



October 2022
Volume 3

WMSHP Executive Board

President
Dhakrit Rungkitwattanakul, PharmD

President Elect
Meenakshi Shelat, PharmD, BCOP

Immediate Past President
Ashok Ramalingam, PhD, RPh

Treasurer
Opeoluwa Fagbemi, PharmD

Secretary
Eunice Han, PharmD

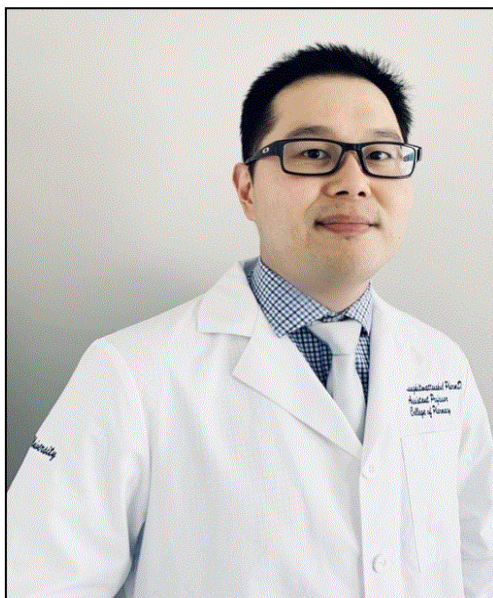
Board Members
John Quinn, RPh, M.S.
Marilyn Farinre, PharmD

Delegates
Michelle Eby, PharmD
Carla Darling PharmD, BCPS
Sue Carr, RPh

Editors
Tiffany Tseng, PharmD
John Quinn R.Ph M.S.
Eunice Han, PharmD
Student Editor
Tejona Johnson-Moore

WMSHP website:
www.wmshp.org

Washington Metropolitan Society of Health System Pharmacists Newsletter



Message from the WMSHP President

Hello members,
I just cannot believe that it is Fall already. Several places in the DMV area have already started putting out pumpkins and fall decorations. When I see this, it is a good reminder of how time flies and I am thankful for everything that has happened over the year. Our society too has appreciated this period as this is the time that we are searching for members to serve on our executive board. We will soon be holding elections for WMSHP officers whose terms will start next year. This includes:

President-Elect 2 year term
(1 year President Elect; 1 year President)
Treasurer 2 year term
Secretary 1 year
Delegates 2 year terms
Board of Directors 2 year term

Our society provides a great experience in serving the community. We work with several enthusiastic, bright, and dedicated members. I can personally attest to my experience serving as president elect and now president

See page 11



Meenakshi Shelat WMSHP President Elect

Looking Forward to Next Year

Hi everyone, we are looking forward to working with all of you as our society progresses into 2023. I appreciated the feedback and responses from our membership survey in the spring. As a follow-up, please note the October 11th deadline for Officer elections in the President's column. Any interest in accounting/finance? Do you enjoy planning programs? Do you want to help engage membership, contribute to the newsletter, or help with a new website? We offer many opportunities to serve and get to know everyone. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the installation of new officers in January.

See page 2

President Elect Meenakshi Shelat from page 1

Professionally, within the realm of clinical trials, I'm often reminded of the essential role we play as partners in the healthcare team to optimize the care for our patients.

I'm hopeful in the year ahead to nurture and work with upcoming leaders, collectively plan a diverse array of educational opportunities, and highlight well-being and resilience.

I recently met with fellow society leadership from our neighboring Delaware Society of Health-System Pharmacists (DSNP) to discuss a collaborative event or series to not only honor a fellow clinician but support one another as we all balance our life and work. Here is an excerpt of what the DSNP President Brittany shared. We hope you can take part in the events that DSHP is hosting this October as partners with the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes Foundation that organized "Wellness for Wellness."

