

# ISPOR STUDENT NETWORK

## Newsletter

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### MID-YEAR ISSUE

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**BROAD THANKS TO ALL STUDENT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS AND  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: EVENT PLANNING, EDUCATION,  
PUBLICATIONS, SURVEY & EVALUATION.**

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# MEET THE '26-'27 STUDENT NETWORK CHAIR



## INCOMING STUDENT NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHAIR



### IVY LEONG, MSc

Doctoral Student  
ISPOR – Student Network Chair  
University of Mississippi, School of  
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Please join us in welcoming Ivy Leong as the incoming Student Network Leadership Council Chair for 2026-2027. Ivy is a 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD student in Pharmacy Administration at the University of Mississippi, with 2 Master of Science degrees under her belt. Her research interests center around women's health, insurance affordability and health policy. Ivy is involved with community-based harm reduction programs, a drug utilization review for Mississippi Medicaid, and research on opioid-related outcomes among Medicare enrollees. Ivy has served as co-chair for the Student Network Event Planning Committee, and on several special interest groups, and is currently the President of the University of Mississippi ISPOR Student Chapter.

We look forward to watching you continue to grow in your upcoming role as Student Network Council Chair.

## ADDRESS FROM NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHAIR

Dear Fellow ISPOR Colleagues,

As I write this after ISPOR 2026 in my role as the Student Network Chair-Elect, I want to begin by recognizing and thanking Dominique and all our committee co-chairs and members for their incredible work. They balance their time and effort on their personal development and committee responsibilities to ISPOR. The results are truly a reflection of great leadership and teamwork, which I genuinely appreciate and am grateful for.

Looking ahead, I see three priorities for our Student Network: global involvement, recognition of student achievements, and alignment with the evolving HEOR landscape. With students' interest in career development at an all-time high, expanding global engagement is essential. I encourage open dialogue across and within regional chapters and student chapters so that all voices can be heard. Our Student Network will also continue to serve as a bridge between students and professionals, helping us stay connected and informed in the fast-paced HEOR environment.

In the coming year, I hope to champion collaboration and transparency. By strengthening cross-committee collaboration, we can deepen student engagement and empower students to share their ideas and perspectives. Your involvement and enthusiasm are at the heart of this network and its impact. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

**Ivy Leong, MSc**  
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# ISPOR 2026

## Philadelphia, PA, USA



# ISPOR 2026 CONFERENCE

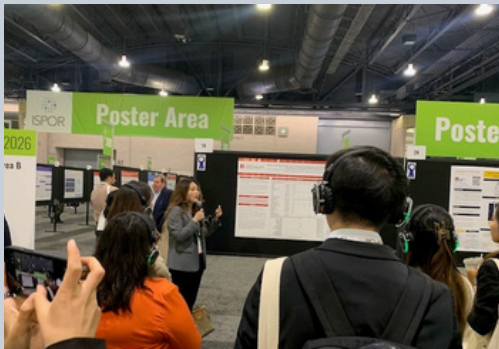
*Written by Daniel Ojonugwa Umoru*

The ISPOR 2026 Annual Conference brought together researchers, policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, clinicians, patient advocates, and healthcare decision-makers from around the world in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Under the conference theme, **“HEOR at the Forefront of Policy, Access, and Value,”** the meeting highlighted the increasingly important role of health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) in informing healthcare policy, improving patient access, and demonstrating value across evolving healthcare systems. The conference emphasized the need for robust evidence generation to support decision-making amid growing challenges related to affordability, drug pricing, health disparities, technology adoption, and healthcare sustainability.

Throughout plenary sessions, issue panels, workshops, breakout sessions, and research presentations, participants explored how HEOR, real-world evidence (RWE), health technology assessment (HTA), patient-centered research, and advanced analytical methods are shaping healthcare decisions globally.

MAY 17-20 2026 | Philadelphia, PA, USA 📍

One of the most impactful plenary sessions was **“US Pharmaceutical Policy: Leading or Following?”**, which examined the implications of recent US drug pricing reforms, including Medicare drug price negotiations and Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) pricing policies. Speakers discussed how this policy changes may influence pharmaceutical innovation, evidence generation, market access, and global pricing strategies. A subsequent plenary, **“Innovation Under Pressure: How Will US Drug Policy Reshape Innovation, Evidence, and Access Globally?”**, expanded the discussion by exploring the broader international consequences of evolving US pharmaceutical policies on healthcare systems, manufacturers, and patients worldwide.



