



Jackson Wu



1. What professional designations do you have and what school and city did you attend for your lab education? Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science at UBC – Vancouver and Medical Laboratory Technologist program with BCIT - Burnaby
2. After you graduated and started working, what surprised you most about your profession and/or those things that continue to surprise you? I was surprised by the level of teamwork that occurs day-to-day around the laboratory, ever since I first started working off-shift with a small crew, to now working amongst multi-disciplinary teams across the region. The bond and teamwork between teammates can make a world of a difference. I am also continuously surprised at how resilient laboratory teams can be in the face of adversity. We are constantly being challenged yet we always find a way to make it through.
3. Tell us what you are most looking forward to about being in the BCSLS Board of Directors. I look forward to making connections with the peers from our industry, and engage with external stakeholders to promote the great work that we do.
4. Describe what your current work role is and what a typical day looks like for you? I am currently wearing multiple hats as the Team Lead for Hematology & Transfusion Medicine at Royal Columbian Hospital Laboratory, whilst acting as interim Site Supervisor for Surrey Memorial Hospital Laboratory. A typical day for me is to connect with my team to learn about what is happening around the laboratory, and how best to serve the people within and around it. Everyone is playing a different piece of the puzzle and contributing together as a team.
5. What do you like most about your position? Being able to help patients in need motivates me to work in healthcare. Having a leadership role gives me the privilege to listen to others and a platform to help support changes.
6. Which career accomplishments are you most proud of? Taking steps that are outside of my comfort zone, allowing me to discover and be a part of so many great laboratory teams across different hospitals.
7. What do you like to do in your spare time? Spending time with family and friends to travel and eat. Listening to music while going for a drive. Visiting different coffee shops.
8. If you could go back 20 years to visit yourself, what advice would you give? Go on an exchange program and try living at a different country.

9. If you could live anywhere, where would that be? *Italy or Japan.*
10. What is the funniest thing that has happened to you at work? *A lab analyzer caught on fire and I had to put it out.*
11. What is your favourite holiday/time of year and why? *Summer time with the sunshine.*