"The foundation focuses on healthcare worker wellness in honor of Dr. Lorna Breen, who lost her life (suicide) during the pandemic. Some of the main goals of the foundation include advising the healthcare industry to implement well-being initiatives, building awareness of these issues to reduce stigma, and funding research and programs that will reduce healthcare professional burnout and improve provider well-being. More about Dr. Breen and the foundation's work at their website (<https://drlornabreen.org>). The month-long wellness fundraiser will include several in person and virtual wellness classes. These classes will be led by healthcare professionals who have prioritized wellness in their own lives and have become qualified and skilled in their area of expertise. The event includes classes in meditation, yoga, fitness, barre3, and nutrition. In addition, a run coach will be providing a class and training plan for those interested in starting to run or improve their running. The participants will then conclude the month with a virtual and in-person 5K run and 1 mile walk which will take place in the beautiful Bellevue state park located in Wilmington, DE. This park has nice scenery, running trails and is easily accessible for the neighboring states. We envision this month being a journey of connection, self-awareness, support, networking and fun while honoring the life of Dr. Lorna Breen. Here is the [link](#) with more details about the activities and where you can [sign up](#) to participate in this wellness event. Thanks to the generosity of the volunteer experts, all registration fees will go directly to the foundation."

With that said, there are several works in progress including a new website plus plenty of programs to come in 2023 for WMSHP. We are excited for your active participation and continued support. Talk soon!

Meenakshi
ms.wmshp@gmail.com



Carla Darling (left) and Michelle Eby (right)

WMSHP Delegates Corner

WMSHP Delegates Carla Darling and Michelle Eby attended the first in person meetings of the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) since 2019. The 74th Meeting of the HOD convened on Sunday, June 12, 2022 and Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in Phoenix, Arizona. In June, the HOD collectively considered 22 policy recommendations, 19 of which were amended or edited. Policy recommendations included various topics such as Cultural Competency, Human Use of Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, Autoverification of Medication Orders, and Access to Reproductive Health Services. For a complete list and details of the policies approved by the ASHP HOD you can visit the ASHP HOD website or click [here](#).

WMSHP Delegates Carla Darling and Michelle Eby Attend ASHP Meeting in June 2022

From page 2

In continuing efforts to make the ASHP policy cycle more efficient, responsive, and engaging, ASHP will likely conduct another online meeting of the House of Delegates in November 2022. If so, proposed professional policy language will be posted to the ASHP House of Delegates website and ASHP Connect no later than October, and voting will take place over the week of November 11-18, 2022.

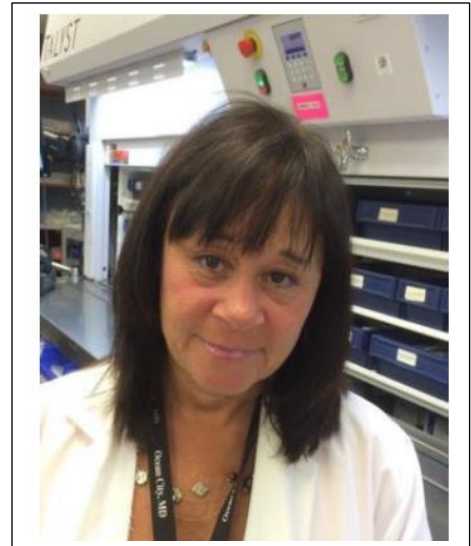
The November online meeting will likely be the final delegate meeting for the HOD in 2022, but we look forward to the 75th ASHP HOD meeting in our own back yard in 2023! The ASHP 2023 Summer Meeting will take place in Baltimore, MD from June 10-14. That means that it's time to welcome one new Delegate to represent WMSHP in 2023 and we want YOU! If you like being part of shaping ASHP professional policies on important issues related to pharmacy practice and medication use in society, then please consider running for the Delegate position for 2023. All candidates interested in running for Delegate should review the Presidents article to understand the steps to run for WMSHP office.

Your Thoughts are Always welcomed... and Encouraged! We can be reached by email at webwmshp@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you should you have any thoughts you would like to share on the policy development process or if you are interested in serving as a Delegate in 2023.