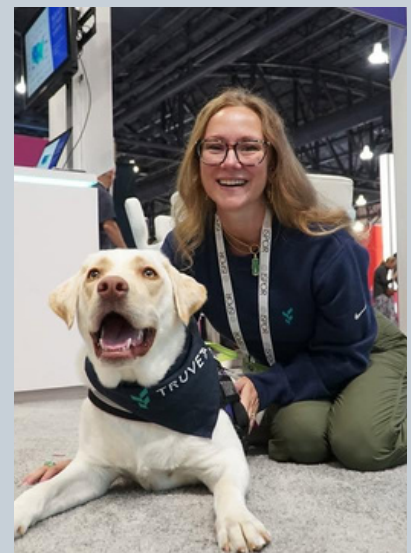
# ISPOR 2026



Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, USA

At ISPOR 2026, attendees explored how HEOR is driving evidence-based policy, patient access, and value-focused healthcare decision-making. Through plenary sessions, issue panels, and scientific presentations, participants examined the growing role of real-world evidence, artificial intelligence, health technology assessment, and patient-centered research in addressing healthcare challenges and improving outcomes globally.

**HEOR at the Forefront  
of Policy, Access, and  
Value**



## ISPOR STUDENT NETWORK FORUM



Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, USA

The Student Network Forum held on Monday, May 18: **Global Value Frameworks: Aligning HEOR, Access, and Policy Across Borders** was well attended with 115 students and other stakeholders in attendance.

### **Moderator:**

Albert Truong, PharmD

*Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA*

### **Speakers:**

Dalia Dawoud, BSc, MSc, PhD  
*Cytel, London, UK*

Neal Masia, PhD

*Health Capital Group, LLC, Princeton, NJ*

Stefan Walzer, MA, PhD

*MARs Market Access & Pricing Strategy GmbH, Weil am Rhein, Germany*

## STUDENT NETWORK & NEW PROFESSIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

The coordinated effort of the Student Network and the New Professionals Steering Committee (a first-time collaboration of these 2 groups) soft skills forum on Tuesday, May 19: **Communicating Value in the Age of AI—Skills, Tools, and Confidence for HEOR Careers** was very well attended with 144 students, new professionals and other stakeholders present.

### **Moderator:**

Irwin Tran, MS, MSc, PharmD

*NextLeader Coaching, Alameda, CA*

### **Speakers:**

Chintan Dave, PhD, PharmD

*Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ*

Juan-David Rueda, MS, PhD, MD

*AstraZeneca, Gaithersburg, MD*

Sonya Snedecor, PhD

*Science Clarity, Silver Spring, MD*

## INTERVIEW WITH THE OUTGOING ISPOR STUDENT NETWORK CHAIR 2025/26

Dominique Seo, MPH, PhD

**Q1. As the outgoing Chair of the ISPOR Student Network Leadership Council, what accomplishment during your tenure are you most proud of?**

*As the outgoing Chair of the ISPOR Student Network Leadership Council, I am most proud of the collaborative work our committees accomplished to expand student engagement and programming. Throughout my tenure, we successfully organized several events and professional development opportunities that provided meaningful value to students across the network. One highlight was the Quiz Bowl at the May meeting, which brought together 14 student chapters and created a fun, interactive way for students to connect and showcase their knowledge. More broadly, I'm proud to have helped foster a strong sense of community and collaboration among student chapters. Seeing the Student Network continue to grow and thrive has been incredibly rewarding and is an accomplishment I share with the dedicated volunteers and leaders who made it possible.*

**Q2. What were some of the most valuable lessons you learned while leading student members from diverse backgrounds and regions around the world?**

*One of the most valuable lessons I learned was the importance of clear and intentional communication. Leading student members from different countries, cultures, and time zones taught me that assumptions can easily lead to misunderstandings, so setting expectations and maintaining open communication were essential. I also learned the importance of flexibility and adaptability. Co-chairs and committee members brought diverse perspectives, working styles, and priorities, which required adjusting approaches based on the situation and the needs of the group. Rather than viewing those differences as challenges, I learned to see them as strengths that led to more creative ideas and better decision-making. Overall, the experience reinforced that effective leadership is not about having all the answers, but it's about listening, creating an inclusive environment, and helping people work together toward a shared goal.*

