

Dear CAPHO members,

It is an honour to be selected for this year's CAPHO Student and Resident Travel Grant. I have had the pleasure of being involved with CAPHO over the past several years of my pharmacy degree through volunteering with the communications and research committees. It was great to be able to attend the ISOPP-CAPHO symposium in beautiful Victoria during my final year of my PharmD studies.

The theme "Global Insights, Local Impact: Advancing a Community of Oncology Pharmacy Practice" was evident with the representation of pharmacy professionals from across the globe. It was enlightening to hear about the practice of oncology pharmacy in other countries. I enjoyed the interactive nature of the conference and the opportunities for networking with others throughout.

This year's conference had many intriguing concurrent sessions which made it difficult to choose which to attend! As I am interested in academia, I attended research focused sessions "Data and Cancer: Exploring the Basics of Statistics in Oncology" and "How to Integrate Research into a Busy Practice ". As a soon to be new graduate pharmacist it was great to hear about working in research as a pharmacist and how to juggle research with other clinical duties. It was very interesting to hear the perspective of an international oncology pharmacists on the barriers and facilitators in participating in research as many overlap with Canadian oncology pharmacy practice.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to present a poster at the ISOPP-CAPHO symposium. Through the dedicated poster presentation time I was able to engage with other pharmacy learners and more experienced oncology pharmacy practitioners to discuss their projects and research which was an amazing opportunity. I enjoyed discussing my project on a student-led proactive toxicities follow-up program with other individuals and learn about how learners are incorporated within their practice settings.

One of my favourite parts of the conference was attending the "Oncology Pharmacy Around the World Panel". It was truly inspirational to hear from oncology pharmacy leaders across the globe and learn about their efforts to support oncology pharmacy practice in other countries that need more support. It was exciting to see a sneak peak of the results of the ISOPP survey on oncology pharmacy scope of practice and I look forward to reading the publication in its entirety.

Overall, the conference was an awesome experience! From educational sessions to networking to exploring Victoria on the fun walk I had an unforgettable time. I learnt a lot from this conference which has been extremely valuable as an aspiring oncology

pharmacist. I look forward to attending the CAPHO Conference in Saskatoon in 2026 as a pharmacy resident to continue to develop my knowledge in oncology pharmacy

Sincerely,

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