Sincerely, Carla Darling and Michelle Eby

On Being an Entrepreneur- A Different Pharmacy Path

As a pharmacy student in Boston, I worked at a local hospital as a pharmacy technician preparing doses of intravenous medications. My job was to batch large intravenous (IV) bags using medications that were packaged in glass ampoules. I had to stand on my feet for long hours breaking glass ampoules and filtering them according to the "Standards of Good Practice," that I was taught. It involves multiple needles, needle exchanges and multiple steps. I thought it was time consuming and cumbersome and was convinced that there had to be a better way. After graduation, I worked as a retail manager for CVS for 17 years. Back then, retail paid much more than hospital pharmacy but my passion was always hospital pharmacy. I left CVS to work as a clinical hospital pharmacist for the next 17 years in various patient units of the hospital including, ICU, ER, Oncology, NICU, and medical surgical areas. Throughout my career, the filtering problem kept bothering me. I noticed my technicians struggling, and the process was not always performed properly in emergency situations.



Sue Carr President and Founder
of CarrTech Corp

I decided to come up with a simple solution to a complicated problem. I consulted a patent attorney and after receiving my first patent I founded CarrTech in 2012. Next, I searched for a medical device manufacturing company to build my prototype. I was introduced to a company Durham North Carolina, whose engineers and I brainstormed to develop the first prototype. I had my second patent prepared at this time, and it was completed in late 2017.

Until 2018 I bootstrapped my way through two patents and an alpha prototype. "Bootstrapping" is when you use your own money to build traction. Having a novel idea for a new medical device isn't enough!

See page 4

Sue Carr from page 3

To build a viable company and products I needed to raise funds, network, attend educational accelerators, develop strategic partners and learn the art of public speaking. In 2018 I began to raise money. My first two investors were fellow pharmacists that believed in CarrTech's mission. I began to network, as well as conduct customer discovery questionnaire interviews with my healthcare friends. One of my "secret sauces" or advantage over other entrepreneurs is that I know a lot of people in healthcare. Building a company requires education. I attended accelerators, incubators, and I-Corp programs. I continued to learn about the business world and develop tools to use such as the lean business model canvas, executive summaries, pitch decks, and business plans. I learned what a value proposition was, who my customers were, my strategic partners and it all made sense. I began to formalize my company, hired a corporate attorney, established CarrTech formally as an LLC and received my first investors via convertible note called "Friends and Family"

I took a complicated process of filtering and made it simple by designing an all-in-one device called "FROG", (Filter Removal of Glass). Basically, I just relocated the filter from the Luer Lock end to the tip and placed the filter cover over a hypodermic needle. After the ampoule is broken, the fluid is drawn up and filtered and the outer cover can then be removed revealing an inner hypodermic needle. Primary research confirmed that healthcare providers prefer FROG over the current system, it take half the time and 100 % of respondents felt that FROG would decrease the chance for needle-stick injuries. It was so simple, I thought a big needle company, (BNC is the acronym I use), would love this idea and buy me out, end of story. However, I not only need to sell them on FROG, but also myself. Public speaking becomes essential. Currently, the hardest thing for me to date, is public speaking. I sought out help to improve my confidence and speaking ability. I took a leap of faith in February of 2019. I left the security of a full-time job to work full time on CarrTech. After completing the IPHA program, the EDGE program at theFrederick Innovation Technology Center Inc (FITCI), I won a small pitch competition sponsored by Frederick County. It was my first big win and my team was with me that night to celebrate. The week before COVID hit, I had an opportunity to pitch in front of 500 + people at the Cary School of Business at the Baltimore Waterfront for a Connect Entrepreneur event. I had pitched in Frederick, MD for a small group of investors, that same afternoon. COVID hit and I thought it was the end of CarrTech. Because of COVID, I was able to watch my son graduate University and pitch at Salisbury University's "Shore Hatchery Competition" a half an hour later. I won 5th place and \$10 K. It was a very good day. I decided to rent space at FITCI since there was a village of supporters and mentors that continue to guide and support me, and I had an actual business address. Because of those last two pitch events prior to COVID, I was accepted into the, Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) Builder Fund and eventually acquired a lead investor. TEDCO taught me leadership and management skills, a positive culture, and invested in CarrTech. TEDCO continues to provide advisors and assistance in many ways. Maryland Tech Council, and Maryland Commerce have supported CarrTech in many ways a well. I hired a CFO, CEO, and now an R&D specialist and in December of 2021, I began R&D to prepare for an FDA application which brings me to present day. It has taken a long time to design the right filter with the right pull force, receive outside testing validation, and conduct human factor studies in the U.S. and EU. On August 23rd, CarrTech, (now **CarrTech Corp**), met with the FDA with a pre-submission document. It was an exciting moment. They are looking forward to CarrTech's submission. There is still a lot of work to do but we anticipate submitting our first of many 510 (k) Class II medical devices in Q1 of 2023.