**Q3. How has your involvement with ISPOR contributed to your professional and personal growth throughout the past year?**

*My involvement with ISPOR has contributed significantly to both my professional and personal growth over the past year. Professionally, it has strengthened my leadership, communication, and project management skills through working with student leaders, coordinating initiatives, and collaborating with colleagues from diverse backgrounds around the world. It has also allowed me to build meaningful connections with professionals, researchers, and students across the global ISPOR community. Personally, the experience has helped me grow in confidence as a leader and become more adaptable when working with individuals who bring different perspectives and experiences. It has reinforced the value of collaboration, inclusivity, and continuous learning. Serving in a leadership role has been both rewarding and inspiring, and it has motivated me to continue contributing to the profession and supporting the next generation of HEOR professionals.*

**Q4. What initiatives or achievements from the 2025-2026 Student Network Leadership Council do you believe will have a lasting impact on future student members?**

*I believe one of the most lasting impacts of the 2025-2026 Student Network Leadership Council will be the connections and relationships that students built through their involvement in the network. Whether through committee participation, networking events, webinars, or conferences, students had opportunities to engage with peers and mentors from different backgrounds, institutions, and regions of the world.*

**Q5. What advice would you give to students and early career professionals who are interested in becoming more involved in ISPOR leadership and volunteer opportunities?**

*My advice to students and early career professionals is simple: just go for it. There is no harm in putting yourself forward for an opportunity, even if you are unsure whether you have enough experience. Many leadership and volunteer roles are designed to help you learn, grow, and develop new skills along the way. ISPOR offers a wide range of opportunities to get involved, whether through a local chapter, a Special Interest Group (SIG), or the Student Network. These experiences allow you to build your professional network, develop leadership skills, collaborate with individuals from diverse backgrounds, and contribute to initiatives that support the broader HEOR community. Some of the most rewarding experiences and connections I've gained through ISPOR started simply by saying yes to an opportunity and getting involved. My advice is to take that first step—you never know where it might lead.*

**Q6. Is there anything else you would like to share about your ISPOR journey or leadership experience? 1 response**

*I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the ISPOR Student Network Leadership Council. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated student leaders, volunteers, and ISPOR staff, and I am thankful for the experiences, relationships, and lessons I have gained throughout this journey. Serving in this role has been both rewarding and inspiring, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I am excited to see how the Student Network continues to grow and evolve under future leadership, and I look forward to remaining involved with ISPOR and supporting its mission in the years ahead.*



Student Network Leadership Council Chair  
2025-2026 Award presented to  
**Dominique Seo, MPH, PhD**

## QUIZ BOWL 2026

The final round had the crowd cheering as the competition ended in a tie between the University of Rhode Island and the University of Illinois, Chicago. Both teams answered the question incorrectly, resulting in a point wager ultimately breaking the tie! The University of Illinois, Chicago's team won the championship by 15 points!

1st Place - \$1500 — University of Illinois, Chicago

2nd Place - \$1000 — University of Rhode Island

3rd Place - \$500 — Johns Hopkins University

Thanks to Judges: Caitlyn Solem, PhD and Steve Marx, PharmD, MSc, RPh

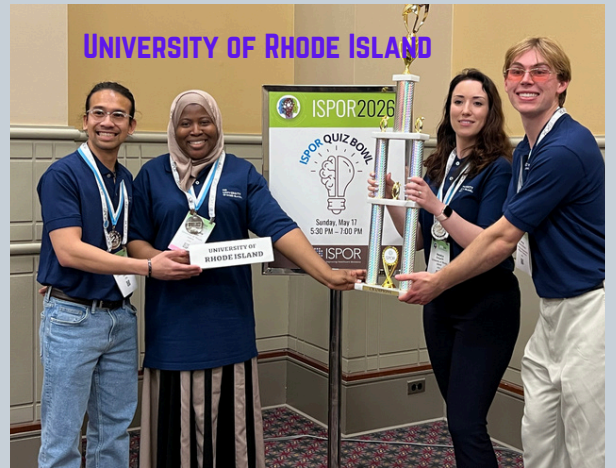
Thanks to Emcee: Zeba Khan, PhD, RPh



### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO



### UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND



### JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY



# HELPFUL STUDENT INFORMATION



## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The ISPOR Student Network offers a variety of educational and professional development opportunities.

