



QUARTERLY UPDATE

President's Message

From ISHP President: Katie Erickson

Spring is finally in the air! As I started writing this message to all of you, I debated with whether to keep this high level and professional or share what this last year has meant for me. Today, as I'm writing this, marks the one-year anniversary of the death of my brother-in-law.



While spring for many is the blooming of flowers, fresh air and sunshine, spring may never be that for me. To me, this marks a time of my life when all of that changed.

At the time my brother-in-law died, I had a 4-month-old who didn't sleep and a high-energy 2-year-old. Then, overnight, my husband became the executor of his estate, inherited his construction company, was tasked with cleaning his residence, and responsible for deciding how to proceed with these assets as well as plan his memorial. All the while, my husband lost his best friend.

When I feel overwhelmed in my personal life, I always dive further into work and projects. I just pretend as though things aren't crumbling around my compulsive need to work. So, naturally, last spring I committed to starting a new job and continued my commitment to being ISHP President.

I must admit, I have thought of resigning from this position many times as I've been absolutely drowning in grief and life in general. But, you all kept me going. You've given me a reason to put a smile on, put makeup on, and get out of the house.

One of my favorite things about being an ISHP member is going to our meetings. I love that I get to learn from each of you and I've enjoyed getting to know many of you more. I am so impressed with the enormous amount of work and coordination put forth by [Anna Hoenke](#), [Leslie LaMontagne](#), [Caroline Merritt](#) and the [Education Committee](#) in pulling off another successful Spring Meeting. It was a lovely and intimate event.

One noteworthy outcome of our Member Business Meeting at the Spring Meeting was the approval of our organization's name change to [Idaho Society of Health System Pharmacy](#). We hope this will better represent the pharmacy professionals who are included within our organization.

I also want to thank our outgoing student representatives [Brett Baerlocher](#) and [Karson Lund](#). They have been extremely present and involved representatives who have been an asset to our organization. I hope we get to work together for many years to come. This is the last year we will have two regional student representatives and we will have one

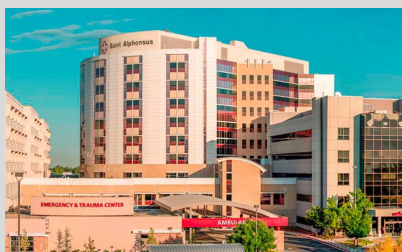
student representative moving forward. We would like to welcome [Taylor Phillips](#) as our new 2023-2024 student representative!

I hope your spring is filled with sunshine and daisies. If it's not, that is okay, too. I would be remiss if I didn't mention May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#). If you're feeling as though the sun is out but you may never see sunshine again, please reach out to somebody and let them know how you're feeling.

If you're struggling with suicide, drugs, alcohol, or any other mental or emotional trouble - you can call or text [988](#) for support anytime. Please take care and enjoy your spring as much as you can.

In loving memory of [Bo Hurlburt](#) 1990-2022 - Go Bengals!

Idaho Health System News



Trinity Health Joins CA & ID

On [May 4th Becker's News](#) announced that Trinity Health will be restructuring leadership on the West Coast as it partners Saint Alphonus Health System in Idaho and Oregon with Saint Agnes Medical Center in California. The current president of Saint Al's, Odette Bolano, BSN, will become president and CEO, and Regional Director of Pharmacy, Scott Milner, PharmD, will expand his coverage as well.

St Luke's To Improve Access

Health emergencies don't just happen M-F, 9-5. Often we find ourselves needing to visit an Emergency Department or Acute Care Clinic late in the evening or on weekends. If you receive a prescription with that emergent visit, finding a place to fill it has become a challenge due to many 24hr pharmacies cutting back hours across Idaho.

As a way to address this need, St. Luke's is expanding its hospital discharge transitions of care program, Meds2Beds, to include the busy emergency departments of Boise and Meridian. The goal is to offer patients the option of filling their antibiotic, anticoagulant, or other medication right there in the ED with a pharmacist providing counseling and education.

