



Welcome to the CAPSI National Press Package!

As the current President of CAPSI National, I would like to thank you for your interest in CAPSI and our efforts. CAPSI is fortunate enough to have over 3800 members unified for excellence, advocacy, and academics in pharmacy. As the profession of pharmacy is rapidly changing and advancing, CAPSI has the obligation of ensuring the voice of the pharmacy student and intern is heard.

CAPSI is unique in the fact that our association brings together motivated pharmacy students from across the country who are committed to participating in a national discussion focusing on Canadian pharmacy practice and the voice of the pharmacy student body. Each CAPSI National meeting and event is carried out with the association's five core values of unity, professionalism, advocacy, academics, and excellence in mind.

In order to fulfill CAPSI's vision of creating "a national community of pharmacy students and interns empowered to advocate for the advancement of the profession towards excellence in patient-centered care", the CAPSI National Council is committed to its members. As you will learn within the contents of this document, CAPSI is composed of both a National Council and Local Councils from each of the ten schools of pharmacy in Canada. Throughout the year CAPSI's local and national councils work hard to provide our members with learning opportunities and networking experiences outside of the pharmacy curricula.

I hope this package provides you with better details and some insight on CAPSI and our efforts to best represent our members. Please also visit our website, www.capsi.ca, for more information about CAPSI and our efforts.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or would like to get involved, contact your local representatives or myself, at pres@capsi.ca.

Kind Regards,

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Our mission is to advocate for the interests of Canadian pharmacy students in the 10 pharmacy faculties in Canada. This organization strives to facilitate excellence of pharmacy students in academia and professionalism through provision of educational and practical experience outside of the pharmacy curricula.

Vision

A national community of pharmacy students and interns empowered to advocate for the advancement of the profession towards excellence in patient-centered care.

Values

Unity: create a national community of pharmacy students and interns

Professionalism: exemplify the highest standards of conduct as set by the regulated profession of pharmacy

Advocacy: provide a voice for pharmacy students and interns

Academics: facilitate learning opportunities for pharmacy students and interns

Excellence: inspire pharmacy students and interns to achieve greatness

The Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) was formed in 1968. We are a national community empowered to advocate for the advancement of the profession towards excellence in patient-centered care. Our organization represents over 3800 members from 10 different pharmacy schools across the country. In conjunction with the Canadian Pharmacists' Association (CPhA) we provide our members with a number of benefits including discounted textbooks, the RxTx mobile drug information app, the ability to participate in Pharmacist Awareness Month (PAM) and the opportunity to attend our annual conference Professional Development Week (PDW).

Professional Development Week (PDW) is our annual conference held every year at the beginning of January. This is the largest pharmacy student conference in the country and every year it is hosted by a different pharmacy faculty. This four-day conference brings students from across the country together for a weekend of learning, networking and enriching experiences. There are series of speakers, competitions, and events where students can learn about the latest advancements in pharmacy practice, and apply skills and knowledge they have acquired in the classroom. Our competitions include: Compounding Competition, Patient Interview Competition (PIC), Over-the-Counter Competition (OTC), the Student Literary Competition (SLC) and the Evidence Based Practice Competition. There is also a number awards presented from our various sponsors in order recognize a number of our members for their outstanding work and dedication to our profession.

Pharmacist Awareness Month (PAM), is one of our most exciting times of year. It takes place every March, both pharmacists and students plan and host a number of events in which we advocate and promote our profession to government, other healthcare professionals and the public. The local representatives from each faculty lead the charge in planning these events which may include free blood pressure or diabetes clinics, lunch and learns, dead drug drop offs, awareness campaigns and fundraisers, and health/safety presentations to grade school children. These events allow us to provide more information about the role of the pharmacist on the healthcare team and our advancing scope of practice and services that we are capable of providing to our patients.

For more information about CAPSI and CAPSI related events please feel free to email the Vice President of Professional Affairs at yppa@capsi.ca. CAPSI website: capsi.ca

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Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and interns Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 Who is the CAPSI National Council and what do they do?

The CAPSI National Council is comprised of two local representatives, the Senior and Junior representative from each faculty of pharmacy across the country, as well as a number of executive council members whom are elected at PDW. You can learn more about the CAPSI National Council on our website at <http://capsi.ca/parent-council/>.

CAPSI National completes a number of tasks and activities each year, however our primary goal is to support the local representatives and take care of our members. We are an association of pharmacy students and interns unified for excellence in advocacy, academics, and the profession of pharmacy. We strive to provide our members with personal and professional benefits. These benefits are described in greater detail below.

Q2 How do the CAPSI elections work? Locally or nationally?

Electing the CAPSI Senior and Junior representative for each university occurs on the local level. The local election procedures are different at each school based on each universities local student council's policies and procedures. Please contact your local CAPSI representatives for more information.

