

**In-Person in Sun Valley* ISHP Annual Fall Meeting
October 8, 9 & 10th, 2021**

(*We are continuing to monitor the COVID situation but planning on being in-person!)

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The Almost President's Message

**Elaine Nguyen
ISHP President-Elect**



Happy Spring!

This is one of my favorite times of the year because it truly is “a time or season of growth or development”. Hopefully you all have had the opportunity to see this in the blooming flowers during a sunny walk outside. This spring, I have the joy of writing this newsletter welcome because our President Andrea Winterswyk is experiencing her own time of growth with an expanding family. Congratulations to the Winterswyk family as they recently welcomed a new baby into their home!

While spring is a wonderful season, it also means “to be resilient or elastic”. This past year, you have all been extra “springy” as you continue to serve your communities in innumerable ways. I have been SO impressed and proud of the profession of pharmacy, especially in the past year. **Thank YOU for all that you do every day.** You have all shown incredibly resilience and elasticity to meet the demands of this continually dynamic time.

As an organization, ISHP has continued to adapt to meet our member needs as well. We held our third virtual education meeting (the Spring Meeting) on March 5-7, 2021. This event would not have been possible without our **Education Committee**, led by **Leslie LaMontagne** and **Anna Hoenke**. Thanks to the efforts of **Eliza Borzadek**, this meeting also included a Preceptor Development Workshop. We’ve continued to offer student programming as well (both within the Spring Meeting as well as standalone events). Thank you to **Hilary Deragisch** for leading student-specific programming within our Education Committee. The Education Committee is relentless! They continue to work tirelessly to offer excellent programming, including an upcoming **Residency & Research Conference on June 11-12, 2021** (see page 6). They have also already starting planning for our Fall Meeting. I am excited to share that we are planning for an **in-person Fall Meeting in Sun Valley for October 8-10, 2021**.

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ISHP Meetings

**Fall – October 8, 9 and 10th, 2021
Sun Valley**

**Spring – Dates TBD
Boise**

***The mission of ISHP
is to promote the highest levels
of pharmacy practice by our
members***

(The Almost President's message – Continued from page 1)

To spring is also to leap. This time of year, there are many graduates leaping into the next phase of their professional lives. **Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021!** As fourth year pharmacy students transition to new practitioners, there are also third year students beginning their clinical rotations. This means our 2020-2021 student representative **Ryan Kniesner** has transitioned out of his role. **Thank you to Ryan for his outstanding work.** Welcome to our new student representatives **Matthew Shin** and **Zachary Larson**.

This truly is an exciting time of year for so many reasons. The pages of this newsletter are filled with updates and events to look forward to, including the opening of nominations for our annual awards (see page 7) and Board of Director positions (see page 6). Thank you to **Mikaela Elwell** and **Chris Oswald** for chairing our Awards and Nominations Committees, respectively. I know there is A LOT that I am forgetting to note in this welcome, but I know that **Kent Quickstad** has us all covered in keeping us well informed – **thank you Kent!** Please enjoy this newsletter (and I hope you're reading it while enjoying some breezy time outdoors).

May you all continue to grow, be resilient, and leap forward.

Elaine

ISHP Fall Conference

Please join us in **Sun Valley this October 8th - 10th, 2021**, for the Fall Conference! We are planning for an in-person meeting, while continuing to monitor public health recommendations related to COVID-19. We are looking forward to providing ambulatory care and acute care topics, including:



- **COPD 2021 GOLD guideline update**
- **Management of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction**
- **Microbiology**
- **Laboratory values**
- **Professional development**
- **Law updates**
- **Pharmacy technician advanced certifications**
- **And more!**

Please watch the ISHP website and monthly mailers for meeting updates!



The education committee would like to invite interested pharmacy professionals to consider sharing their expertise by **speaking at an ISHP conference**. Your participation and support allows ISHP to continue to present diverse continuing education topics from a variety of practice settings and practice locations.

We would also like to invite interested pharmacy professionals to consider volunteering with the education committee to be a part of the **peer-review process!** Individuals would serve as content experts and review submitted continuing education presentations prior to the conference.

If interested in either of these opportunities, or for more information, please reach out to ishpcontact@gmail.com and we will be happy to get you started!