I'm not at the finish line but I am getting closer to it every day. It takes a village of supporters and I have a prodigious village and an amazing team supporting CarrTech's mission of making medication preparation better and making a difference. It has been an incredible journey and I would not trade it for anything in the world. If I can save just one life, then my journey has been worth it. I hope this inspires others to follow their heart, believe in their "Why," and pursue their dreams.



Ferdaus Hassan, Ph.D
Medical Science Liaison (DC/MD/VA)
Sanofi Pasteur, US Medical Affairs

Prevention and Control of Seasonal Flu: ACIP Recommendations 2022-23 Influenza Season

As many of you may already be aware, the US has experienced atypical timing and duration of influenza activity in the recent 2021-22 season¹ and as we are getting ready for the uncertainties of the upcoming influenza season, I wanted to bring attention to the annual publication of the [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022–23 Influenza Season | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6909a1.htm).²

Below are Key Highlights from the Updated ACIP Influenza Vaccination Recommendations.

1. Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications. For each recipient, a licensed and age-appropriate vaccine should be used. **With the exception of vaccination for adults aged ≥ 65 years**, ACIP makes no preferential recommendation for a specific vaccine when more than one licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate vaccine is available.²

NEW: ACIP recommends that adults aged ≥ 65 years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose (HD-IIV, RIV) or adjuvanted influenza vaccines (aIIV):²

- Quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4; Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi)
 - Contains 60 μg HA antigen per virus compared to 15 μg for SD-IIVs
- Quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4; Flublok, Sanofi)
 - Contains 45 μg HA antigen per virus compared to 15 μg for SD-IIVs
- Quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4; Fluad, Seqirus)
 - Contains 15 μg of HA per virus, same as SD-IIVs, but contains adjuvant MF59.

If none of these three vaccines is available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be administered.² Literature concerning the efficacy, effectiveness, and safety of HD-IIV, RIV, and aIIV versus nonadjuvanted SD-IIVs and of each of these three vaccines with one another in this population was evaluated using systematic review, GRADE, and the ACIP Evidence to Recommendations Framework. On this basis, the recommendations for influenza vaccination of persons aged ≥ 65 years were modified. A description of the systematic review and GRADE is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/grade/influenza-older-adults.html> and an abbreviated summary is in the MMWR publication (linked at the top of this email).² HD-IIV, RIV, and aIIV have shown relative benefit compared with SD-IIVs in certain studies, with the most evidence available for HD-IIV3.²

2. Timing of Influenza Vaccination²:

- Optimally, vaccination should occur before onset of influenza activity in the community. Because timing of the onset, peak, and decline of influenza activity varies, the ideal time to start vaccinating cannot be predicted each season.
- Influenza vaccines might be available as early as July or August; however, vaccination during these months is not recommended for most groups because of the possible waning of immunity over the course of the influenza season.
- **For most adults (particularly adults aged ≥ 65 years), vaccination should ideally be offered during September or October. However, vaccination should continue after October and throughout the influenza season as long as influenza viruses are circulating and unexpired vaccine is available.**
- Please refer to the full text MMWR publication (linked at the top of this email) for considerations for pregnant persons and children.

3. Co-Administration of Influenza Vaccines with COVID-19 Vaccines²:

- During the 2022–23 influenza season, SARS-CoV-2 is expected to continue to circulate in the United States, and COVID-19 vaccinations are expected to continue.