The callout for the CAPSI National executive positions goes out during the Fall semester every year. Instructions are provided on how to run for a position and the documentation that is necessary. The speeches and the election proceedings then take place at PDW. It is not mandatory for you to attend PDW in order to run in the election, however, you will be required to create a video of your speech and answer three questions which will be provided by your local representative. Following the speeches, the CAPSI National council will gather feedback from our members at PDW on each of the candidates. The National Council will then deliberate and vote for the candidate they believe is best suited to represent our members.

Q3 How do you become a CAPSI member?

Available Student Memberships

General Student Member:

Canadian pharmacy students (full-time undergraduate or Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) students registered at one of the ten Canadian faculties of pharmacy) are eligible to become a CAPSI "General Student Member". To become a member, contact your local CAPSI representative. Membership drives typically occur in September and in January. This is when the majority of new members are registered.

Available Non-Student Memberships

Associate Student Members:

Defined as a full-time undergraduate student of a foreign school of pharmacy or a registered pharmacy intern in a foreign country who has effectively provided appropriate compensation for any prescribed fees to the Association.

Pharmacist Members:

Defined as an individual duly registered as a pharmacist with the governing provincial or territorial licensing body in the jurisdiction in which that individual practices.

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Supporting Members:

Defined as an individual having an interest in the corporation's activities and initiatives who is not a General Student Member, Associate Student Member, Pharmacist Member, or Honorary Life Member.

Honorary Life Members (no fees associated as title is awarded by council):

Defined as an individual who has demonstrated high qualities of character and who has actively supported the corporation directly or indirectly and has made a significant contribution to the work of the corporation. Candidates must have had at least a five (5) year active relationship with the corporation. The National Council nominates Honorary Life Members and their acceptance is subject to the passing of the motion by the following year's council to ensure continuity. Only one (1) honorary life membership may be awarded per 12-month period.

For all non-student membership inquiries please contact CAPSI's executive secretary at secretary@capsi.ca.

Available Corporate Memberships

Corporate Member (CAPSI Club):

CAPSI also offers corporate memberships through our CAPSI Club, with recently enhanced membership benefits.

For more information about a CAPI Club membership contact our Vice President of Communications at vpcom@capsi.ca.

Q4 What are the associated fees as a CAPSI member (per school, international member)?

General Student Member:

Membership fees vary from school to school. Each local council determines the fees that will be charged to their student members. Although each school determines their own overall fee, \$12 of every student's membership fee per year goes to CAPSI National to support the association's national initiatives. The additional portion of the students' fees remain with their respective school's local council in order to help fund local initiatives.

Non-student Members:

- Associate Student membership fee - \$30.00
- Pharmacist membership fee - \$30.00
- Supporting membership fee - \$30.00
- Honorary Life Membership - no fee shall be payable

Corporate Members (CAPSI Club):

- Platinum Members- \$5000 or greater
- Gold Members - \$2000-4999
- Silver Members - \$1500-1999
- Bronze Members - \$1000-1499
- Club Members - \$500-999



Q5 What are the benefits of becoming a CAPSI member?

General Student Members are entitled to the following:

- The right to vote on motions presented at the CAPSI Annual General Meeting
- The opportunity to voice interests and opinions through their respective faculty CAPSI Representatives
- The right to hold a position on the CAPSI National Council as per the Election Protocol
- The opportunity to view all CAPSI documents (e.g., meeting minutes, Constitutional By-laws)
- One CAPSI Agenda per Membership Year (upon publication)
- Access to all issues of the CAPSIL, published during the Membership term
- Eligibility for all CAPSI awards and participation in CAPSI competitions and initiatives according to the rules and regulations that govern each particular award, competition, or initiative
- Membership in the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)
- Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) affiliate status
- Access to CAPSI National online communications, promotions and social media correspondences
- Access to current CAPSI publications

Associate Student Members, Pharmacist Members, and Supporting Members are entitled to the following:

- The opportunity to voice interests and opinions through members of the CAPSI Executive Council
- The opportunity to participate in local CAPSI events
- One CAPSI Agenda per Membership Year (upon publication)
- Access to all issues of the CAPSIL, published during the Membership term
- Other current CAPSI publications, including access to CAPSI National online communications, promotions and social media correspondences
- Invitation to Professional Development Week (PDW) including a PDW registration brochure and PDW promotional material as published by the PDW host committee
- Additional membership benefits may be awarded at council's discretion

Honorary Life Members are entitled to the following:

- A certificate to be presented by the Association in person or by mail
- The opportunity to voice interests and opinions through a member of the CAPSI Executive Council
- One CAPSI Agenda annually (upon publication)
- Access to all issues of the CAPSIL
- Additional membership benefits may be awarded at council's discretion

Q6 How do I register my CPhA membership online?

In order to register your CPhA membership your local CAPSI representatives will collect your information (name, email, etc.). From there the information is then sent to CAPSI's executive secretary and submitted to CPhA and uploaded into their database. You can then log onto pharmacists.ca, set up your account and gain access to your CPhA benefits using the email you provided to your local CAPSI representatives.

