

A Brief Report on Invited Impact Pharmacy Lecture Series 2023 – Lecture 11
(New connections and new learning)

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Title of the presentation: Fundamental principles in ensuring vaccine safety through monitoring

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New Connections and New Learning: Pharmacy Practice- “Learning in the flow of work.”

Making learning is a part of everyday work – and everyone’s experience at work differs of course and it multiplies at different places. Internship training for PharmD students is an opportunity to learn new things and provide service to the needy patient population. To enhance their learning experience, the institute has created new connections and learning opportunities at various practice settings. Our students are very excited to be at new practice site(s) to learn and demonstrate/shape their competencies.

Dr Juny Sebastian is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the College of Pharmacy, Gulf Medical University in Ajman, UAE. Her PhD research focused on Vaccinology and also received a fellowship from the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) in Seoul, Korea, in 2014. She has also delivered more than 60 talks in scientific seminars and conferences. Dr. Juny Sebastian, a renowned expert in the field of vaccine safety, commenced the webinar by emphasizing the critical role of pharmacist in ensuring the safety of vaccines through virtual mode on “google meet” on 15.11.2023. The discussion focused on fundamental principles that form the backbone of effective vaccine safety monitoring programs.

Dr Juny emphasized the need for robust surveillance systems to monitor vaccine safety continuously and also highlighted the importance of timely reporting and comprehensive analysis of adverse events. The speaker delved into the process of conducting a thorough risk-benefit assessment for each vaccine. Dr. Juny stressed the need for a united effort to ensure the safety of vaccines on a global scale and insisted that the effective communication with the public was a key element in maintaining trust in vaccination programs. The session was then concluded by Dr Juny Sebastian by taking questions from staff and students. More than 94 students and staff fruitfully benefited with this invited virtual guest lecture.