Below are selected learning resources, including short courses, webinars, and on-demand content, designed to help students build foundational and advanced HEOR skills.



### EXPLORE AVAILABLE SHORT COURSES

REVIEW THE LIST OF UPCOMING SHORT COURSES VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON. REGISTER EARLY, AS SPACE MAY BE LIMITED.



[ISPOR - Short Courses](#)



### ISPOR EDUCATION CENTRE

A FLEXIBLE, SELF-PACED LEARNING PLATFORM  
RELEVANT AND INNOVATIVE COURSE CONTENT



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### HEOR LEARNING LAB™

HEOR VIDEO CONTENT FROM ISPOR CONFERENCES AND EVENTS  
ISPOR MEMBERS ACCESS ISPOR 2026 SESSIONS NOW!



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### RECENT & UPCOMING WEBINARS

LIVE AND ON-DEMAND HEALTH ECONOMICS AND OUTCOMES  
RESEARCH WEBINARS



[Webinars](#)

## Upcoming Events

# ISPOR Asia Pacific Summit 2026

**Sunday, 6 September - Tuesday, 8 September**  
**Bangkok | Thailand**

THE FUTURE OF HEALTH INNOVATION:  
UNLOCKING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS



The ISPOR Asia Pacific Summit 2026 Convenes Leading Experts, Policymakers, Industry Innovators, and Patient Organizations to Explore how HEOR advances Affordable Access to Healthcare Innovation Across the Region

# ISPOR Europe 2026

**Sunday, 8 November - Wednesday, 11 November**  
**Vienna | Austria**



LEADING EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN HEOR

**View the Schedule at a Glance!**

# Special Interest Groups



**C** Clinical Outcome Assessment

**D** Digital Health

**E** Emerging and Orphan Therapies

Environmental Assessment of HEOR

**G** Global Access to Medical Innovation

**H** Health Equity Research

Health Preference Research

**M** Medical Devices and Diagnostics

Medication Adherence and Persistence

**O** Oncology

**P** Patient Centered

**R** Real-World Evidence

**S** Statistical Methods in HEOR



**CLICK ON EACH SIG TITLE TO FIND OUT MORE!**

# FEATURED ARTICLES



# FEATURED ARTICLES

## EDITOR'S CHOICE



[LINK](#)

### **Methods for Evaluation of Surrogate Endpoints for Health Technology Assessment Decision Making: A Good Practices Report of an ISPOR Task Force**

**SYLWIA BUJKIEWICZ, ORIANA CIANI, BART HEEG, DAWN LEE, JEANETTE M. KUSEL, KRISTIAN THORLUND, PETROS PECHLIVANOGLU, STEPHEN STEFANI, WANRUDEE ISARANUWATCHAI, MARC BUYSE, MARIO DUWENS**

- This ISPOR Task Force report addresses how surrogate endpoints can statistically be evaluated and used in health technology assessment decision making. It provides integrated recommendations spanning both surrogate endpoint validation and health economic modeling, considering 3 levels of evidence (biological plausibility, individual-level, and trial-level surrogacy)
- The ISPOR Task Force recommends multivariate meta-analytic methods that account for within-study correlations and estimation errors when evaluating surrogate endpoints. Bayesian approaches can strengthen inferences by sharing information across treatments, classes, or indications when data are limited or generalizability is uncertain.
- The ISPOR task force recommends transparent, evidence-based use of surrogate endpoints in health technology assessment by aligning levels of evidence for surrogate endpoint validation with model-based cost-effectiveness—if this is expected—to enhance consistency and credibility in healthcare decision making.

### **A Practical Method for Estimating Generalized Risk-Adjusted Cost-Effectiveness Utilities and Willingness-to-Pay Corrections**

**ANIRBAN BASU, DARIUS N. LAKDAWALLA**

- Prior studies on Generalized Risk-Adjusted Cost-Effectiveness (GRACE) compute GRACE utilities by treating traditional quality-of-life weights as approximate for visual analog scale measures of health.