Working together, we can beat this thing



Nicki Chopski
Executive Director Idaho State Board of Pharmacy
ISHP I-LEAD Fellow



As COVID-19 finally begins to recede, it is an appropriate time to look back to the regulatory changes that occurred in profession as a result of the pandemic and look ahead to where we go from here. Before diving into the details, let me first say that I could not have been more proud of the ways in which the pharmacy profession stepped forward when the pandemic hit. Many of you worked long hours at the expense of spending time with your families, chose put your own health and well-being at risk for the sake of your patients, and stretched in ways one could not have imagined would be needed. At the same time, you found incredible ways to be creative, collaborative and innovative.

With the nation's supply of toilet paper dwindling and the demand for plexiglass and hand sanitizer sky rocketing, some of the first calls the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy received were related to the compounding. The Board worked in partnership with several creative pharmacists and the Idaho State Liquor Division to ensure large quantities of alcohol from distilleries could be received by pharmacies and transitioned into hand sanitizer. Shortly behind that came the request for the compounding of over-the-counter pain medications for pediatric patients. Recognizing the shortage in the national supply chain cleared the hurdle for compounding of otherwise manufactured products, the true concern was over how the products would be labeled. It was clear that the best path forward was to have pharmacists prescribe these over-the-counter medications to assure that the proper dosage and instructions for use were on the bottles. The Board of Pharmacy worked with the Governor's Office to include a waiver for prescribing of compounded products by pharmacists when the Governor waived a number of statutes in early April.

By this time the Board which normally meets approximately every 8 weeks, had met five times in 30 days. Idaho quickly responded to reports coming in from front line pharmacists, who recognized the inappropriate stockpiling of hydroxychloroquine and oral azithromycin, by being the first state in the country to limit the quantity that could be dispensed. Appropriately, Idaho also rescinded that rule just twelve weeks later when pharmacists reported it was no longer needed. Other topics addressed in those Board meetings included eliminating the 30-day restriction on emergency refills when the prescriber was unable to be reached. Editing rules for drug product substitution and therapeutic interchange gave pharmacists additional latitude to use their professional judgement to take care of their patients without the hinderances of red tape. In an effort to limit the transmission of the virus to pharmacy staff, positive identification requirements were also set aside by the Board.

In anticipation of the forthcoming vaccination the Board worked with the Governor's Office to waive the statute that limited the prescribing of vaccines to patients over the age of six. Pharmacists can now prescribe immunizations for patients of any age.

Next a review of the topics of licensing, inspections and pharmacy operations. In terms of licensing, the Board of Pharmacy pushed NABP to find a path to multistate licensure for individuals as well as facilities. Idaho was one of the first states to endorse the NABP Passport program which assisted professionals and facilities from out of state to be recognized to practice in Idaho on their home state license in good standing. Inspections were suspended during the time of shut down and were reintroduced in a manner that accommodated the realities of the facilities as well as the health of the inspectors. Idaho's 2018 transition to standards of care model of regulation had us well positioned in terms of operations. While many states struggled with tackling remote data entry, telepharmacy, technician immunization administration, and others, Idaho was able to respond to those questions with "that's already permitted under current law." Flexibility and enforcement discretion was provided for items like CPR recertification, hood/clean room recertification, license renewal and fingerprinting requirements during the months of shutdown.

When the state called upon pharmacy to engage in COVID-19 testing, pharmacies quickly mobilized and answered the call. Particularly in rural areas, pharmacies were willing to modify workflows and learn new technology for testing. Many were able to adapt quickly in part because CLIA waivers were already in place from previous years of onsite strep and flu testing. Every health district in the state had at least one pharmacy offering point-of-care COVID-19 testing. Then came the vaccines. Because Idaho had permitted technician administration of immunizations we were far ahead of the majority of states. The federal government looked to Idaho as an example of what could be accomplished when creating the HHS amendments. It took a little bit of time (which in the moment felt like too long) for the state vaccine team and the health districts to see the tremendous partners pharmacies could be in the distribution of vaccine. However, once the connection was made, Idaho moved from near the bottom to near the top in terms of getting the vaccine administered to patients within their communities. A huge thank you to the pharmacists, student pharmacists and technicians who worked together to create the success in both testing and immunizations for Idaho!

