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Helping you prepare for flu season

We are delighted to bring you the September issue of *Independent Community Pharmacist (ICP)*, as part of the exciting new partnership between Alliance Healthcare and Communications International Group, the publisher of *ICP*.

The magazine will arrive in your normal Alliance Healthcare delivery.

This month, we have another packed edition. We have an exclusive interview with Claire Steele, the president of the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK, who talks about the future of her profession in the UK.

In our special report, we examine the intensifying debate around pharmacy closures, locum rates and funding and our financial expert provides our independent readership with helpful tips on how to make tax savings.

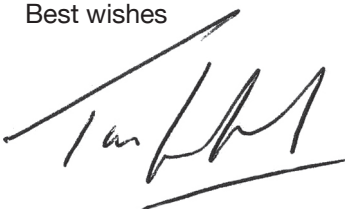
Independent Pharmacy Awards winner Shilpa Shah reflects on her time at Kent local pharmaceutical committee and our latest CPD module looks at breast cancer. Our regular opinion writers also give their views on the biggest issues in community pharmacy.

With September now upon us, the time has certainly come for community pharmacy to start preparations for the flu vaccine season. Demand for flu vaccines could be high, especially following the announcement from NHS England that patients aged 50-64 will be eligible for free NHS flu jabs from October 15 once higher priority groups have been reached. Children in school years 7-9 were also added to the list of the eligible cohort. At Alliance Healthcare we offer a one-stop shop for all your flu season needs, from flu vaccine pre-orders, face-to-face or online training as well as PGD provision. Find out more by visiting our training page at www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/pharmacies/flu-vaccination-training, or contact our professional services team by emailing: info.professionalservices@skills-in-healthcare.co.uk.

As you may know, Alliance Healthcare will be covering the costs of your annual subscription to *ICP* and delivering your monthly copy, free of charge – it's our way of saying thank you for everything you do! Alliance Healthcare and Communications International Group are both proudly independent and committed to supporting the future of independent community pharmacy.

We are sure that you will continue to find real value in *ICP*. Thank you for your continued dedication to your patients across the UK.

Best wishes



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