Transition of Care Lead, Megan Turner and System Director of Pharmacy, Stephen Nadler (pictured right at the grand opening of another St Luke's initiative, the new Med Locker at WinCo), have led this major initiative to improve patient access to medications and hope to have both sites fully running within this fiscal year.



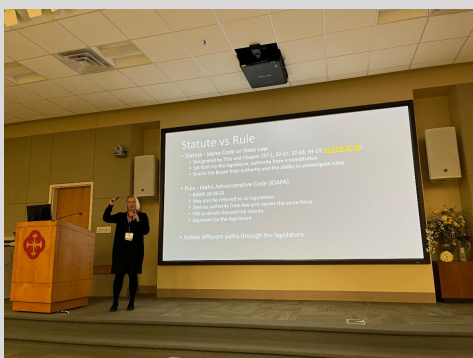
PHARMACY EDUCATION & PROGRAMS



Save the Date for ISHP Fall Conference 2023! Oct 6th - 8th, 2023

ISHP has already started preparations for the 2023 Annual Fall Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho! This year's event has been moved to the first weekend of October, taking advantage of those brilliant fall colors while also opening up time for getting out on that mountain bike one last time or exploring on a beautiful nature walk between education and networking sessions.

The conference will include student, pharmacist and technician Poster Presentations, ACPE Accredited CE, vendor exhibitions and showcase, and much, much more. [See you in Sun Valley 2023!](#)



ISHP Professional Affairs Chair and Featured ISHP Spring Speaker, Jen Adams, PharmD, EdD, provided updates on Advocacy & Idaho Law.



Elaine Nguyen, PharmD, MPH, and immediate past president of ISHP, also spoke at the spring conference discussing Opportunities for Practice Advancement.

Spring Reflections

From Programs Chair: Leslie LaMontagne

Wow! A big thank you to everyone that took part in the ISHP Spring Conference held at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise this past April. The two day event that featured a virtual Preceptor/Leadership section on Friday, followed by an in person event that Saturday in Boise was transformative.

Special thanks goes out to the speakers and

everyone that made it all possible. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that many are not aware of. We couldn't have done it without you!

Final Spring Conference

With all that being said, ISHP has made the difficult decision to move away from a two conference focus, effectively canceling future spring conferences for the near future.

Focus on the Fall

After much discussion the decision was made that going forward we will be focusing on the ISHP Annual Fall Conference moving forward. The Fall Conference is where it all started for ISHP and it is where we truly shine. Do know, however, that we will look at opportunities to hold other CE opportunities throughout the year.



We now turn our attention to the annual fall meeting which will be held in Sun Valley October 6-8th 2023!

Call for Speakers!

The education committee is already working on generating a list of topics and reaching out to potential speakers. If you have any interest in being a speaker and/or have a topic you are passionate about please reach out to us at ishpcontact@gmail.com email.



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NW Pharmacy Convention

June 1 - 4 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

The Northwest Pharmacy Convention is less than a month away and offers CE and Networking opportunities.

Continuing Education: The CE activities are designed for all pharmacy professionals who practice in varied health care settings. Participants can obtain more than 15 hours of ACPE accredited continuing education over the course of the weekend.

- [Agenda at-a-glance](#) (In development and subject to change)

ISHP Member Discount:

As an ISHP member you can receive a discount to attend the conference.

Use these codes at checkout to receive member pricing:

- Full Registration (Pharmacists) - IdahoNWPCFullPharm
- Daily Registration (Pharmacists) - IdahoNWPCDailyPharm
- Technician | Student | Resident (Daily & Full) - IdahoNWPCTech/S/R

ISHP Executive Director & Legislative Update

From ISHP Executive Director: Caroline Merritt

On Saturday, April 1st, ISHP held our in-person Spring Meeting at Saint Alphonsus RMC in Boise. The Education Committee did a fantastic job of organizing great content for the Pharmacists and Technicians who attended. ISHP is planning an in-person Fall Conference October 6-8, 2023 in Sun Valley, and we hope to see you there!