And where do we go from here? The rules and statutes that were waived or changed during the height of the pandemic have all gone before the 2021 Idaho legislature to be made permanent changes. The multistate licensure permitted through NABP Passport will continue as long as NABP has the program in place. Idaho has language in place for mutual recognition of licensure, but continues to wait for other states to pass similar language to partner on this endeavor permanently. Inspections have resumed with additional safety precautions in place. Enforcement discretion for re-certifications is no longer necessary. Demand for testing has dropped off precipitously and the vaccines are now widely available to anyone who wants it. Pharmacy has weathered the storm and emerged stronger and better prepared. Again, thank you all for your professionalism, your strong clinical judgement and your commitment to provide the best care for Idahoans.

(Editor's note – ISHP greatly appreciates Nicki's insider summary of how the Board of Pharmacy worked with us and how we worked with them over the past year as we all struggled thru this pandemic)

2020 and 2021 Year-to-Date Budget Overview



Despite all the unexpected challenges brought on by 2020, ISHP still ended the year as a fiscally viable organization with hopes for renewed income generation over the coming year.

Given the shift to virtual Spring and Fall Meetings, our income generation from these events was lower than in past years. Our expenses, however, were also lower. Overall, in 2020 we made 42% of our budgeted income, and spent 49% of our budgeted expenses, resulting in a net loss of \$9,279 for the 2020 year. Thanks to the organization's "rainy-day" funds, we were able to withstand this loss and continue working towards our mission of "promoting the highest level of pharmacy practice by our members."

Our goal for 2021 will be to continue to run a zero-balance budget to the best of our ability, where annual income is equal to expenditures. As of March 2021, our estimated income has been ~\$10,000 and our estimated expenses have been ~\$13,000. We continue to assess other avenues of income generation as to not have the prosperity of our organization be so meeting-dependent in the future.

The Finance Committee had its first annual meeting last month and is energized towards improving the fiscal sustainability of our organization. We are always looking for volunteers so if you'd like to be involved or have ideas on how to keep our organization financially sustainable, please reach out to ishpcontact@gmail.com.

ISHP Board of Director Nominations NOW Open



With spring in the air and summer just around the corner, it's that time of year the Nominations and Election Committee works to present a slate of candidates for the membership to vote onto the Board of Directors.

This year's opens positions include:

- President-elect (3-year commitment, ascending to President and Past President)
- Programs (2-year commitment)
- Professional Affairs (2-year commitment)
- Technician Affairs (2-year commitment, must be a technician)

Hear from past Board members:



Angela Melbihess, Past President and former Education Director

While serving as Education Director and President of the ISHP organization, I was able to gain valuable insight into the practice of health-system pharmacy throughout the state of Idaho. It allowed me to improve my organizational and interpersonal skills. During my service I made many valuable contacts and friendships throughout the state that I continue to foster to this day. The meetings kept me up to date on the latest studies and literature within our profession. Overall, the organization serves to unite Idaho pharmacists and direct us toward the common goal of improving patient care.



Dawn Berheim, former Secretary/Treasurer

Service on the ISHP board is an excellent idea. If you have been thinking about this, now is the best time for you to be involved. My time on the board afforded me the opportunity to build relationships with pharmacists outside my organization, to work with my colleagues in new ways and to help influence the overall direction of the practice of pharmacy within the state.

Information on each of the open positions can be found on the [ISHP website](#). Nominate a colleague or yourself by completing the nomination form available on the website and return to ishpcontact@gmail.com by June 30th. Voting occurs in July and newly elected Board members will be installed at the Fall Conference this October.

Idaho Pharmacy Resident Presentations June 11-12, 2021

Next month ISHP will host virtual residency podium presentations on **June 11-12, 2021** to showcase the hard work of our Idaho Pharmacy Residents over the past year. ISHP is excited for the opportunity to once again connect residency programs across the state of Idaho and to provide a virtual platform to share quality improvement projects happening at your institutions. Contact Eliza Borzadek at eliza@borzadek.com for more information, or stay tuned for additional details.



Annual Awards Nominations Now Open!

