

CAPT-ACTP 2019 Kris Schindel Award

Kris Schindel was CAPT secretariat for many years, providing strong support and continuity to the CAPT Board and Executive in the face of ever-changing board composition and skill sets, administrative tasks too numerous to mention, assistance with day to day financial transactions, and of course conference support. Most members will remember Kris at the conference itself, as the face in the background who dealt with the many questions and mini-crises that needed to be addressed.

In acknowledgment of her enduring impact and contribution to CAPT, the Board established the annual **“Kris Schindel Award”** to recognize CAPT members who have in some way contributed significantly to the betterment of the organization





Kim Yoong

Senior Access Manager Astellas Pharma Canada, Inc.

Kim Yoong has been a member of the Astellas Pharma Canada team as a Senior Market Access Manager for the last five years.

Kim leads the strategy and content development for CADTH and INESSS submissions and pCPA negotiations for a portfolio of Astellas Pharma Canada licensed and pipeline products.

Kim's prior training and experience as a pharmacist led her to be curious about how decisions were made during the life cycle of a new medicine on the market.

Within her current market access role, Kim believes this is where the intersection of many factors like the clinical evidence, price setting, stakeholder perspectives, government policies and priorities, and health care practice intersect, with the ultimate goal of securing access of the medicine for the patient.

Astellas Pharma Canada has been a sponsor of CAPT for the last 7 years and Kim has attended the annual conferences (virtual or in person) for the last 4 years. The membership of CAPT is diverse starting from students to individuals in research and academia, government, consulting, industry and not-for-profit organizations. This diversity of membership makes CAPT unique. An example of a complex evolving topic is one of the recent panel sessions on "Testing and Precision Therapies". Kim worked with the Innovative Medicines Canada team on the organization of this panel session.

Kim is very honored to be receiving this award and looks forward to future CAPT events.