

I am very grateful to have received the CPhO travel grant to attend the special CPhO/ISOPP conference in Victoria in April 2025. I have attended the yearly conference in the past and it has always been a rewarding experience where we get a chance to learn about new standards and techniques, research data and overall up-to-date oncology pharmacy developments. Furthermore, the networking with colleagues of other provinces and/or different health care systems is an invaluable benefit, providing the ideal venue for exchanges of ideas.

This year was an extraordinary event as it was a joint session with our international counterpart, ISOPP. It was a pleasure to hear about practices in other countries, that which is not often accessible to us.

I particularly enjoyed the presentations on DEI and appreciated the ease with which the speaker explained the needs for, and the advantages gained when one's practice includes diversity, equity and inclusion awareness. She provided tools and manners with which one can assess and address inequities in the workspace. This shall be applied to both our patient population and to our workforce as well. The talk on indigenous health care provided a good representation of successful implementation of those values. It highlighted the successes achievable when adapting a practice to the real needs of a population.

I was also very intrigued by the talks on pharmacogenomics from the Netherlands and on the therapeutic drug monitoring. What a fabulous concept it is to be able to reach optimum dosing for each and every person, achieving better symptom resolution and cure rate while reducing adverse effects. There is so much to gain in both patient care and resource allocation were we to introduce such plans here. I will definitely be looking into these concepts further and follow the progressing development and implementation across the world.

It is quite rewarding to see processes being adapted and implemented in different ways across the spectrum of health care institutions around the country. We often have one concept in mind, but it is only when we can see it being applied to real life situations that we can understand its limitations and thus learn to adjust our needs and goals. Several programs providing health care improvements were presented over the course of the conference that showed this concept of variations on a same theme. I am happy to have returned to my work with a mind full of ideas and plans to improve our work.

Thank you for the opportunity and I am looking forward to next year's meet.

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