See Page 6

Federaus Hassan from page 5

- Current guidance for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines indicates that these vaccines can be administered with influenza vaccines; providers should consult “Coadministration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines” at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#recommendations>)

4. U.S. Influenza Vaccine Viral Composition for the 2022-23 Season^{1,2,3}

Egg-based IIV4s and LAIV4	Cell-culture-based IIV4 and RIV4
A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus	A/Wisconsin/588/2019 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus	A/Darwin/6/2021 (H3N2)-like virus
B/Austria/1359417 (Victoria lineage)-like virus	B/Austria/1359417 (Victoria lineage)-like virus
B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus	B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus

**Red font denotes updated strains for 2022-23 season*

5. Influenza vaccines expected to be available for the 2022–23 season, their age indications, and their presentations are described in [Table 1](#).²

References:

1. Merced-Morales A, Daly P, Abd Elal AI, et al. Influenza Activity and Composition of the 2022–23 Influenza Vaccine — United States, 2021–22 Season. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022;71:913–919. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7129a1>
2. Grohskopf LA, Blanton LH, Ferdinands JM, et al. Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022–23 Influenza Season. MMWR Recomm Rep 2022;71(No. RR-1):1–28. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr7101a1>.
3. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meeting, June 22, 2022, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2022-06-22-23/04-influenza-grohskopf-508.pdf>



**Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD,
MS, FASHP, FASCP, FCP, FFIP
Former WMSHP President**

Commemorating World Pharmacists Day 2022 and the mission of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) to advance pharmacists' positive impact in health care and practice

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, PharmD, MS, FASHP, FASCP, FCP, FFIP

Introduction:

World Pharmacists Day, now in its 12th year was celebrated and commemorated this year on September 25th. The theme for this year's World Pharmacists Day, “Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world” was intended to showcase pharmacy profession's positive impact on health around the world and to further strengthen solidarity among members of the profession.

The World Pharmacists Day campaign is led by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) every year and provides an opportunity to promote the pharmacy profession (1). As the global body representing pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences and pharmaceutical education, the FIP supports global health and promotes the advancement of pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical sciences. and education.

The FIP invites colleagues from all sectors of the pharmacy profession to take part in the campaign and show the world how pharmacists are united for health- overcoming conflict, different politics and cultures, and economic disparity. Citing the FIP president's thoughts on World Pharmacists Day: “The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal number 3 sets out a number of health targets, including for non-communicable diseases (such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and mental health) and communicable diseases (for example, HIV, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases). We have seen improvements in many of these areas and our profession should be proud of and make known its contributions. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has hindered progress and it is imperative that we rally to build back better” (1).

See Page 7



For further information on FIP's role on promoting World Pharmacists Day 2022, please refer to the "*FIP World Pharmacists Day*" Fact Sheet by downloading the fact sheet [here](#) (2).

Background on the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) was founded in 1912 and is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands. It is the global federation of national organizations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists and is a non-governmental organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). With over 146 member organizations, FIP represents over four million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, pharmacy educators and more than 170 academic institutions globally.

For pharmacists, FIP's vision means a dedication to advancing patient-focused, medicine-centered healthcare practices for all. FIP has expanded its focus from changes in pharmacy and the emergence of pharmacy practice as a cornerstone of the profession which led FIP to become globally visible to advocate pharmacists' role in the provision of healthcare while still maintaining a focus in the pharmaceutical sciences.

The FIP has four areas of membership focus with each being interrelated based on members' practice interests and disciplines. The areas include pharmacy practitioners, pharmaceutical scientists, pharmacy educators and young pharmacists/new graduates (Young Pharmacists Group). A member joining FIP can choose any of the following FIP Sections (under pharmacy practitioners) based on practice or specialty interests, through which they can become active, take leadership roles, and contribute to FIP educational and program initiatives, viz. Community Pharmacy, Academic Pharmacy, Industrial Pharmacy, Hospital Pharmacy, Social and Administrative Pharmacy, Military and Emergency Pharmacy, Health and Medicines Information, and Clinical Biology. FIP members interested to connect with young pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists as well as seek new networks in professional innovation, friendship and support, can join FIP's Young Pharmacists Group (YPG). FIP has several Special Interest Groups (SIG) on specific pharmaceutical disciplines.

