



Message from Jermaine Lowrie *President, Caribbean Association of Pharmacists*

Distinguished Colleagues, Esteemed Partners, and Honoured Guests, It is with the deepest sense of honour and institutional pride that I extend, on behalf of the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists, the most cordial and distinguished greetings to each delegate, partner, and distinguished guest assembled for the PSJ/CAP Joint Conference 2026. This occasion is, by every measure, a landmark in the legacy of Caribbean pharmacy.

This year, the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists reaches a milestone of profound significance — our Fiftieth Anniversary. For five decades, CAP has served as the unifying voice of pharmacists across our diverse and dynamic region. We have stood, collectively and with unwavering resolve, as advocates for the highest standards of pharmaceutical practice, as stewards of public health, and as architects of a more integrated Caribbean healthcare landscape. This anniversary is not merely a celebration of years elapsed; it is a testament to the enduring power of regional unity and shared purpose.

We are most honoured to share this commemoration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Jamaica, whose forty-one years of distinguished service to the profession bear remarkable testimony to that same spirit of excellence and dedication. The partnership between our two organizations for this joint conference is symbolic of what can be accomplished when nations and professional bodies of our region stand in solidarity — bound not by proximity alone, but by a common mission to advance healthcare through the pharmacy profession.

The conference theme — “*Pharmacists Advancing Healthcare Through Innovation, Policy and Practice*” — speaks with great prescience to the demands of our time. The health challenges confronting the Caribbean demand pharmacists who are not content to remain at the periphery of healthcare delivery, but who are prepared to occupy their rightful place at the center of policy formulation, clinical innovation, and community service. I am confident that the deliberations of this conference will produce insights and resolutions that will meaningfully shape the trajectory of our profession for years to come.

To every pharmacist in attendance — whether from Jamaica, from across the Caribbean, or from the wider global community — I say with full conviction: your presence is a declaration of commitment. A commitment to your patients, to your profession, and to the collective advancement of a region whose people deserve nothing less than the very best in pharmaceutical care.

As we mark fifty years of CAP, let us look not only to the milestones of the past, but with clarity and resolve toward the horizon of the next half-century. The strength of our profession lies in the unity of its people. Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts. Together, we will continue to advance healthcare across the Caribbean.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to all organisers, sponsors, and participants. May this conference be both enlightening and deeply inspiring.

Respectfully yours,

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