

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATE -

In the November Champion News brief we reported that the Collaborative Pharmaceutical Task Force final report to the General Assembly had been released and was [available](#) on the ICHP website.

Turns out we were wrong, but not because we posted the wrong report or because we missed something. In fact, SB2104 which extended the Pharmacy Practice Act to January 1, 2023 and incorporated many of the Task Force recommendations also will reconvene the Task Force beginning in January and adds six new members to its ranks! Four legislators, another representative of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and another representative of organized labor. So we will see what new recommendations the group will present to the

General Assembly with next year's final report! In the meantime, the Governor is expected to sign SB2104 and also HB0659 which limits the patient out of pocket cost of insulin to a maximum of \$100. It will be interesting to see who is stuck with the rest of the price. Both bills passed in the fall Veto Session in October and November.

The November 12th Board of Pharmacy Meeting was a real eye-opener with the announcement that both pharmacists and certified pharmacy technicians will need to complete 1 hour of CE credit on the prevention of sexual harassment for their March, 2019 license renewals. This will be the first time that certified pharmacy technicians will need to provide attestation that they have completed their 20 hours of CE during the last 24 months and the first time for the new additional requirement of the one-hour for sexual harassment. Make sure your staff is aware!

SPRING MEETING - The ICHP Spring Meeting will be March 27-28, 2020 in East Peoria. Mark your calendars and plan on attending! Watch for more information after the New Year!

CALL FOR POSTERS- The call for Spring Meeting Posters has gone out. Click [here](#) to submit a poster abstract. Abstracts are due January 10, 2020.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK-

If you have a Facebook page, please "like" ICHP so that we can share events with you which you can also share. (<https://www.facebook.com/ichpnet/>). You can also join our facebook group as a way to privately discuss pharmacy issues with your peers – Just click the "Join Group" button on our ICHP page.

#FIGHTFLU- December 1-7th:

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET A FLU VACCINE!

National Influenza Vaccination Week
www.cdc.gov/flu/NIW

#FIGHTFLU

ILLINOIS RECEPTION AT THE ASHP MIDYEAR – If you or your colleagues are headed to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Las Vegas this December, stop by the Luxor Velvet Room on Monday evening, Dec. 9th from 5:30-7:00 pm to see who from Illinois is out there with you! Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be there to tide you over until you head out to dinner with some friends from around the State. Sponsored by ICHP, and the Midwestern, SIUE, Chicago State, Roosevelt and Rosalind Franklin Colleges of Pharmacy. Don't miss it! The slots can wait!

TECHNICIAN EVENTS AT THE ASHP MIDYEAR -

If any technicians are attending Midyear, you might be interested in the following special events:

Pharmacy Technician Network Session
Monday, 12/9/19, 11:15am – 12:15pm
Mandalay Bay, Level 2, Room Lagoon F
Pharmacy Technician Forum Executive Committee (PTFEC) Meet & Greet
Tuesday 12/10/19, 1am-Noon, Mandalay Bay
South Convention Center, Level 3, Room Palm H.

If you go, please share on ICHP Social Media!

TECHNICIAN-SPECIFIC HOME STUDY- ICHP

Technician Members receive a FREE subscription to our Pharmacy Tech Topics™ (PTT) online continuing education. This subscription includes access to all available PTT programs online – 10 credit hours a year. Please share this information with your technician co-workers! For more information on the CPE go to www.pharmacytechtopics.com. To learn more about ICHP, go to www.ichpnet.org. Already a member and need help accessing your PTT account? Call us at 815-227-9292 for assistance.

WE NEED CHAMPIONS! – If you do not have a Champion at your site, and you are interested please contact Trish at trishw@ichpnet.org. Visit our Champions webpage to learn more: https://www.ichpnet.org/events/champion_webinars/

We also need Champions to serve on our Champion Subcommittee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office or email Trish at trishw@ichpnet.org. We usually meet quarterly via conference call or email transmission.

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED TO ICHP?

The November issue of KeePosted is now out in print – and is available online too! Get the latest information and stay connected! Check out the Annual Meeting summary and pictures! Check out the many small projects for volunteers, including at the ICHP Spring Meeting, here: https://www.ichpnet.org/about_us/divisions_and_committees/volunteer_sign_up.php

FREE CHAMPION HOME STUDY CPE -

for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians available now on CESally.com. Log into your CESally.com account and search on Champion Home Study, or review available titles on the ICHP website. See the link options below.

Two NEW Champion HOME Study programs were just added for ICHP members.

Search on www.CESally.com by the titles below:

Topic: Drug Diversion: Define, Recognize, & Prevent
Speaker: Mary Clare Pfeiffer, CPhT
Accredited for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

Topic: HIV Updates for the Pharmacy Technician
Speaker: Thomas D. Chiampas, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP
Accredited for Pharmacy Technicians

You can use the home study to schedule a showing to your staff at any time or any day. Members will receive continuing education credit through this home study process as well. Champion programs are only visible to ICHP association members on CESally.com. For information on connecting your CESally account to ICHP visit: https://www.ichpnet.org/pharmacy_practice/cesally

Please check out the great topics for pharmacists and technicians in 2019! Visit the champions overview page here: http://www.ichpnet.org/events/champion_webinars.

Review available homestudy titles on the ICHP website here: https://www.ichpnet.org/about_us/champions/champion_homestudy_webinars.php

And watch for more information on LIVE Champion programs in upcoming ICHP CPE News Briefs.

UPCOMING 2020 CHAMPION CONTINUING PHARMACY EDUCATION (CPE) LIVE WEBINARS

JANUARY 23, 2020 12 PM-12:30 PM

TOPIC: Influenza Treatment Updates

Speakers: Natalie R. Tucker, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, Jessica Seadler, PharmD

Examples of Champion topics under development by Educational Affairs

- Pain management alternatives in ED
- Pipelines for technicians
- New critical care guidelines
- Cannabis in the workplace and pre-employment testing
- Opioid Crisis Education Series programs!

More information to follow – Watch for updates!

Watch your email for the ICHP affiliate email notices on live CPE in your area!

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