The 2023 Legislative Session officially wrapped up on April 6th. There was a great deal of turnover coming into this session which required a great deal of education for new legislators. If you haven't already, I would encourage all of our members to get to know your legislators and learn more about their views on healthcare. It's important that we identify and support candidates who will be there for us as we work to advance issues that are important to the pharmacy profession. As we approach next legislative session, ISHP will keep you updated on ways to engage in the legislative process.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

*Please Welcome new ISHP Secretary/Treasurer:
Leslie Wilson*

We have welcomed Leslie Wilson to the Secretary Treasurer position after Stephanie Matta moved out of Idaho and transitioned out of her role within St. Luke's. Leslie works as a Pharmacy Program Coordinator with St. Luke's Health Partners since 2019. Prior to coming to St. Luke's she worked within community pharmacy for over 10 years. Please join us in welcoming Leslie!



ISHP Board Nominations are Open!

ISHP Open Board Positions!

ISHP is seeking new board members to serve a two-year term beginning this October! Nominations are currently open for the following positions:

- President-Elect
- Professional Affairs Chair
- Programs Chair
- Technician Representative

Click [here](#) to nominate a fellow ISHP member by Sunday, June 25th.

Call for Award Nominations

Each year, ISHP recognizes pharmacy professionals for their outstanding work during our Annual Fall Conference in Sun Valley. Nominate your well-deserving

colleagues for one of the ISHP's Awards, both annual awards and our recognition of leadership and service. The categories include:

- Pharmacist of the Year (Annual Award)
- Pharmacy Technician of the Year (Annual Award)
- Student Leadership
- Preceptor Excellence
- Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement
- Excellence in Service
- Pharmacy Innovator

All awards will be presented during the 2023 ISHP Annual Fall Conference, in Sun Valley, Idaho, as a part of the Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 7th, 2023.

Learn more about the eligibility requirements and nominate fellow ISHP members:

[Awards Nomination Form](#)

[Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement Award Nomination Form](#)

Deadline for submission is Friday, September 1st, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Please email completed forms to ishpcontact@gmail.com.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ASHP House of Delegates Updates

From: Audra Sandoval, Vicki Wallace and Paul Driver



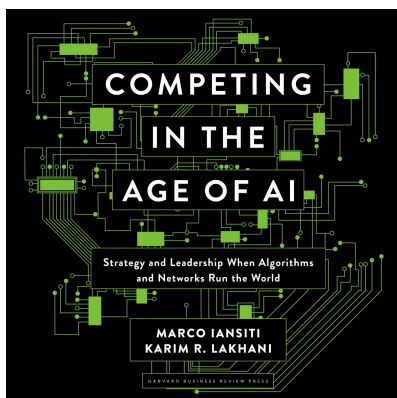
The virtual house of delegates met on March 17-24 to do an initial review of the policies to be voted on at the summer [ASHP Summer Conference in Baltimore this June](#).

Idaho Delegates, Audra Sandoval, Vicki Wallace, and alternate Paul Driver, have been following developments closely, both virtually and via the regional delegate conferences held recently.

Policy items include

- Precepting as a Professional Obligation
- Payer-Directed Drug Distribution Models
- Use of Social Determinants of Health Data in Pharmacy
- Emergency Medical Kits

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have comments on these policies once posted. The delegates will have access to these unapproved policies, however, the general membership may not until approved. We will share some details with our membership once we know what is to be presented.



AI, ChatGPT & Healthcare

Seemingly everywhere, the large language model system, ChatGPT, has been found to be more empathetic at answering patient questions than physicians. Researchers compared responses to patient questions between those provided by physicians and those from ChatGPT. In short, the chatbot's responses were preferred overall!