Do you know a pharmacist, pharmacy technician or pharmacy student who deserves recognition for their contributions to the profession? If so, now is the time to submit annual award nominations for the following award categories:

- Pharmacist of the Year
- Pharmacy Technician of the Year
- Student Leadership
- ISHP Excellence in Service
- Preceptor Excellence
- Pharmacy Innovator
- Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement



Award recipients will be announced during the 2021 ISHP Annual Fall Conference, as part of the Saturday Membership Meeting in Sun Valley on October 9th.

Additional details and award nomination forms can be found at the ISHP website:

[ISHP 2021 Awards Nominations](#)

Deadline for award nomination submissions is July 31st, 2021.

I-LEAD Leadership Corner



I-LEAD Quarter 3, the Leadership of Self, comes to a close at the end of May. Organized by Lindsay Crawford, a previous ISHP board member and I-LEAD graduate, the quarter took a deep dive into the importance of self-awareness, personal boundary setting, and effective self-management. Guest speakers have included Amber Fisher (Boise VA Medical Center), Kelly Starman (Salt Lake City VA Medical Center), and Joe Berendse (South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy). This quarter also launched the program's first podcast club where fellows selected podcasts for the group to listen to and then come together to discuss. The podcasts included *What does it take to conquer burnout? Soul.* (The Healing Healthcare Burnout Show, available at <https://healinghealthcareburnout.com/cast/>) and *Thinking your way out of imposter syndrome* (Valerie Young, TED Archive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7v-GG3SEWQ>). The quarter will close with its last seminar on May 27th and discuss mentorship. Be sure to plan ahead if you want to attend as there is limited availability for non-I-LEAD participants. Resources for the seminar include *Brene with Patrice Gordon on reverse mentorship* (Dare to Lead with Brene Brown, available at <https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-patrice-gordon-on-reverse-mentorship/>), *Being experience doesn't automatically make you a great mentor* (Andy Molinsky, available at <https://hbr.org/2015/01/being-experienced-doesnt-automatically-make-you-a-great-mentor>), and *Women need a network of champions* (Leading Effectively Staff, available at <https://www.ccl.org/articles/leading-effectively-articles/why-women-need-a-network-of-champions/>). Look for more information from ISHP on how to register for this event!

Quarter 4 – Leadership of Others, the final quarter for the year, will begin in June, led by Rob Wills (Pharmacy Educator with St. Luke's Health System; ISHP Past President and former board member, and I-LEAD Administrator).

Applications for the 2021 – 2022 I-LEAD class open up May 31st. More information on the program, including application requirements, can be found on the ISHP website <https://ishp.wildapricot.org/ilead>



ASHP House of Delegates

Each year, ISHP sends two Idaho pharmacists to ASHP House of Delegate meetings to represent Idaho and Idaho pharmacy practice. These Idaho delegates will place key votes for national healthcare policy initiatives as well as propose new initiatives to improve our practice across the state. For the 2021 session, Heather Walser and Paul Driver serve as the Idaho delegates.

This year, once again, ASHP will not be having their summer meeting in a location but will be virtual. The ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) met in April and voted on several policies. Most of them did pass. The Regional Delegate Conferences (RDC's) went well. There were 6 sessions and nearly all of the delegates did attend one of these sessions. Because of the virtual nature, not all of the policies were discussed/reviewed. The selection was determined by the Chair of the House and the Executive Board of ASHP. All policies were allowed to be discussed if any delegate felt the need.

The House has another virtual delegate vote this month. There will be 6 polices and 2 statements up for vote. Polices are: Pharmacogenomics, FDA Requirements for Dose-Response Information, Medical Cannabis, Nonprescription availability of Oseltamivir, Education and Training on Telehealth and Supply Chain Resilience During Disasters and Public Health Emergencies. The 2 statements are: ASHP Statement on the Pharmacists Role in Public Health and ASHP Statement on the Pharmacists Role in Clinical Pharmacogenomics.

The HOD meeting will take place similarly to the past in June but again virtually. All the business of the House will be accomplished, including electing a new Chair. Many polices have been forwarded this year and many are in response to the COVID crisis and supply chain issues. These policies will help ASHP and all of use advocate for expanded services and consistency of the supply chain.

Thank you,

Heather and Paul

For more information about the ASHP House of Delegates, please see their webpage at:

[ASHP's House of Delegates webpage](#)

Spring Student Poster Competition goes Virtual!

