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### CCGP Adds ASHP as Second CE Provider

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has signed an agreement with [ASHP](#) to serve as a provider of continuing education for recertification of Certified Geriatric Pharmacists. ASHP will join the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists as authorized providers for the CCGP Professional Development Program.

ASHP will offer six credit hours of live programming for CGP recertification at their [Midyear Clinical Meeting](#) in New Orleans December 6-10, 2015. Details about these sessions are at [this link](#).

Over the last five years, CCGP has almost doubled in size, now with over 2,800 Certified Geriatric Pharmacists. At the same time, the settings in which these pharmacists practice have become more diverse, with the hospital setting now representing the largest number of Certified Geriatric Pharmacists.

"CCGP is very pleased to enter this collaboration with ASHP to support the needs of the growing hospital segment of our market," said Mary Ann E. Zagaria, PharmD, MS, CGP, Chair of the CCGP Board of Commissioners. "ASHP is experienced in providing continuing education for board certification programs and has an excellent and established reputation among hospital pharmacists."

### CCGP Annual Meeting is October 31 in Las Vegas

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has an Annual Meeting in conjunction with the [Annual Meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists](#). This year the CCGP Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the Loire Room at the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Breakfast will be served. All Certified Geriatric Pharmacists are invited to attend.

The meeting will feature a presentation about the state of CCGP by the incoming Chair of the CCGP Board of Commissioners, Pronica Janikowski. Opportunity will be provided for questions and discussion.

### New Online CE Package Available from ASCP

### **CCGP to Exhibit at Upcoming Pharmacy Meetings**

CCGP will be exhibiting at three national pharmacy meetings before the end of 2015. Here are the meeting details:

#### National Community Pharmacists Association Annual Convention

October 10-14, 2015

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, near Washington, DC  
Booth #926

#### American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Annual Meeting & Exhibition

October 30 – November 1, 2015

Paris Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV  
Booth #505

#### ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

December 6-10, 2015

New Orleans, LA  
Booth #413

If you will be attending any of these meetings, plan to stop by the CCGP booth to get a CGP ribbon for your nametag. Better yet, bring along a colleague who is interested in learning more about the CGP credential. We look forward to seeing you at one of the above meetings!

### **Check Out the CCGP Career Center**

The CCGP Career Center is a place where you can search for jobs for geriatric pharmacists, or if you are an employer, you can post a job opening to solicit applications from geriatric pharmacists.

The development of the Career Center was a response to the CGP survey that was sent out last year. A high level of interest was indicated by survey respondents, so CCGP developed this resource as a service to Certified Geriatric Pharmacists and employers who are seeking qualified geriatric pharmacists for their companies.

A link to the Career Center is available under "Quick Links" on the CCGP home page.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists has released a new package of online modules for CGP recertification credit. The new package provides 15 credit hours with six advanced case studies.

ASCP will also have live sessions with CGP recertification credit at their Annual Meeting in Las Vegas October 30 – November 1, 2015. Details are at this link.

### **CCGP Exam Test Windows to be Adjusted in 2016**

The test windows to take the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination have been two months in length since CCGP changed to computer-based testing. The January/February test window, for example, runs from the beginning of January to the end of February.

Beginning in 2016, the test windows will be changed. Test windows will run from the middle of the month to the middle of the month. The January/February test window, for example, will run from January 15 through February 15. After the test window is closed, test results will be mailed to all persons who took the exam during that test window.

This change will help facilitate providing timely test results to all candidates.

### **Survey of CGPs Coming Soon – Please Respond!**

CCGP periodically sends out a survey to Certified Geriatric Pharmacists to solicit input about current activities and services, and ways that CCGP might improve service in the future. Your participation is important to help CCGP plan for the future and improve services and operations.

A survey will be sent by e-mail to all CGPs in the near future. We would appreciate your assistance in responding to the survey so that we might better serve you. Thanks for your participation.

### **Recent Upgrade to CGP Discussion Forum – CGP Corner**

If you have not recently been to the discussion forum for Certified Geriatric Pharmacists, CGP Corner, it is time to check it out. The forum has been revamped with an interface that is easier to use.

CGP Corner is a place where you can ask questions about geriatric pharmacy practice and get responses from colleagues. Do you have a difficult clinical case? Confronting new issues or challenges? Chances are good that a colleague can provide valuable input or answers for you. A link to CGP Corner is available under "Quick Links" on the CCGP home page.

