Why did you decide to join ASCPT? How did it impact your career?
I joined ASCPT several years ago because I realized early on that ASCPT is a leading society that offers myriad benefits that are indispensable for clinical pharmacologists. I have no doubt that ASCPT had a profound impact on every step of my career which spanned academia, regulatory and industry. I am grateful to ASCPT for giving me unique opportunities to showcase my research, stay up-to-date, collaborate, volunteer, mentor, lead and make an impact! I highly recommend ASCPT for every clinical pharmacologist irrespective of which sector they are coming from or which career stage they are in.

You serve as a member of the Drug Utilization and Outcomes (DUO) Community – Why DUO?
I am humbled to serve as the Chair of the DUO community. I believe it is an exceptional community that leverages the expertise of multidisciplinary researchers including those in clinical pharmacology, health economics and outcomes research, epidemiology, and regulatory sciences. AT DUO the topics we discuss are multidisciplinary, unique, up-to-date and thought provoking; from optimum utilization of state-of-the-art artificial intelligence/machine learning, real world data/evidence, data science, cutting-edge therapeutic modalities to patient-centric health care. Our goal is crystal clear; optimize drug utilization and outcomes for the ultimate betterment of patients. I highly encourage ASCPT members to visit our updated DUO webpage and be actively involved within DUO.

What is your favorite Tip or Trick for tackling scientific projects?
Adopt the seven habits of highly effective people coined by Stephen R. Covey; be proactive and eschew the reactive mindset, begin with the end in mind and envision what you want to be, put first things first and prioritize impactful projects, think win-win and drive a team to succeed, seek first to understand and then to be understood and let sound scientific arguments prevail, synergize and collaborate with talented scientists who share the same passion and vision, and sharpen the saw by seeking continued education.

When you are not working, what do you like to do?
I enjoy swimming, running and reading but above all I love volunteering each week to educate young kids in my community – I was fortunate to do that for over a decade, had a lot of fun and learned a lot from them!

What’s one thing people would be surprised to know about you?
Growing up I was an avid soccer player, musician and a portrait painter! – you can guess how good I was.