[LINK](#)

## Economic Impact of Self-Injected Biologics for Rheumatoid Arthritis in Japan: A Propensity Score-Matched Analysis From a Public Healthcare Payer Perspective

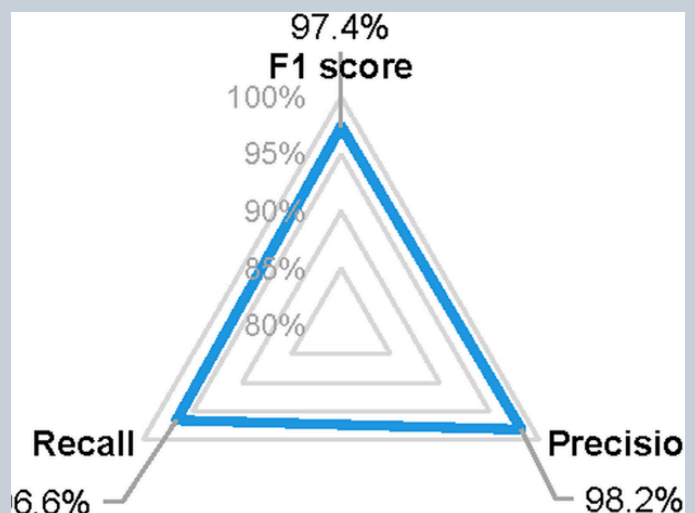
KAZUHIKO TAKAHATA, SHINGO AKUTSU, EIICHI TANAKA, RYOKO SAKAI, MANABU AKAZAWA

- Biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs have brought significant advances in rheumatoid arthritis treatment but impose substantial economic burden. In Japan, the economic impact of self-injection (SI) on healthcare costs and prescription patterns has not been fully explored.
- This study is one of the few to comprehensively examine the economic impact of SI using large-scale Japanese claims data. SI increased direct healthcare costs because of higher prescription volumes but significantly reduced annual hospital visit frequency, suggesting potential indirect cost savings.
- These findings provide real-world evidence to inform reimbursement policies and develop patient-centered care models. Despite higher drug costs, reducing hospital visits through SI may help contain overall healthcare expenditure.

## Evaluating the Performance of Claude 3.7 Sonnet in Data Extraction Automation for Systematic Literature Reviews

ELLEN KASIREDDY, CUTHBERT CHOW, JUN COLLET, MIR-MASOUD POURRAHMAT, MIR SOHAIL FAZELI

- Human-led data extraction in systematic reviews is time consuming and resource intensive. Although large language models offer potential for automation, few studies have rigorously evaluated their accuracy and reliability in replicating human-level data extraction performance.
- This study evaluated a customized system built on Claude 3.7 Sonnet and demonstrated strong performance in extracting study, patient, and intervention characteristics, and outcome data across 4 oncology-focused systematic literature reviews.
- Findings support the potential of large-language-model-based data extraction to improve efficiency, reduce errors, and lower costs in evidence synthesis. Faster, more consistent data extraction can accelerate systematic reviews, helping to inform timely, evidence-based healthcare decisions. Broader validation across diverse therapeutic areas is warranted to further define the Claude 3.7 Sonnet model's capabilities and limitations.



Overall performance metrics of the AI model

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# STUDENT NETWORK UPDATES



# 2026 STUDENT CHAPTER AWARDS

The ISPOR Awards Program recognizes the outstanding contributions and leadership of ISPOR student chapters globally

## Outstanding Student Chapter Award



جامعة  
الملك سعود  
King Saud University



## Best Student Chapter Collaboration Award



UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS CHICAGO

## Best LMIC Student Chapter Award



**MAHARISHI  
MARKANDESHWAR**  
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

Mullana-Ambala, Haryana

(Established under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)

(Accredited by NAAC with Grade 'A++')

# STUDENT RECOGNITION

## PhRMA Foundation Trainee Challenge Award 2026

Emeka Elvis Duru, BPharm, a PhD candidate in Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy, has been awarded the 2026 PhRMA Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship in Value Assessment and Health Outcomes Research. The fellowship supports researchers whose work advances evidence generation for healthcare decision making, value assessment, and patient access. Before beginning doctoral training in the US, Elvis was trained as a pharmacist in Nigeria, where his work in clinical pharmacy, public health outreach, and resource limited healthcare settings shaped his interest in access, affordability, and evidence-based policy. His broader research portfolio spans health economics and outcomes research, real world evidence, causal inference, pharmacovigilance, evidence synthesis, patient preference research, and health policy. Duru is also active in ISPOR leadership and service. He served as Co-Chair of the Survey and Evaluation Committee for the ISPOR Student Network in 2025-2026. He has presented poster and podium presentations at ISPOR, AMCP, AMCP Nexus, the Western Pharmacoeconomic conference, and other scientific meetings.



