

ISPE Communities of Practice (COPs)

ISPE implemented Communities of Practice (COPs) recognizing the challenge of the pharmaceutical industry to achieve continuous improvement. COPs are groups of people that share a concern or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise by interacting on an ongoing basis. ISPE's COPs enable colleagues in specific disciplines to rapidly exchange information and solutions to everyday problems by virtue of online community discussions on the COP websites. Through professional networking and peer collaboration, ISPE COPs produce discipline-specific content that expands members' knowledge and expertise, increases quality, and strives for continuous advancement in the industry.

PM COP Membership Has Its Professional Benefits:

You can access and participate in developing best practices in Project Management by joining the **Project Management Community of Practice (PM COP)**. PM COP members benefit from exposure to lessons learned from a wide variety of projects and best practices discovered in project execution.

Other valuable PM COP membership benefits include:

- Excellent networking opportunities with fellow PM professionals
- Opportunities to engage in detailed technical discussions with leading technical experts
- Participate in developing a Body of Knowledge that benefits individuals, companies, and the industry in general
- Opportunity to mentor Young Professionals, or if you are a YP, identify mentors to help guide your career
- Discover local PMs in your own area to develop local networking opportunities
- Participate in developing the best PM educational programming in the Industry

The PM COP produces Knowledge Briefs, webinars, and educational programs to benefit its members and to share relevant information related to PM COP issues.

PM Guidance

The PM COP demonstrates the value inherent in the use of PM "best practices" in the regulated pharmaceutical environment. The PM COP deals with all project types, focusing on skills, tools, technologies, methodologies, and applications important to making a project, and the Project Manager, successful. Particular focus explores:

- Scope Development and Management
- Budget Estimation and Cost Control
- Benchmarking, Project Planning, and Scheduling
- Procurement and Contract Strategies
- Safety Programming
- Construction Quality Programming
- Commissioning and Qualification Program Management
- Pre-Operations Management Support and Operations Management
- Business Case Development and Communication
- People Management and Project Staffing
- Dispute Resolution
- Knowledge Management
- Project Planning
- Reporting and Delivery

To Become a Member of this Exciting COP and to Begin Participating Immediately

1. Go to www.ISPE.org/PM COP.
2. Click on the Discussions tab, or any other content tabs of interest. Note you must be a PM COP member and log in to participate in the discussions.
3. To join the PM COP go to www.ISPE.org/cops and click "Join a COP."
4. Then, scroll down to the PM COP and place a check mark in the box.
5. Click the "Join" button at the very end of the page to confirm your membership in the PM COP.

Membership in ISPE's PM COP is complimentary for ISPE Members. Join today to access discussions, tools, and all resources offered by ISPE COPs.

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Development of the PM COP

ISPE's Project Management Community of Practice (PM COP) was formed in 2005 by a group of PM professionals with interest in promoting project management "best practices." Their vision was to promote the importance of quality PM practices in all aspects of the pharmaceutical industry. This includes the development and launch of new drugs and the design, construction, and commissioning of new and renovated manufacturing facilities. The PM COP has been successful in creating a body of knowledge specific to the professional needs of PM practitioners. The PM COP encourages the exchange of ideas that impacts the product lifecycle.

Mission of the PM COP

The PM COP is a dynamic forum for professionals working within the Pharma Industry who have an active interest in promoting "continuous improvement" project management by creating a body of knowledge specific to the professional needs of its members. The PM COP is a global community of industry professionals who manage all, or parts of projects. PM COP members have access to PM best practices, tools, techniques, and information about knowledge management, risk management, and project conceptualization and execution.

Ways to Get Involved with the PM Community of Practice

The PM COP has more than 3,000 members who are supported by an active Steering Committee of subject matter experts (SMEs). The Steering Committee is committed to developing project management knowledge and content through discussion forums, education and training events, networking opportunities, and publications.

There are many ways for COP members to contribute to and learn from the PM community and Body of Knowledge. By visiting the PM COP website members can:

- Access *Community Discussions* monitored by PM COP Steering Committee members to ask questions, share expertise, and find solutions to company and industry-related problems.
- Read technical articles in the most recent editions of the PM COP E-Letters.
- Download presentations, articles, and other relevant documents.
- Search for PM COP members by name, company, Affiliate or Chapter, country, etc.
- Easily and conveniently access PM guidance documents, articles, and other valuable resources.

With so many ways to connect with PM COP members and access valuable technical knowledge, there is no reason not to get involved. Visit today at www.ISPE.org/PMCOP and begin participating in your Community of Practice!

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How the PM COP Benefits Members and the Industry

The vision of the PM COP is to be open to a broad pharmaceutical membership and generate a body of knowledge from a cross-functional managing perspective. The PM COP aims to be considered a resource for the successful delivery of the product lifecycle. The PM COP intends to publish a *Project Management Good Practice Guide* with emphasis on topics such as:

Project Delivery

- Project models
- Accelerated project models
- Impact of customized needs
- Challenges and case studies
- Project planning
- Benchmarking
- Operational excellence

Project Manager

- Skills required, application, and development
- Project tools and their utilization
- The Project Manager and the team
- Project manager and external teams
- Project manager and the business team
- Project manager and senior management
- Contractors perspective
- Challenges and case studies

PM Guides and Guidelines

- References and their application
- GMPs and PM

Project Team

- Organization
- Roles and responsibilities
- Dealing with conflict
- Challenges and case studies