The FIP organizes the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences each year during the fall in a host country. Since the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the FIP Congress venue planned in Seville, Spain, was held as a virtual meeting until 2022 when FIP held its 80th World Congress in-person in Seville, Spain this year. Attending the FIP Congress gives an international experience to interact with the FIP membership that has evolved to become the most extensive global pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences network. The FIP Congress program includes an array of educational, social and networking opportunities with formal opening and closing ceremonies, showcase exhibits, and ACPE-approved continuing education sessions.

Annual FIP Congresses are not FIP's only activity. Each year it holds a number of conferences usually in conjunction with other organizations which are smaller and more specialized than the annual Congress and some are done in collaboration with WHO on a regional basis. The FIP is also a partner with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF) which is the leading advocacy organization for pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students and holds its own conferences.

FIP shares an extensive number of resources and guidelines in its website intended for pharmacists on a number of pharmacy practice, disease management and pharmaceutical science standards. FIP provides comments on guidance documents for WHO on pharmaceutical science and practice standards. On the Covid-19 pandemic, FIP issued a call to action to support pharmacists that highlight measures to ensure continuity of pharmaceutical care to people worldwide so that pharmacists can play an even greater part in the fight against Covid-19.

See Page 8

Vaiyapuri Subramaniam from Page 7

Do you want to become involved in the world of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences? Do you want to find out more about FIP? Then, please refer to its website at: www.fip.org (3).

Author Information:

Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam is a former president of the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists (WMSHP). He was a pharmacist executive in the US Department of Veterans Affairs and interdisciplinary scientist and regulatory compliance officer at the US Food and Drug Administration. He was awarded a fellowship from FIP and named a FIP Fellow (FFIP) in 2020.

Acknowledgements:

The resources from FIP used from its website and for World Pharmacists Day are gratefully acknowledged. The views expressed in this article are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of FIP.

References:

1. World Pharmacists Day – FIP. <https://www.fip.org/world-pharmacists-day>.
2. *FIP World Pharmacists Day 2022* Fact Sheet - Downloading [here](#)
3. FIP website: www.fip.org

Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs)



Down:

1. generic name is tofacitinib
2. a human interleukin-17A antagonist, latex-sensitive individuals should use caution
3. a JAK inhibitor; the only FDA approved indication is rheumatoid arthritis
4. developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, also approved for juvenile idiopathic arthritis
5. a TNF blocker; one of the approved indications is non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis
8. has a citrate-free version for less pain following an injection
10. indicated for rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and ulcerative colitis; manufactured by Janssen

Across:

6. a TNF inhibitor approved to treat five diseases across rheumatology and dermatology, manufactured by Amgen
7. one of the FDA approved indications is Behcet's disease
9. approved by the FDA in March 2018, the only FDA approved indication is for plaque psoriasis
10. indicated for plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, comes in two strengths 45 mg and 90 mg
11. indicated for atopic dermatitis, asthma, and chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps
12. a humanized monoclonal antibody that is an interleukin-23 inhibitor and manufactured by AbbVie

Photographs from Rybelsus Seminar hosted by Novo Nordisk with speaker Dr. James Dicke.
Held at Maggiano's Little Italy in D.C. Wednesday September 14, 2022



Former WMSHP Editor Dominic Solimando



Capt (ret) James Moore



Dinner



Dessert



Dr. Dicke and former WMSHP President Subramaniam



Former WMSHP President Mike Edwards and Evelyne Edwards



Dr. Brittany and Dr. Anita with President Elect Meenakshi Shelat of NIH and Dr. Mohammed Aldhaeefi of Howard University (left to right)



Dr. Aldhaeefi of Howard and Dr. Dicke the seminar speaker

From Presidents article on page 1

We foster an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone unites to work towards the same goals and vision, which is to provide members professional development and networking opportunities. In 2022, we successfully offered more than 10 continuing pharmacy education credit hours and MANY non-CE networking events with the pharmaceutical industry; and I am sure that in 2023, we (and possibly you!) will have a great time planning all the events to support our members. Dr. Meenakshi Shelat, who will be the next president, will always be available to support all positions, and of course, with the kind assistance from the society council, I am absolutely certain that our society will grow and will be able to do great things. If you would like to run for any of these offices, please send a note to wmshp@wmshp.org by **Oct 11th COB**. Interested candidates will then receive information on how to submit a short biography and a picture for our electronic election process. If you would like more information on what these officers do or would like information on opportunities to serve on one of our committees, please email me at dhakrit.rungkitwatt@howard.edu or President Elect Shelat at ms.wmshp@gmail.com well before the Oct 11th deadline.

