

2024 CAPhO Wild Card Travel Grant

Conference: British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) 2024 Annual Symposium

I would like to thank the Awards Committee for the opportunity to attend this oncology pharmacy symposium. It was the largest attendance to date for the BOPA symposium. 758 participants gathered to share and discuss practical issues in treating cancer. It was inspiring to hear speakers from all over the UK discuss their work with the common goal to improve patient care.



A group of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from different countries meeting at BOPA symposium.

The BOPA conference app was excellent to use during the conference. It contained the research posters which allowed me to preview the ones I wanted to see in person. It was helpful to have the poster details on the app during the live poster discussion during the oral plenary sessions.

The symposium included a hematology stream which allowed me to attend sessions of disease sites that I see in my practice: Chronic Lymphocytic

Leukemia (CLL), Multiple Myeloma (MM), Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML), and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Hearing the workflow discussions and adaptations to capacity challenges gave me ideas to return home as we share the same capacity challenges in Canada.

The plenary sessions included topics that were pertinent to pharmacy practice across all disease sites. I particularly enjoyed the session describing how the pharmacy team can support a person with a learning disability during their cancer treatments. Having advisors for learning disabilities as speakers provided resources and practical examples of how we can adapt our current pharmacy practice.

I also thoroughly enjoyed participating in the round table discussions on Global Collaborations. It was eye opening to hear the practice setting in the UK and Australia and we discussed how we can share pharmacy resources on an international level to promote oncology pharmacy education.

Thank you again CAPhO for this amazing grant opportunity you provide to your membership.
Sincerely,

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