## Championing Value Based Care and Health Equity

Lynn (Pei-Lin) Huang is a fourth-year PhD candidate in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research with a concentration in Pharmacoeconomics at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Her research focuses on generating real-world evidence to support value-based care and reduce health disparities, particularly among individuals with cancer. She has contributed to studies in oncology, cardiovascular disease and substance use disorder, applying advanced analytics to diverse data sources including EHRs and claims data. With experience in both academia and industry, Huang brings a multidisciplinary perspective to her research. Her dissertation work will be focusing on the value and transparency reform around employer-sponsored health insurance. Her commitment to the ISPOR community extends well beyond her own research. She has served as President of the UMB ISPOR Student Chapter (2024-2025), Co-Chair of the ISPOR Student Network Event Planning Committee (2025-2026), and currently serves as Operational Lead for the ISPOR Special Interest Group on Global Access to Medical Innovation.



## View Samples of Top 5% Student Research

### Top 5% Student Poster Research Presentations

- 1.RWD148: Machine Learning Models for Predicting Serious Adverse Event Reports in GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Using FAERS, 2015-2025 (**Zhouzhou Chu, Msc, Daniel O. Umoru BPharm, Ang Li, PhD, Ariel Tran, PharmD, Bowei Tian, BSc, Sherry Yun Wang PhD**, Chapman University, Irvine, CA, USA)
- 2.PT25: Trends in PCSK9 Inhibitor Costs, Cost Sharing, and Adherence Among Medicare Beneficiaries Following 2018 Price Reductions (**Julia Wang, MS, Christopher Blanchette, PhD, Chintan Dave, PhD**, Rutgers University, NJ, USA)
- 3.EE157 Cost Effectiveness Analysis of Savolitinib Osimertinib in Advanced Non Squamous NSCLC With MET Amplification Following EGFR TKI Resistance in China (**Quan Sun, MD; Shang Yumeng, MD; Fang Zhang, PhD**, China Medical Education Association, Health Care Security and Pharmacoeconomic Evaluation Branch, Beijing, China)

### Top 5% Student Podium Research Presentations

1. P1 Benchmarking Generative AI Tools for Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) Model Input Curation: A Comparative Evaluation of Large Language Models (**Sourab Ganna, PharmD; Yinan Wang, PhD; Jieni Li, MPH, PhD; Moosa Tatar, PhD; Javeria Khalid, PharmD, MS; Rajender Aparasu, PhD**, University of Houston, Houston, TX, USA)
- 2.P57 Setting Evidence Standards Before Setting International Price Benchmarks: Insights From Ex U.S. G7 Health Technology Assessments on Top Spending U.S. Medicare Part B Biologics (**Taraneh Mousavi, PharmD**, University of Maryland Baltimore, Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, Baltimore, MD, USA)



# STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

**NORTH AMERICA**



# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS UNITED STATES

## Guest Seminar

**Date:** March 19, 2026

**Event Type:** In-person scientific educational event

### Activities

- Hosted a professional development session on market access led by an experienced industry professional.
- Supported the Pharmacy Residency Research Workshop, helping residents learn analytical and research methods.
- Assisted members with applications and preparation for the ISPOR 2026 Conference.
- Organized networking and social events throughout the year to strengthen member engagement and chapter cohesion.

The event was attended and led by University of Arkansas ISPOR Student Chapter members

**UAMS**  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

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**UAMS ISPOR  
STUDENT CHAPTER PRESENTS  
JOURNAL CLUB**

"When Data Meets the Real World:  
The HEOR-Market Access Connection"

**What we'll Discuss :**

- Join us to explore how data informs value, access, and real-world decision-making
- The bridge between HEOR evidence and market access, pricing, and policy strategy
- Experiences working in a market access team

Open discussion led by :  
Millicent Bookye (BPharm, MBA)

**Thursday, March 19, 2026  
1:30 - 2:00 pm  
COP Rahn 6244 Focus Room**



# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

UNITED STATES

### Guest Seminar

**Date:** April 7, 2026

**Event Type:** In person scientific educational events.

**Speaker:** Dr Shaimaa Elshafie from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

#### Key Learnings:

- Emphasized the critical role of post-marketing drug safety surveillance and real-world evidence in monitoring medication safety after approval.
- Explored pharmacovigilance, FDA surveillance systems, and drug safety evaluation.
- Facilitated interactive discussions on the strengths, challenges, and limitations of current drug safety monitoring approaches.
- Advanced the chapter's mission by promoting engagement in HEOR among students and professionals.