### **CCGP Award Recipient - Brian Strang**

The CCGP Board of Commissioners has chosen a recipient for the 2015 CCGP Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice Award. The recipient of the 2015 award is Brian J. Strang, PharmD, CGP, BCNSP, CNSC, BCPS, CPE, FASCP. Dr. Strang is a Clinical Pharmacist at the Tucson Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona and is also the Chair-Elect of the CCGP Professional Development Committee.

Dr. Strang has been an inpatient clinical pharmacist for the past 11 years. When the hospital decided to explore an interdisciplinary program to enhance geriatric care in the inpatient setting and after discharge, Dr. Strang was chosen to participate because of his CGP credential. He has also been involved in the hospice program at the hospital, as well as serving as Clinical Instructor at the University

We hope you continue to find this service valuable. In this year's CGP survey, let us know about your views on the service along with any ideas you may have for improvement. Thanks.

of Arizona College of Pharmacy.

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Strang!

### List of New CGPs

New CGPs from the April/May 2015 testing window.

Name	State/Province	Country
Karishma Raajni Deo	NSW	Australia
Pak Kwan Chan	QLD	Australia
Yehia Mohamed Reda A. Ali	SA	Australia
Bojana Banovic	AB	Canada
Dajana Domazet	AB	Canada
Daniel John Reich	AB	Canada
Heang Suy Siek	AB	Canada
Buhwan Lee	BC	Canada
Gordana Grbelja	BC	Canada
Jenny Lum	BC	Canada
Sarah Myk	MB	Canada
Cynthia Mostacho	ON	Canada
Irene Carla Leibrandt (Rautanen)	ON	Canada
Kim Truong	ON	Canada
Komal Amrishkumar Pandya	ON	Canada
Natalie Galea	ON	Canada
Suraj Benegal	ON	Canada
Susie Jin	ON	Canada
Teresa Furgala	ON	Canada
Umbreen Mir	ON	Canada
Alana Deenika Berg	SK	Canada
Chong Han Kua	SG	Singapore
Yiwei Ng	SG	Singapore
Pei-Chun Chen	TW	Taiwan
Garreth Layton Griffin	AL	United States
Christine Dunning	CA	United States
Dennis John Pinheiro	CA	United States
Dipa Patolia	CA	United States
Gail Gretchen Orum-Alexander	CA	United States
Helen Lim	CA	United States
Hussein H Mussa	CA	United States
Julianne Emoto	CA	United States
Paul Philip Dey	CA	United States
Rashmikant Manilal Patel	CA	United States
Heather Turtle	CO	United States
Kurt Chronister	CO	United States
Merrick Lee Shively	CO	United States

Ermir Xhimitiku	CT	United States
Jennifer Schreiber Disney	CT	United States
Craig C Marten	FL	United States
Enitan Ekwotafia	FL	United States
Hilary Binta	FL	United States
Rajesh Thomas	FL	United States
William Parker	FL	United States
Ayodele Morenike Tekobo	GA	United States
Jessica Saunders	GA	United States
Jennifer Lynne Jackson	IL	United States
Mimoza Metarapi	IL	United States
Joseph Lugar	IN	United States
Kelly Marie Swearingen	IN	United States
Osariemen N Nosa-Idahosa	IN	United States
Whitney Adams	IN	United States
Kristen Desmarais	MA	United States
Melanie Hare	MD	United States
Pegah Parvizian	MD	United States
Cassandra Rose White	ME	United States
Bethany L. Nickerson	MI	United States
Tessa Kemp	MN	United States
Betsy Reynolds	MO	United States
Andrew Matulionis	MT	United States
Alison Chandler	NC	United States
Carolyn D. White	NC	United States
Cheryl Kendrick	NC	United States
Cyle Moore	NC	United States
Jennifer D Poteat	NC	United States
Jennifer M Hamilton	NC	United States
Lorraine Stern Grosso	NC	United States
Andrea White	ND	United States
Loida D Nguyen	NV	United States
Jeffrey Ledgerwood	NY	United States
Mohammad A Rattu	NY	United States
Nancy Liang	NY	United States
Thomas Giovinazzo	NY	United States
Amanda Marie Weiland	OH	United States
Eric Jay Wasson	OH	United States
Urja Vidya Narayan	OR	United States
Jillian Dwyer	PA	United States
Robert Vincent DeClue	SC	United States
Angela Dawn Johnson	SD	United States
Jarrold Seth Keller	TN	United States
Brennon Lowell Harston	TX	United States
Akua Asare	VA	United States
Ibrahim Abu-Arqoub	WI	United States

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