assistants, and pharmacists in British Columbia who prepare and dispense oncology medication. In 2010, Michelle received a Merit award from CAPhO for her work on BC Cancer's Pharmacy Practice Standards for Hazardous Drugs Manual. Michelle recently became the first pharmacy technician to be the Vice President of CAPhO. Michelle dedicates much of her time to improving aseptic compounding processes that involve hazardous drugs and developing guidelines for safe practice.

Speaker: Jackie Ellis

Session Title: BC Hazardous Drugs Exposure Control Program



Jackie is an occupational hygienist with over 15 years of experience in post-secondary and health care. She is currently the Leader of Specialized Health and Safety at Fraser Health where she leads teams of occupational hygienist and ergonomists whose work focuses on eliminating and controlling hazardous workplace exposures that lead to illness and injury. Jackie has a Master of Science in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene and is registered with the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, the Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists, and the Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals. One of Jackie's key interests is reducing exposures to hazardous drugs in the workplace. Recently she has been co-chairing the provincial working group on hazardous drugs exposure control, a multi-health authority interdisciplinary committee represented by pharmacy, nursing and occupational health and safety professionals. The goal of the working group is to develop harmonized requirements to control exposures and meet the WorkSafeBC regulation for hazardous drugs throughout the health authorities.

Speaker: Emily Morrow

Session Title: Pharmacy Ergonomics - Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention



Emily is a member of the Ergonomics team at Fraser Health Authority and is currently supporting the Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Project with the Health Employer's Association of BC. Emily is a Canadian Certified Associate Ergonomist; she earned her Bachelor of Human Kinetics from the University of Windsor and Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Ergonomic Studies from Fanshawe College. Emily's work focuses on musculoskeletal injury prevention in healthcare through a systems approach by optimizing human well-being and performance. Emily has a passion for occupational health and safety and enjoys working in the diverse field of healthcare ergonomics.

Speaker Spotlight

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Speaker: Gigi Y. C. Wong

Session Title: Considerable Impacts of Inhalers and Anesthetic Gases on Climate Crisis



Gigi is a pharmacist who strives to increase awareness of pharmaceuticals in the environment to inspire others to take action towards sustainable pharmacy practices. Over the years, Gigi has dedicated her time to endeavours towards this cause. Gigi is the pharmacist for quality at Lower Mainland Pharmacy Services (FHA, PHC, PHSA, VCH), supporting 25 hospital pharmacy sites towards compliance to new standards for safer sterile drug preparations for patients.

Speaker: Robert Solek

Session Title: Open to Opportunity - Advocating for Yourself in the Job Market



Robert graduated from the pharmacy technician program at the Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology in Hamilton in 2003. As part of this program, he did a placement at both the in-patient and out-patient pharmacies at St Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton. Robert was offered employment at St Joseph's upon graduation and spent four years as an in-patient pharmacy technician. In his fourth year he participated in a pilot project where a pharmacy technician was placed on the ward as liaison to the Acute Mental Health Unit. In 2007 Mr. Solek accepted a position at the University Health Network (UHN). The position had him employed in the Investigational Drug Services department where he was a Clinical Trials Pharmacy Technician. Robert also became an IV trainer at UHN and sat on many committees focused on IV preparation standards and safety. As part of a nation-wide clinical trial to evaluate two different treatments for Fabry disease, he was also instrumental in the consolidation of study data and the occasional provisioning of medication to dispensing pharmacies. In 2010, Robert migrated within UHN into the role of pharmacy purchaser, part of the team responsible for keeping supplies inventoried for this very busy hospital. In November 2011, Mr. Solek accepted a position as a pharmacy auditor with Express Scripts Canada allowing him to travel the country and visit many pharmacies and medical supplies and equipment providers. In September 2021 Robert joined the Pharmacy Policy Development Division for the Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate at Indigenous Services Canada and is currently enjoying this newest role.

Robert was part of the pioneer class to complete all the requirements for pharmacy technician regulation in the province of Ontario in June 2010. He successfully passed the PEBC pharmacy technician exams on his first attempt. In February of 2009, he was elected to the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians' (CAPT) board of directors. He started as the Director of Administration and has held the positions of Director of Promotions and Public Relations, Vice President, and he is currently the President of the CAPT board of directors. In 2017, Mr. Solek has also been appointed to the board of directors of PEBC and in 2019 is the chair of the Public Relations committee and sits on the finance committee. In these roles, he has acquired leadership qualities, learned to manage dedicated team members and other skills associated with working on large boards. He is a firm supporter of the changing roles of both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the Canadian Health Care system.

Mr. Solek is also a community advocate for pharmacy technicians, speaking in college classes and at national conferences about the diverse job opportunities available for registered pharmacy technicians. He is a subject expert and reviewer for pharmacy technician programs going through accreditation with CCCEP. He was also a volunteer at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games, as a member of the pharmacy team at the Whistler Polyclinic in the Athletes' Village. He currently resides in the Montreal area with his wonderful wife, Cynthia.

Speaker Spotlight

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Speaker: Gurjit Pawar

Session Title: A Patient's Journey Through a Renal Transplant

Gurjit has worked in the renal field as a Registered Nurse for 10 years. She has experience working alongside the CKD, Peritoneal Dialysis and Post Transplant population. Gurjit has been on various renal committees on a provincial level and has participated in many quality improvement initiatives to improve the quality of care delivered to renal patients. In addition, Gurjit has firsthand experience as a renal patient,

Speaker: Dr. Marietta VanDenBerg

Session Title: Proceed With Caution - Living in Uncertain Times

Dr. VanDenBerg is a psychiatrist in the Fraser Health Authority. She also works as the Physician Quality Lead of the Surrey Hospitals in British Columbia. She is originally from Zimbabwe, then South Africa, and Canada is her last stop. She is a mother of four, grandmother of three, and loves living in beautiful B.C. Her passion is stories; the ones people tell, struggle to tell, write down, and live. She believes that there is healing in having our stories heard or witnessed. She is grateful for this opportunity and hopes to provide some comfort, some learnings, and some opportunity for reflection.



SPECIAL THANKS

The PTSBC Conference Committee is a group of 7 hardworking volunteers who work throughout the year to organize this conference. An enormous thank you to Ashley Fairfield, Bal Dhillon, Danka Miletic, Eric Koo, Nelson Chen, Ray Jang, and Yonette Harrod for the time and effort they have committed towards planning the speakers, activities, and other logistics of this conference.

An additional thank you goes out to all PTSBC members for your support of the society. Your membership allows us to continue in our efforts to advance the profession and provide educational opportunities, including those offered at this conference. We look forward to meeting you in-person at the conference in October!

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We are delighted to have the continued support of industry sponsors who provide us with funding to offset some of the conference expenses. Their sponsorship ensures that our registration fees remain affordable for those attending the conference. Our industry sponsors are always willing to share product and service information with pharmacy personnel and would welcome a visit to their booth during the Friday networking session.

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