At its most basic level, AI type programs, like ChatGPT or its next iteration, will be able to aid pharmacists in providing education and care for patients in more complete ways.

For some additional reading on this study and other areas, be sure to check out the following:

- **ARTICLE:** [JAMA Intern Med Study with ChatGPT](#)
- **PODCAST:** HBR Ideacast -- [How Generative AI Changes Productivity](#)
- **BOOK:** [Competing in the Age of AI](#) by [Karim Lakhani](#) from Harvard Business School

I-LEAD UPDATE

Now Accepting Applications for Class of 2024



Interested in learning more about leading organizations, like ISHP or maybe your own health care organization?

Curious about what goes on behind the scenes at ISHP Board Meetings?

Or, maybe you are just looking to connect with other practicing pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from across Idaho as a way to help strengthen your resilience and improve your learning and well-being.

You will find all of this and more through I-LEAD. Started over 5 years ago to meet an unmet need for relevant leadership education and training in Idaho, the Idaho Pharmacy Leadership Education for the Advancement and Development of practicing pharmacists and pharmacy technicians (I-LEAD) has brought together individuals from all corners of the state, helping them reach their goals while providing them with added benefits, like life-long friendships and connections to colleagues experiencing the same day to day challenges at their own place of work.

What is I-LEAD Like?

As a fellow of I-LEAD, you will complete an orientation and meet the other I-LEAD fellows during the ISHP Fall Conference in Sun Valley, Oct 6th - 8th. During the orientation you will learn about the inner workings of the ISHP Board and Committees while also getting to know the ISHP Board Members. From there you will attend monthly I-LEAD seminars that include guest leaders sharing different aspects from their own leadership journey or partake in group discussions around a particular leadership topic.

What is the value of completing I-LEAD?

Besides building connections with others across Idaho, the majority of I-LEAD graduates have gone on into new leadership positions, whether they be within their current institution, a new pharmacy or system, and/or as a board member within ISHP. Often we see this occur during the second half of their I-LEAD year or within one year following completion of the program.

What is the cost and how do I apply?

-- Interested candidates please send the following to ISHPiLead@gmail.com

1. Candidate CV/Resume
2. Letter of intent explaining why you are interested in I-LEAD
3. Include in the letter 3 goals you would like to work toward during the I-LEAD year.

[Learn more](#) about I-LEAD.

ADVANCING IDAHO PHARMACY



Leading Precision Medicine with Pharmacogenomics

Precision medicine, using pharmacogenomic data to help guide treatment decisions, is growing nationally, and in Idaho.

Jared Barrott, PhD, Associate Professor, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, helped lead a new Pharmacogenomics certificate program this past April, to help expose pharmacists to the advancements in pharmacogenomics and the application of pharmacogenomic principles across different drug classes.

Jumping into the mix, St. Luke's Oncology Pharmacy Director, Sarah Hogue, and Oncology Specialty Pharmacist, Jessie Modliin, are spearheading the development at St. Luke's Cancer Institute. Working with providers, Dr. Hogue and Modlin plan to establish a system wide Molecular Tumor Board with the hope of including other health systems in the state.

For more information on Pharmacogenomics

- [National Institutes of Health](#)
- [ACCP Certificate Program](#)
- [ASHP Statement on the role of Pharmacists in Pharmacogenomics](#)

UCSF Hospital 1st to Implement in CA

[Becker's reports that UCSF Health](#) will become the first Hospital system in California to begin Pharmacogenomic testing to their patients.



Joining about 10 other institutions across the country, UCSF Health will allow patients to opt for testing of about 15 genes, allowing for more precise medical decisions. Patients will be billed through their MyChart account.

[More information](#)

We Want to Hear From You



If you would like to learn more about getting involved with ISHP, or have questions about mentoring, obtaining CE, or other ISHP programs, please reach out to us at ISHPcontact@gmail.com

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