

Maya L. Leiva, PharmD, BCOP, APP, APh, Oncology Pharmacist

Get to know Oncology Pharmacist Dr. Maya L. Leiva, PharmD, BCOP, APP, APh, who works in California.



New York City, New York Jun 27, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Dr. Leiva is a board-certified oncology pharmacist with subspecialties in supportive care, immunology, clinical informatics, disaster preparedness, oncology stewardship, and health equity.

With a demonstrated history of working in higher education and healthcare industries, Dr. Leiva is the Director of Infusion Services for Bass Comprehensive Cancer Center in Walnut Creek, California. She is spearheading a Cancer Health Equity Program within Bass to reduce health disparities and improve care for patients.

Among her other roles, she is an Associate Professor of Hematology and Oncology - Pharmacy Practice at West Coast University School of Pharmacy, a hematology/oncology clinical pharmacy specialist at Inova Schar Cancer Institute, and a clinical pharmacy leader with the National Disaster Medical System through the Department of Health and Human Services (a position that enables her to be deployed as part of federal disaster response in the event of a local, regional, national or international crisis).

In regards to her educational background, Dr. Leiva graduated with both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Microbiology from San Francisco State University in 2004 and 2006, respectively. She then went on to earn her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in 2010.

In May of 2021, she earned a Certificate of Completion, Together, Equitable, Accessible, Meaningful Cancer Care for Sexual and Gender Minority Patients from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

A woman of many titles, Dr. Leiva is also a hematology and oncology advanced practice pharmacist, DEIA health equity leader, educator, researcher, disaster response and preparedness expert, and oncology clinical informatics expert.

Her clinical research interests include the use of phytocannabinoids in the supportive care of cancer patients, optimizing supportive care measures for patients experiencing treatment-related toxicities, LGBTQIA+ specific health needs, reducing health disparities among historically marginalized communities spanning from cancer screening to diagnosis and treatment, and implementation of oncology stewardship to reduce financial toxicities to patients and health care.

Continuously advancing her efforts, Dr. Leiva is an active member of the Oncology Nursing Society, the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer, and the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association.

Pharmacy is the health science that links medical science with chemistry and it is charged with the discovery, production, control, disposal, safe and effective use of drugs. The practice of pharmacy requires excellent knowledge of drugs, their mechanism of action, side effects, interactions, mobility, and toxicity. Pharmacists, also known as chemists or druggists, are health professionals who specialize in the use of medicines, as they deal with the composition, effects, mechanism of action, and proper and effective use of drugs.

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