Starting Friday June 11th, ISHP members will be able to view student poster submissions for the Spring Student Poster Competition on the ISHP website. Student contact information will also be available, for those who would like to engage directly with poster presenters.



If you'd like to volunteer to help judge the student posters, please email ishpcontact@gmail.com. Judges will be asked to review 3 – 5 virtual student presentations and provide constructive feedback within 7 days.

Did you know that you can follow ISHP on Facebook and Instagram?

Yes! You can follow ISHP on Instagram at Idaho pharmacy and on Facebook at Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacists. Get up to date information about everything going on in the organization. You'll also find member spot lights, glimpses of upcoming events and much more. So, follow us today!



ISHP Mentorship Program



Interested in becoming a mentor for pharmacy students or pharmacy technicians-in-training? ISHP is the process of developing a NEW mentorship program. Keep your eye out for information about upcoming mentorship training sessions, networking events, and more! You can also email ishpcontact@gmail.com to get on the mentorship program mailing list.

Student's Corner

Zachary Larson (Pocatello) & Matthew Shinn (Meridian)
ISHP Student Representatives



ISU College of Pharmacy PPSA students held a modestly sized Virtual Paint Night Fundraiser on April 16th and sold ISU College of Pharmacy jackets. The students raised a total of \$1,670, thanks to the participation of generous donors. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish foundation, the remainder will help cover the cost of supplies used in ISU PPSA's outreach projects that serve the community.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021 that had ceremonies at both Pocatello and Meridian campuses. Go Bengals!

Mikaela Elwell
ISU College of Pharmacy's 2021 – 2022
APPE Preceptor of Excellence!

ISU Preceptor, St. Luke's pharmacist and ISHP Chair Council on Professional Affairs

Congratulations Mikaela!



From the ISHP Office - Executive Director's Message

Caroline Merritt



Once again, ISHP's Spring Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19. The Education Committee did a fantastic job of organizing great content for more than 60 Pharmacists and Technicians and more than 80 students. As of now, ISHP is planning for an in-person Fall Conference October 8-10, 2021 in Sun Valley, and we hope to see you there!

The 2021 Legislative Session continues, making this the longest session in Idaho's history. The Legislature has spent a great deal of time debating ways to limit the Governor's powers while increasing their own, as well as taking aim at various COVID restrictions enacted by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and local jurisdictions. The Legislature is currently considering recessing instead of adjourning sine die which would allow them to come back in August and have a greater say in how Idaho's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are spent. ISHP will keep you updated on ways to engage in our legislative process.

Caroline

Idaho Pharmacy Leadership Council (IPLC) Update

Over the past several months IPLC has been focusing their efforts on supporting pharmacies with COVID vaccination. To facilitate statewide communication and collaboration with pharmacy professionals, the IPLC has launched statewide email groups. These groups work like a Listserv where individuals can connect via email, ask questions, and share ideas/resources. To join an email group, email the facilitator. You can join multiple groups. Email groups cover the below topic areas:

COVID related topics – inpatient pharmacy	
Group email: IPLC-COVID-inpatient@googlegroups.com	Facilitator: Chris Oswald pharmeroswald@gmail.com
COVID related topics – community and ambulatory care pharmacy	
Group email: IPLC-COVID-outpatient@googlegroups.com	Facilitator: Shanna O'Connor shannaconnor@isu.edu
Billing and reimbursement for pharmacy services	
Group email: IPLC-reimbursement@googlegroups.com	Facilitator: Lindsey Hunt huntlind@isu.edu
Credentialing and privileging	
Group email: IPLC-CP@googlegroups.com	Facilitator: Katie Erickson Katie.erickson12@gmail.com
General pharmacy	
Group email: IPLC-pharmacy@googlegroups.com	Facilitator: Elaine Nguyen elainenguyen@isu.edu

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & GOALS 2020 – 2021

I. ADVOCACY

1. Facilitate legislative involvement and action among our members
2. Engage and advance ISHP's relationship with stakeholders
3. Promote interprofessional teamwork in improving the health outcomes of Idahoans



II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Strengthen and organize processes for delivering educational activities
2. Provide opportunities for members to grow professionally
3. Increase recognition of pharmacy professionals in their efforts to improve patient care and advance pharmacy practice

III. SUSTAINABILITY

1. Foster communication with our membership
2. Grow and maintain an engaged and diverse membership
3. Effectively manage organizational infrastructure
4. Ensure long-term fiscal sustainability

Please see the ISHP website for the full strategic plan, including the specific objectives associated with each of the above goals!

