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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing today about recent health concerns related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has generated some questions from our members relative to our upcoming US Annual Meeting. While circumstances around the disease remain fluid, as of this time, we can share the following information:

- The 16th Annual Meeting of ISMPP is **proceeding as planned** on April 20-22, 2020, in Washington, DC.
- Meeting **registrations have been robust** to date and remain consistent with historical trends.
- ISMPP staff remains in regular contact with the Grand Hyatt Hotel, our meeting venue, in order to **ensure that health and hygiene efforts are in place** for our meeting.
- Our team is engaged in **continuing education to understand the best practices** that other associations are employing to prevent disease transmission and support health and wellness. Many organizations, for example, have enforced "no handshake" policies and



other methods to reduce personal contact among attendees.

As general awareness, there are currently no federal restrictions in place to prevent meetings and travel within the United States. Please know that we are closely monitoring the developments related to COVID-19. I understand that the coronavirus disease situation and risk changes on a day-to-day basis and that it is possible that a registered attendee may become directly impacted by circumstances related to COVID-19. In the event this affects your attendance at the Annual Meeting, please contact ismpp@ismpp.org to discuss options.

I assure you that ISMPP's highest priority will always be the health and safety of our members, meeting attendees, and staff. We continue to review updates and recommendations from the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), and local health authorities in Washington, DC. I encourage you to access the [ISMPP website](#) for more information on COVID-19 and the 16th Annual Meeting, including best practices on how to protect yourself from infectious diseases while traveling. Given the evolving nature of this situation, we will plan to share further information and updates in the weeks leading to the Annual Meeting in April.

Warm Regards,



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ISMPP President & CEO

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