

Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024

May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Mansi Krishan Vice President: Xiaoling (Sharlene) Dai Vice President-Elect: Ju Young Park Secretary-Treasurer: Hiromi Hosako Past President, Councilor: Shelby Skoog Councilor: Bhavesh Ahir Councilor: William Wustenberg Graduate Student Representative: Deniz Emul	President: Xiaoling (Sharlene) Dai Vice President: Ju Young Park Vice President-Elect: Sharlee More Secretary-Treasurer: Bhavesh Ahir Past President, Councilor: Mansi Krishan Councilor: Rachel Chang Councilor: William Wustenberg Postdoctoral Representative: Qiran Chen Graduate Student Representative: Ishita Virmani

Committees:

Officers 2024–2025:

Xiaoling (Sharlene) Dai, President
Ju Young Park, Vice President
Sharlee More, Vice President-Elect
Bhavesh K. Ahir, Secretary/Treasurer
Mansi Krishan, Past President
William Wustenberg, Councilor
Rachel Chang, Councilor
Qiran Chen, Postdoctoral Representative
Ishita Virmani, Graduate Student Representative

II. 2024 Membership total: 263

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- In Vitro and Alternative Methods
- Risk Assessment

V. Communication Methods:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- ToXchange
- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Prioritize diversity in selection of speakers/panelists
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
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- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Joint Mentoring Event Co Hosted by MDCPSS, RASS, and IVAMS

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	2
Early Career	2
Mid Career	
Late Career	

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

We launched our SOT MDCPSS LinkedIn webpage and it turned out to be extremely helpful. We also did the joint meeting mentoring event with other SOT Specialty Sections such as Risk Assessment and *In Vitro* and Alternative Methods Specialty Section this year.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members

- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Medical Device and Combination Product Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- Scientific advances in toxicology and risk assessment of medical devices and combination products

XII. Feedback to the Society:

- A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Specialty Section?

Providing the option to host webinars 3-4 weeks out. SOT's process is to submit webinar request typically ~6-8 weeks in advance. At times it becomes challenging to get speaker's availability.

- B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Specialty Section that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

I think we need to update our MDCPSS award section and some of the old sponsors if they are not continuing supporting to MDCPSS each year. If the SOT helps us to get a reminder and help them update our webpage or help us to spread more industry to get more support, we would greatly appreciate it.