Report from the **ASHP Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)**

Michael Dickens



I have completed my third and final year on *Council on Pharmacy Practice (CPhP)*. I've enjoyed this time participating at this level discussing aspects relating to the Profession of Pharmacy at the state and national level. I would encourage any ISHP member to consider applying for an upcoming ASHP Council position.

Attached is a link that discusses the five Council's that are available and each of their purview's:

<https://www.ashp.org/About-ASHP/Our-Leadership/Councils-and-Committees?loginreturnUrl=SSOCheckOnly>

CPhP is one of five recognized ASHP Councils. Each member serves a one-year term (January – December) where reappointment takes place by November 1st of each year. Each member can serve up to a three-year term before rotating off that Council and serving on another Council. CPhP is comprised of 13 members - 1 Chair, 1 Vice-Chair, 1 ASHP Board Liaison, 1 Secretary, 1 Student, 10 members at large, and the 2020-2021 Council is represented by 13 States – AL, CO, CT, GA, IA, ID, MA, MD, MN, NC, OH, OK, OR, and WV.

Below is a brief synopsis of what our Council discussed during our recent *ASHP Winter Conference Call on February 8, 2021*:

Update on Policies approved during 2020 *ASHP Policy Week* (September 21 – 25, 2020) which were considered by the ASHP Board of Directors.

New Policies

- Role of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician in Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Role of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician in Supporting Patient Access to Medical Supplies
- Standardized Documentation and Attribution of Pharmacist Clinical Interventions
- Influenza Vaccination Requirements to Advance Patient Safety and Public Health
- Patient Access to Pharmacy Services in Small and Rural Hospitals
- Safe and Effective Extemporaneous Compounding

Discontinued Policies – as part of the Sunset Review Process.

- Integrated Approach for the Pharmacy Enterprise
- Pharmacist Role in Medication Reconciliation

Reaffirmed Policies – as part of the Sunset Review Process and found to be relevant to pharmacy practice and pharmacists and the policy language is still current.

- Pharmacist accountability for Patients Outcomes
- Just Culture
- Ready-to-Use Packaging for All Settings
- Ethical Use of Placebos in Clinical Use

Other Council Activity

- Joint Meeting on Pandemic Preparedness
- ASHP Guidelines on the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and the Formulary System
- ASHP Guidance on Pandemic Preparedness Planning

Voted action on resource development and member engagement efforts

- Ongoing Pandemic Preparedness Toolkit
- Guidance on single-unit and unit-dose packaging
- Guidance on response to withdrawal or recall of medications
- Standardization of Clinical Pharmacy Documentation and Workload Metrics

Virtual House of Delegates – The CPhP had two policies considered during the November Virtual House of Delegates, both of which were approved.

- Drug Names, Labeling, and Packaging Associated with Medication Errors (for revision)
- Human Factor Concepts (for discontinuation)

New Policy Recommendation

- Universal Immunization Against Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Healthcare Workforce - the Council prioritized discussion of universal vaccination given recent authorization of COVID-19 vaccines and the urgency in protecting patients and healthcare workers from exposure risk of SARS-CoV-2.

The Council felt it was important to broaden their consideration to include all vaccine-preventable diseases rather than focusing on just one.

- Vote to Recommend (VTR) DRAFT ASHP Statement on the Pharmacist's Role in Public Health

A peer review request developed by a working group of ASHP leading member experts on public health, a professor on public health, and previous authors on this subject. Comments were accepted up to March 9, 2021.

Agenda Building – The CPhP discussed potential agenda topics for *2021 ASHP Policy Week* and suggested the following for consideration.

- Safe and Rational utilization of medications for unlabeled uses
- Considerations for FDA authorized or approved medications (EUA vs. NDA/BLA)
- Ethical and racial disparities impact on access to care and medications
- Practice reach constraints in Telehealth

I encourage input from the ISHP Board of Directors and our membership on the above policies. Most (if not all) information is readily available on *ASHP Connect* for your review. If you are unable to locate a policy, please let me know.

