

## Member Spotlight

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Hello fellow CSHP Members! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share my journey with you all. As a pharmacist, my personal ethos is to be a lifelong learner, with a passion for personal and professional growth, mentorship, and advocacy within the pharmacy profession. This ethos has played an important role in both my career and journey with CSHP.



I obtained my PharmD from University of the Pacific in 2017, and completed my PGY1 residency at Kaiser Permanente in Redwood City, CA, where I practiced for 5 years. During my time at Kaiser, I practiced in a variety of ambulatory clinics including oncology, diabetes, and hemophilia. I also had the opportunity to design and pilot the pharmacist-led Adult and Family Medicine clinic within the San Mateo service area. My experience at Kaiser building clinical programs laid the foundation for when I made the career switch to One Medical, as the first clinical pharmacist within their primary care system. At One Medical, I direct clinical pharmacy operations, manage medication safety initiatives, and lead clinical strategy for drugs and devices.

Reflecting on my career journey thus far, it is clear that CSHP has been instrumental in my development as a professional. I was recruited to join Quatra Chapter in 2017 by a residency preceptor, and I remember feeling an immediate sense of passion and community from the very first meeting I attended. Over the years, I have held various positions within Quatra including Treasurer, Continuing Education Chair, President-Elect and President and while they were each

challenging, these positions taught me how to be a stronger collaborator, nimble learner, and greater advocate for the pharmacy profession.

There are many ways in which membership in a professional organization like CSHP is critical as we navigate the rapidly changing healthcare landscape. This past spring, I had the opportunity to represent my organization and serve on the 2024 ASHP Commission on Goals. Sitting amongst physicians, nurse practitioners and health-system administrators, it was clear how important CSHPs continued work is. CSHPs presence in the community and their advocacy work plays an important role in expanding pharmacist scope amidst a growing provider shortage and integration of new technologies such as artificial intelligence.

I strongly believe that pharmacists have such an incredible skillset and are uniquely positioned to disrupt the healthcare industry and lead clinical care amidst the changing landscape. I encourage my colleagues and new practitioners to be curious and explore career or learning opportunities that may be outside your comfort zone, as you never know where opportunities may lead!