

Caribbean Association of Pharmacists Mid-term Meeting Report 2009

The Caribbean Association of Pharmacists mid-term meeting was held at the Mariner Inn Hotel Conference Room on Saturday 23rd – 24th May 2009. The theme of the mid-term meeting was “A Pharmacist’s Perspective in Patient Care using HIV Disease Management as a Model”



Members of the CAP Executive Team with Ms. Wheatley and workshop presenter Dr. Billy Ray Browne.

L-R: Bassil Sacntlebury, President CAP, Ms. Mimi Rogers, Executive Member, Mr. David Pellows Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Gracia Wheatley Chief of Drugs & Pharmaceutical Services, Dr. Billy Ray Browns, presenter.

The session began at 7:40pm. The Welcome and Opening Remarks were given by the Chief of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Service – Ms. Gracia Wheatley, who welcomed the participants to the shores of the BVI, encouraged them to use the weekend’s seminar to Learn more about HIV while they still can take some time to enjoy some of the weekend’s activities.

Pharmacists attending the session were from Anguilla (1), Antigua (1), the Bahamas(2), Barbados(2), the British Virgin Islands (15) 13 Pharmacists, 1 Pharmacy Technician and 1 interested student from HLSCC, the Cayman Islands (1), Guyana (1), St. Lucia (1), Trinidad and Tobago (1) and United States Virgin Islands (1). Twenty six individuals were in attendance over the two days.

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The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Neil Hawke acting Pharmacy Manager, BVIHSA. Special thanks were given to the many businesses that make the workshop possible. The Ministry of Health and Welfare, Qwomar Trading Limited, J.R. O'neal Pharmacy, Bolo's Department Store, JTV, BVI News on Line, ZBVI Radio, Mariner Inn Hotel, Local Health Professionals, Carlisle Laboratories(Barbados) and Office of Gender Affairs.

Mrs. Tricia Gravesande, pharmacist from Qwomar Limited introduced Dr. Billy Ray Browne Pharm. D. Clinical Pharmacy Specialist who expounded upon the topic "Understanding the Role of The Pharmacist in Patient Care". After the presentation the session adjourned until Sunday 24th May 2009 at 9:30a.m.

The session began on Sunday at 9:40a.m. with the topic Understanding the disease state to guide treatment decisions. The method of choosing therapy, new antiretrovirals, drug resistance and five case studies were discussed.

After the presentation President Scantlebury addressed the group as to the benefits of a pharmacy association.

The final session was a skills workshop with Dr. Browne playing the HIV patients in the case studies discussed in the previous sessions and group representatives demonstrating the counseling guidelines that were presented during the Understanding the disease state to guide treatment decision.

Miss. Antigua presented Dr. Billy Browne with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the participants at the workshop.

The workshop ended on a high note with the singing of the song "One Love" by Bob Marley to build camaraderie among the participants.

The President and Secretary/Treasurer both expressed their delight as to the success of the mid-term meeting citing that it was one of the best meetings they have had in terms of attendance by both local and overseas pharmacists.