Don't hesitate to contact me (or the ASHP Executive Office) if you have any specific questions.

Mike

Welcome the newest member of ISHP - Flora Ruth Winterswyk, born 3/20/21



Congratulations to
ISHP President Andrea Winterswyk
and to her family on the arrival of Flora!



Join Us
June 9-11, 2021

2021 Virtual Northwest Pharmacy Convention

Greetings!

Once again, the Northwest Pharmacy Convention will be virtual. Please join ISPA, ISHP, MPRA, WSPA and many of your colleagues on June 9-11 for this action-packed, valuable conference. Hear from colleagues and other pharmacy leaders on the critical issues currently facing your profession from the comfort of your own home!

We are excited to present this year's premier event through LecturePanda, LecturePanda Exhibits, and Zoom. **All live CE webinars will be recorded and available on-demand to allow attendees flexibility for how to participate.** New to this year's convention is the ability for participants to chat with other participants, add comments and ask questions during live presentations for more integrative and lively participation.

We also have several ways for you to get more involved with this year's event, including exhibit opportunities, student sponsorship, and poster presentations! **For more information or to register, visit the [2021 Virtual Northwest Pharmacy Convention](#)! Register soon as Early Bird Pricing ends May 25th!**

We look forward to seeing everyone! While we had hoped to host this event live and in-person this year, we are looking forward to returning to the Coeur d'Alene Resort in 2022!

Questions?

Please reach out to Convention Staff by calling 425-228-7171 ext. 0 or email askwspa@wsparx.org.

Thank you!

And finally...

Scroll on down, one more page...

*Let's relax a bit and have some fun...
always keeping work/life balance in mind*

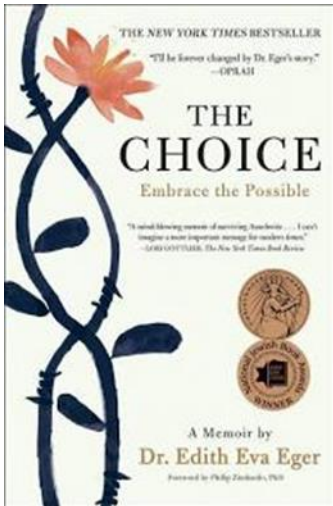


Read any good books recently?

Have you ready any good books recently that you think your ISHP colleagues may enjoy? If so, please write up a brief review and sent it to Kent Quickstad, ISHP newsletter editor, at quickstad@msn.com We will include these in future editions of the quarterly newsletter. Thanks!

The Choice Embrace the Possible

A Memoir by Dr. Edith Eva Eger



At the age of 16, Edith Eger was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp near the end of World War II. Her parents were killed in the gas chambers and at the camp she was confronted by Nazi “angel of death” officer Dr. Josef Mengele. In 1945 she was pulled from a pile of corpses when the camp to which she was moved was liberated by the American forces.

This book however is not a story of how she came into and survived Auschwitz. While her time before and during the camp are important and described in the book, this is a story about how she dealt struggling with the flashbacks and survivor’s guilt as she moved past that time. After the war she moved to Czechoslovakia, married and then moved to the United States in 1949. Struggling with her past she discovered the works of Austrian neurologist, psychiatrist, philosopher, author, and Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl. She then pursued a study of psychology earning a degree in 1969 and later obtained a doctoral degree. She has a clinical practice in La Jolla, California where she has used her experiences from and after the war to help her patients. She is a worldwide speaker and consults for the US Army and Navy in resiliency training and the treatment of PTSD. 35 years after the war ended, she returned to Auschwitz where she was finally able to confront her demons to forgive and heal herself.

Have a little (more) fun in your pharmacy Encourage your staff to bring in pictures of their pets!



The staff at St. Luke’s Boise Inpatient Pharmacy has gone **dog gone wild** sharing pictures of their pets. Create your own “Pet Board”.

It is reported that this idea was first tried with their children, but the pets are much more popular!

Baby pictures of staff members with a guessing game of “who is who” is also a lot of fun.

Please share your morale boosting ideas with us so we care share with your ISHP colleagues.