

I was grateful to receive a Student and Resident Travel Grant to support my attendance at the CPhO Conference 2026 in Saskatoon. This was my first CPhO conference and it exceeded my expectations.

My conference experience began with the Clinical Workshop: Management of Antibody-drug Conjugates and Bispecific T-Cell Engagers. During this session, I gained practical strategies for managing ocular toxicities associated with ADCs and cytokine release syndrome related to BiTE therapies. Although I was already familiar with these medication classes, I had limited exposure to their use in practice, so the workshop increased my confidence in managing these therapies when I encounter them in the future. The case-based small-group format also provided a valuable opportunity to hear perspectives from colleagues in British Columbia and Ontario and to compare their practices with what I've observed in Alberta.

Friday's sponsored symposia were highly informative, and I particularly enjoyed the discussion on CDK4/6 inhibitor management. As a pharmacy resident, I've rotated through several practice areas over the past year but have not completed a breast cancer rotation. This session expanded my understanding of the adverse effect profiles of abemaciclib and ribociclib and provided evidence-based approaches to their management. I was also intrigued by the presentation on pharmacy innovation in multiple myeloma and the discussion regarding development of an on-body injector for isatuximab.

Saturday's program opened with an engaging and thought-provoking keynote on generational intelligence and how we can communicate and collaborate more effectively across generations. In the afternoon, I attended the concurrent session on chemotherapy during pregnancy and learned that chemotherapy is generally considered safe after the first trimester (though the same can't be said for immunotherapy and targeted agents). The session on prostate cancer pharmacotherapy provided an excellent overview and helped reinforce key learnings from the GU clinic rotation I was completing at the time.

I left CPhO Conference 2026 feeling inspired by the leaders in our profession, grateful for the opportunity to connect with oncology pharmacists from across Canada, and motivated to continue growing as a clinician. I'm already looking forward to CPhO Conference 2027 in Montreal!

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