



# The Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP)

The Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network (CHAP) was formed in January, 1997, and is comprised of pharmacists involved in both mono and/or co-infection with HIV and viral hepatitis practice across Canada. CHAP members meet on an annual basis, communicate regularly through e-mails, and collaborate on a variety of projects and publications.

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## WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### NEWS FROM THE CHAIR

**Mike Stuber**  
**Chair, 2019/2020**

The year is rapidly drawing to a close but the CHAP executive is working hard once again to prepare an enjoyable and informative annual general meeting in Quebec City. Our 2020 AGM will be held on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Quebec City Convention Centre. As usual our meeting will be hosted as an ancillary event preceding the CAHR Conference (April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 3<sup>rd</sup>). Accommodations will be at the Delta Quebec City. For those of you not attending the CAHR conference we will have a reservation code sent out soon so you can still get a conference rate.

Details on CAHR website:

<https://www.cahr-acrv.ca/conference/>

To ensure we provide a meaningful agenda we ask you to **please complete the following survey by the end of the**

**year.** Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you in Quebec City. **LINK TO SURVEY:** <https://hes32-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.surveymonkey.com%2fr%2fFMGDWDV&umid=ebdf7c9f-208c-4ae5-9940-7d2f02a3825d&auth=264e636f8a7899a1bca3b66cba6e4e44ed141273-1af059e45082b8a88e9a58c0b66eab3e16f3f3b6>

*Check out Mike Stuber's article in The CATIE Exchange on the importance of community pharmacists in HIV care.*  
[http://blog.catie.ca/2019/09/09/community-pharmacists-underutilized-resources-in-the-hiv-care-team/?utm\\_source=CATIE+Email+Subscriptions&utm\\_campaign=7fcb8149b9-tce\\_email\\_en\\_091119&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_ae993f6577-7fcb8149b9-45817171](http://blog.catie.ca/2019/09/09/community-pharmacists-underutilized-resources-in-the-hiv-care-team/?utm_source=CATIE+Email+Subscriptions&utm_campaign=7fcb8149b9-tce_email_en_091119&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ae993f6577-7fcb8149b9-45817171)

### WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW CHAP MEMBERS

- **Laurence Messier**  
[laurence.messier@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:laurence.messier@muhc.mcgill.ca) is a new pharmacist at the Chronic

**HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow 2020 – October 4-7**

<https://www.hivglasgow.org/>

**11<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on HIV & Aging – October 15-16, 2020, New York, NY**

<https://www.virology-education.com/event/upcoming/international-workshop-hiv-aging-2020/>

**ID Week 2020 – October 21-25, 2020, Philadelphia, PA**

<https://idweek.org/past-and-future-events/>

Check out the CAHR travel awards program for help with funding to go to HIV meetings! <http://www.cahr-acrv.ca/hcp-travel-awards-competition/#conditionsoffunding>

#### **2019 Canadian Association of HIV Research - HCP Travel Award Competition Recipients that are part of CHAP**

1. Alice Tseng – CROI (Conference of Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections)
2. Pierre Giguere & Dominic Martel – 20<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of HIV, Hepatitis and other Antiviral Drugs
4. Jennifer Hawkes – 10<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference on HIV Science
5. Carly Pozniak – 17<sup>th</sup> European AIDS Conference

#### **REMINDER:**

**CHAP AGM – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Quebec City**

## **CHAP NATIONAL OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM**

A request for funding renewal has been submitted to Gilead for continuation of the Observership program into 2020. When funding has been confirmed, the next call for applications will be sent via the CHAP listserve. As a reminder, this program is open to both experienced clinicians who are interested in gaining exposure to a different area of HIV practice, or pharmacists new to HIV who wish to establish or expand their practice in HIV and/or HCV. The hope is that applicants granted an observership will stay in this field for at least a few years in order to build on their experiences, become more involved with CHAP, and perhaps even serve as preceptors for future Observerships.

#### **CHAP Observership with Linda Robinson Oct 1-2, 2019 (Sarah Zorzit):**

In early October 2019, I travelled from Sault Ste Marie to Windsor to spend a wonderful two days with Linda Robinson and the HIV clinic team at the Windsor Regional Hospital. This opportunity was the best fit for my HIV learning needs, as the Sault Area Hospital recently opened out an outpatient pharmacy in 2017. We

are currently looking for ways to expand our pharmacy to more specialty niches, as we currently serve the oncology population. An HIV specialized pharmacist became an area of need when we welcomed our infectious disease doctor, Dr. Castellani, to the Sault Area Hospital in 2017/2018.

The pre-observership survey helped me identify specific learning goals for my time with Linda. Some of my goals included: learning the workflow and pharmacist role at the Techumseh-Bying Clinic Pharmacy, review key HIV resources commonly used by the pharmacist, see resistance test reports and observe how this is used to change antiretroviral regimens, and determine how to best encourage and track compliance among our patients. Linda went above and beyond to use our time effectively and everyone at the clinic was so welcoming to learners.

By the end of the two days, I had a clear framework in mind for how we could expand and develop the role of a HIV pharmacist at the Sault Area Hospital as well as use our current outpatient pharmacy to maximize care for these patients. It was also great to meet Linda so I can reach out to her with future questions and possibly have her come speak to our clinic staff. I hope to initiate this framework when I return from parental leave in 2021, however our staff seem very excited about the future possibilities. Linda also encouraged me to seek an AAHIVP certification, which would be a great learning occasion for myself and any other pharmacist interested on our team. All this thanks to the CHAP Observership opportunity that was provided to me, I am very grateful.

### **CHAP Observership with Pierre Giguere (Erin Ready)**

This fall, I travelled to Ottawa for the CHAP National Observership Program with Pierre Giguere. It didn't take long for me to realize how fortunate I was to have been able to take part in this program. Pierre is a fantastic teacher who clearly has an excellent rapport with his patients and colleagues; I really appreciated how much time he dedicated to teaching to ensure that my learning experience was valuable. By the end of the observership, my learning objectives pertaining HCV were not only met, but my HIV knowledge was also enhanced through discussions we had on current trends in HIV research and care. Last but not least, Pierre also taught me a lot more about CHAP itself and the opportunities that exist to become more involved with CHAP in the future. Many thanks to Pierre and to CHAP for this excellent learning opportunity!

**NEWS FROM ACROSS  
THE COUNTRY**  
**NEWS from  
Newfoundland**



❖ **From the Provincial HIV  
Program, Eastern Health, St.  
John's (Debbie Kelly)**