### DRUG SAFETY BEYOND CLINICAL TRIALS: ARE FDA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS ENOUGH AT APPROVAL?

#### Attendees:

- Students and faculty





# UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

## UNITED STATES

### Chapter Overview

- Committed to developing members' research ability and communication skills.
- Fostered professional engagement and networking with alumni and other professionals.

### Events

- Graduate students' research showcase with the University of Maryland and the University of Minnesota.
- Public speaking talk with coaches Lyda and Caleb Stokes.
- Attendance and 8 poster presentations at ISPOR 2026.
- Fourth place at the ISPOR Quiz Bowl during the ISPOR 2026 Conference in Philadelphia, PA, USA.

### Activities

- In-person scientific educational events
- Professional development/career-related events
- Journal clubs / Book clubs
- Joint events with another student chapter





# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

## UNITED STATES

### Chapter Overview

- Focused on professional development through mentorship.

### Events

- Multi-speaker roundtable events with mentors from the field.



### Activities

- In-person scientific educational events
- Networking / Social events
- Professional development / career related events
- Webinars and virtual training
- Joint events with another society (eg, ISPE, AMCP, DIA)





# UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH UNITED STATES

## Chapter Overview

- Engaged in hosting professional development and interdisciplinary events.
- Events focus on managed care, health economics, and industry engagement.
- Established collaboration with AMCP, Student Industry Organization, and PPIP.



## Activities

- In-person scientific educational events
- Networking / Social events
- Professional development / career related events
- Prospecting events
- Joint events with another student chapter
- Joint events with another society (eg, ISPE, AMCP, DIA)

## Events

- Student Industry Organization Dean's Theme Event on Sotatercept.
- ISPOR-AMCP Fellowship Panel.
- AMCP-ISPOR Managed Care Internships Panel.
- Finding Meaning and Fulfilment in Pharmacy Practice with Dr Jonathan Cicci.
- Valur-Based Pharmacy Initiatives Panel with Dr Chester Good and Dr Samuel Peasah.

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### FELLOWSHIP PANEL

WED 2/18 @12 PM IN ROOM 5200

**Christina Kazarov**  
PharmD, PhD Candidate in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy Research

**Caiden Lukan**  
PharmD, Post-Doctoral Fellow in Real World Evidence and Medical Affairs

**Steven Do**  
PharmD, Post-Doctoral Fellow Health Economics and Outcome Research

**Lydia Nguyen**  
PharmD Candidate, Future Post-Doctoral Fellow in Global Medical Affairs, Immunology

**Ariel Dong**  
PharmD Candidate, Future Post-Doctoral Fellow in Health Economics and Outcomes Research

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# STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

ASIA PACIFIC

# CHITKARA UNIVERSITY PUNJAB, INDIA



**Speaker:** Dr Thakur Gurjeet Singh & Dr Sanjana Mehta

## Networking & Professional development

### Activities:

One of our key highlights has been our engagement in an international level conference on innovations in drug discovery and translational pharmaceutical sciences. This exposure allowed our members to interact with global experts, understand emerging trends like AI in healthcare and precision medicine, and connect these advancements with the evolving scope of HEOR and pharmacoeconomics.





# TAIWAN KAOHSIUNG UNIVERSITY TAIWAN

## In person scientific educational events

**Date:** April & May 2026

### **Activities:**

- Annual General Assembly (May 2026). We held our Annual General Assembly to review chapter achievements, engage members in organizational planning, and discuss leadership transition. The event also served as a networking opportunity for members.
- Pharmaceutical Distribution / Healthcare Supply Chain Career Sharing Session (April 2026). Organized an in-person professional development event featuring speakers from the pharmaceutical distribution and healthcare supply chain sector.
- Industry Career Sharing Session (May 2026). Professional sharing event focused on healthcare industry perspectives.





# STUDENT CHAPTER UPDATES

EUROPE



## Chapter Overview

- Engaging with an international community to share research insights, foster cross-border academic dialogue, and strengthen collaboration with colleagues from partner institutions across Europe.

## Events

- Erasmus Mobility Experience in Adana, Turkey

## Activities

- In-person scientific educational events
- Networking / Social events
- Professional development/career related events



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