We also hope to see you all at the upcoming information (non-CE) October 19th event at Maggiano's Little Italy (Obesity by Krystal McLear at Novo Nordisk), October 27th event at Seasons 52 (Menopause by Brenda Ling), and November 10th event at Joe's Seafood (Lupus nephritis by Christian Harriott) - more details to come.

Thank you so much!

Jesse Rung

Jesse Rungkitwattanakul PharmD BCPS FNKF
WMSHP President

Announcement: Please note that WMSHP is offering a **Special Membership Drive** for new members. New Members can now join in anytime from October 2022 through December 31, 2023 for only a one-year membership fee. New and current members can join or renew WMSHP membership and pay through this link: <http://wmshp.org/membership-form.php>. Below is some helpful information on membership pricing.

Pharmacist - \$95

Pharmacist (2 year Renewal) - \$160

Supporting Associate - \$95

Retired Pharmacist - \$65

Technician - \$45

Resident or Fellow - \$45

Student - \$25

1st year Pharmacist - \$60

Retired Pharmacist (2 year Renewal) - \$110

Being this
natural
feels so
NICE



Instant **soothing,**
cooling relief for sore,
cracked, chapped
nipples

Silky, Sheer & All Natural
Not Greasy, Slippery or Sticky
Vegan, Lanolin Free, USA Made

20% off
promo code:
WMSHP20



Be Natural. Be Pure. Be NICE.
www.dniceproducts.com

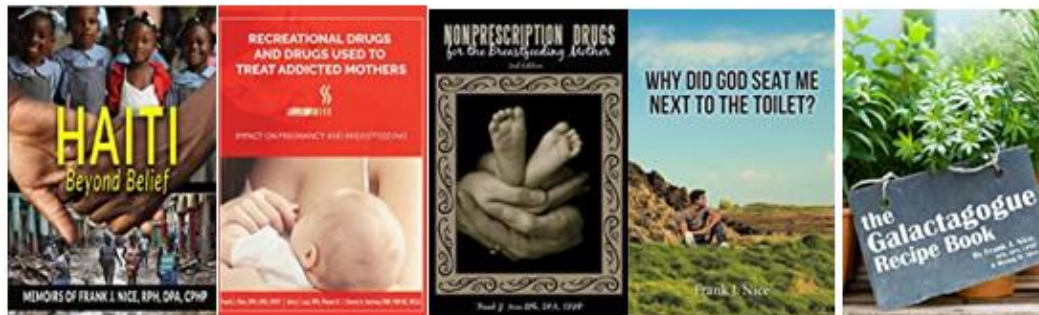


©2021 Dr. Nice's Natural Products LLC.
Limited-time offer. One 20% off coupon per
new retail customer. Limit: 3 bottle purchase

For Information on the NEW Dr. Nice's Moisturizing Gel, visit: www.drniceproducts.com
Created with 100% all-natural ingredients, use to prevent dry skin, chafing, cracking, and soreness caused during nursing.

Check out my books: [Nonprescription Drugs for Breastfeeding Mothers](#), [The Galactagogue Recipe Book](#), [Recreational Drugs and Drugs Used to Treat Addicted Mothers: Impact on Pregnancy and Breastfeeding](#), and [Haiti Beyond Belief](#).

DR. NICE'S
BOOKS



https://www.amazon.com/s?i=stripbooks&rh=p_27%3AFrank+j.+Nice&s=relevanceexprank&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.x=18&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.y=8&unfiltered=1&ref=sr_adv_b

Advertising Opportunities

The WMSHP newsletter will start accepting half page advertisements as part of the newsletter.

For small businesses and hospitals, the rate will be \$20 a month or \$100 a year. For drug companies and larger medical related businesses, the rate will be \$30 a month or \$200 a year

Advertisements must be emailed to webwmshp@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Both print images are acceptable.