

I am gratified to be a recipient of the CAPHO Pharmacist Travel Grant, which facilitated my ability to attend the joint ISOPP/CAPHO Symposium in Victoria, BC. The opportunity to partake in this international conference was pivotal to my early career as a clinical pharmacist practicing in ambulatory medical oncology. It helped equip me with the intricate understanding needed to forge forwards in my career with prowess. The knowledge gained was directly translatable to my role, which encompasses an array of disease sites, including breast, brain, neuroendocrine, gastrointestinal, and lung cancers. I strive to be the best pharmacist possible for the patients I work with, and the opportunity to develop my skillset through the ISOPP/CAPHO Symposium aligns with my aspirations.

Not only was I able to engage in valuable didactic learning sessions from leaders in the field, but was also able to connect with many strong role models. Building this sense of community affirms my passion for oncology pharmacy practice. I genuinely intend to fulfill a lifelong career in the area of oncology, and cherish every opportunity to build my network. Collaboration is key to innovation, and innovation is key to advancing patient outcomes. I pride myself on providing evidence-informed and comprehensive care - the teachings from this conference were transformative.

The conference delivered this year was particularly special in that the world came to Canada. This posed a unique opportunity to gauge an array of international perspectives, and heighten understanding from a plethora of lenses. The opportunity to attend the ISOPP/CAPHO Symposium with so many like-minded individuals was truly a 'once in a lifetime' experience. I relished in the global insights during the 'Considerations of Indigenous Care in Pharmacy Practice' session. The clinical topics led by international speakers allowed one to reflect on the similarities and differences in practices in their respective nations. A few stand out clinical sessions from international counterparts (thank you ISOPP!) included 'Overview and Cancer Associated Thrombosis: Evidence Update' and 'Pharmacogenomics and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Fluorouracil Monitoring'. We reviewed pertinent literature, evidence-informed practices, and how to integrate pearls from guidelines into everyday practice.

As an added bonus, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to present a poster for my CSHP residency research project on the impact of pharmacist-led monitoring in patients taking oral anticancer agents. This presentation stewarded dissemination of invigorating findings, shedding light on the measurable impact of oncology pharmacists on patient outcomes, and highlighting the novel pharmacist-led monitoring service model adopted by the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. While I was eager to share my project with others, I also recognize the mutual benefit of yielding thoughts/feedback from them. One session in particular that provided

ample guidance in steering my path forwards was discussing research as part of the Round Table discussions, led by Dr. Tom McFarlane. We shared tips about project protocol development, manuscript submissions, and funding opportunities to help guide continued research efforts. The session 'How to Integrate Research into a Busy Practice' was also incredibly insightful and relevant to my role.

I always aspired to pursue a career in oncology - I even spoke about it in my pharmacy school interview! I am gratified to have finally entered my dream role and have made every effort to immerse myself as much as possible - hence my utter delight to have been a recipient of this grant to support my attendance to the ISOPP/CAPhO Symposium.

I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunity - thank you CAPhO! I look forward to attending many more conferences in the future.