



Safety Pharmacology Society

Membership Benefits

Become a Member of the Safety Pharmacology Society (SPS)

Safety pharmacology is a scientific discipline of great interest to those involved with the discovery and development of new pharmaceuticals. The scientific foundations of safety pharmacology are based on the integration of pharmacology, physiology, and toxicology. SPS has members from the pharmaceutical industry, academia, government, contract research organizations, service industries, consulting agencies, and private organizations worldwide.

The benefits of joining SPS include:

- Online discussions for you to engage with your colleagues, access critical insights into best practices/methods, and continue conversations after events
- Discounts on enhanced online and in-person education and training
- Free access to live and recorded webinars (a \$300+ value!)
- Access to a complimentary JPTM subscription
- Access to the Best Practice Repository
- Voting rights
- Opportunities to volunteer on working groups and committees
- Contribute to industry benchmark surveys, working groups, and best practice data
- Enhanced membership database, website and profile access to manage your SPS information and track participation easily



We look forward to welcoming you to our Society!

Diplomate in Safety Pharmacology (DSP) Certification Exam

2026 Certification Exam: Dates under review; Check website for more details

The DSP Certification Exam is dedicated to enhancing and promoting the profession of safety pharmacology by providing the premier credential in the field. The DSP Certification exam accomplishes this mission by creating a fair, valid, and reliable examination process by which professionals can demonstrate their knowledge and skill as well as communicating the value of the credential to employers and other key constituencies.

The Certification Exam

Certification is achieved by receiving a passing score on the DSP Certification Exam. The online exam will contain approximately 200 multiple choice questions and is conducted in English. Each question will have five answer options and there is only one correct answer choice for each question.

Eligibility

- Register for the Exam, and pay the examination fee (\$250 Member; \$375 Nonmember)
- At the time of registration have earned at least a bachelor degree in science
- Have at least two years of relevant experience in positions involving safety pharmacology
- Have at least one poster relevant to safety pharmacology as first author presented at a recognized scientific meeting: or first author on a publication relevant to safety pharmacology in a peer reviewed journal

Subject Domain

The exam will cover the following subject domains within safety pharmacology (distributions are approximate):

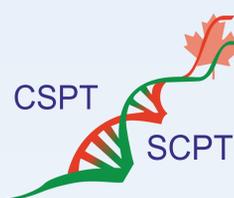
- Regulatory guidelines (10%)
- Safety Pharmacology systems
 - Cardiovascular safety pharmacology (30%)
 - Electrophysiology
 - Hemodynamics and contractility
 - Central Nervous System safety pharmacology (20%)
 - General neurological evaluations
 - Drug abuse potential
 - Seizure liabilities
 - Respiratory safety pharmacology (15%)
 - Renal safety pharmacology (5%)
 - Gastrointestinal safety pharmacology (5%)
 - Other systems (5%)
- Cross discipline knowledge (10%)
 - Physiology
 - Pharmacokinetics
 - Toxicology
 - Dosing formulation and analytical methods
 - Immunology
 - Statistics
 - Pathology



Save the Date!

2026 SPS Annual Meeting

In partnership with the Canadian Society of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.



Centre Mont-Royal • Montreal, Canada • September 21–23, 2026

The Safety Pharmacology Society (SPS) Annual Meeting, held in partnership with the Canadian Society of Pharmacology and Therapeutics (CSPT), will take place September 21–23, 2026, in Montreal, Canada. Building on our two prior highly successful joint meetings in 2016 and 2022, the 2026 meeting will deliver a scientific program aligned with the theme Novel Drug Safety Methodologies: From Bench to Bedside, featuring expert-led symposia, workshops & education courses, poster sessions, and an exhibit hall showcasing service and technology providers. This international meeting brings together scientists across academia, industry, government, and clinical practice to connect, share advances, and shape the future of pharmacology and drug safety.



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More information, registration, and sample questions can be found on our website.