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Q7 How do I download the the CPhA licensed RxTx mobile app?

- 1) Register for the CPhA membership as described above.
- 2) Log into pharmacists.ca and download the 'RxTx' mobile app on your IOS or Android based phone.
- 3) After the app is installed you can then log into the app using the same credentials you used on the CPhA website.
- 4) Once you are logged in, you have to update everything as mentioned in the bottom right corner tab called 'update'.

Q8 What is PDW? When/Where is PDW?

Professional Development Week (PDW) is the largest pharmacy student run conference that occurs in Canada. Every year it is hosted by one of the ten pharmacy faculties in Canada, pharmacy students from across the country come together in one central location for a weekend of networking, attending educational seminars from various speakers, competing in the national CAPSI competitions, elect the CAPSI National council and participate in CAPSIs Annual General Meeting. PDW 2017 will be taking place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Check out their website (<http://www.pdw2017.com/>) and video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbinHeIR7M4>) for more information.

Q9 Can Post-Bachelor PharmDs, Master/PhD, or Residency students attend PDW?

All non-student members have the privilege of receiving "An invitation to Professional Development Week (PDW) including a registration brochure and PDW promotional material as published by the PDW Planning Committee". In the past, non-student members have not attended PDW, however this is something that the Membership Committee will be evaluating.

Q10 Can students be reimbursed for attending PDW?

Each school has different policies and amounts of funding available that they may be able to allocate towards reimbursement for attending an educational event such as PDW. Please contact your local CAPSI representatives for more information.

Q11 What do the CAPSI competitions entail?

During PDW CAPSI hosts a variety of National competitions during PDW, where students from each of the ten pharmacy faculties across the country compete against each other in order to win cash prizes and bragging rights for their University! The competitions are described below:

Compounding Competition: Teams of 4 put their compounding skills to the test while working with real pharmaceutical ingredients.

Patient Interview Competition (PIC): Students must use a variety of therapeutic and communication skills in order to solve multiple patient DRPs. This competition is more involved than the OTC competition and requires greater therapeutic knowledge.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Competition: Is great for students of all levels to assess and provide care for a patient seeking an Over-the-Counter product.



Student Literary Competition: Students submit pieces of original writing related to the profession of pharmacy. The national winner may have their work published in the Canadian Pharmacists Journal.

Evidence Based Practice Competition: This is an opportunity for students to work in teams to review literature in order to make the best recommendation for a patient. This competition varies in content but often reflects situations faced in hospital pharmacy practice. Currently this competition occurs only on a local level.

Q12 What are the prizes of the CAPSI National competitions?

Monetary prizes for winning a competition on the local level may be up to \$250 and a guaranteed spot at PDW in order to compete in the National competition. Prizes awarded at the National level competition may be up to \$400.

Q13 What is PAM? How do I become involved?

PAM is Pharmacist Awareness Month which occurs in March of every year. This is a month long national campaign, whereby pharmacy is promoted to the public, government, and fellow healthcare providers in an effort to educate and advocate for the pharmacist profession. Contact your local CAPSI representatives to find out how you can become involved.

Q14 What are CAPSI affiliated social media outlets (e.g. FB page, twitter, instagram)?

CAPSI National only has three affiliated social media accounts. The CAPSI National Facebook page, a twitter account, and an instagram account. Our commonly used hashtags are #CAPSI #CAPSINational, then we also have a number of event specific hashtags such as #PAM2016 and #PDW2016. Stay up to date with us through are various social media accounts!

Q15 What is IPSF?

IPSF is the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation. Today, it represents around 350,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates in 70 countries worldwide. In fact, it is the leading international advocacy organization consisting of pharmacy students. It is a non-governmental, non-political, and non-religious organization that promotes the improvement of public health through the provision of information, education, networking, and a range of publications and professional activities. IPSF initiatives focus primarily on public health, pharmacy education, and professional development. These include:

- Public health campaigns
- Research on issues in pharmacy education and workforce development
- The Student Exchange Programme
- Organizing international and regional congresses and symposia
- Publication of the IPSF News Bulletin, Newsletter, and education supplement Phuture

Q16 What is the IPSF World Congress?

The IPSF World Congress is the largest international pharmacy student conference in the world. Over the span of ten days, hundreds of students and recent graduates from all over the world, get together to participate in several different activities, such Leaders in Training, Symposia, Workshops, Public Health Campaigns and to discuss the past, the present and the future of IPSF. The 62nd IPSF World Congress 2016 recently took place in Harare, Zimbabwe.

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Q17 What is the student exchange program?

Student Exchange Programme (SEP) is a mobility programme that gives students from all over the world the opportunity to get to know pharmacy in a different country. The member associations of IPSF organize the exchanges by finding host sites in different countries where pharmacy students are trained. The programme runs throughout the year, but the majority of the exchanges take place between May and September.