

Washington Report Clinical Pharmacists on Capitol Hill, Part 2: ACCP DC-Area Chapter Annual Advocacy Day

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On March 21, 2024, ACCP's Government Affairs office welcomed clinical pharmacists from the DC-Area College of Clinical Pharmacy (DCCCP) for the annual Capitol Hill Lobby Day. Building on the office's experience holding virtual lobby days during the pandemic, for the first time, the 2024 event was made available to members as an in-person/virtual hybrid effort.

The group was led by Lisa Peters, Pharm.D., Clinical Specialist Pharmacist, Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplant at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Peters received her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and completed her pharmacy practice residency at the Richmond Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Peters is a former president of the DC Chapter and has organized the DCCCP Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill for over a decade.

The DCCCP represents members from across the Washington metropolitan area, including the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. On Wednesday evening before the event, the group convened an online training and preparatory session to ensure all attendees were fully briefed.

The group met in person on Thursday morning at ACCP's Washington, D.C., offices for an overview of ACCP's advocacy platform, the current legislative environment, and the congressional lobbying process. From there, they made their way up Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the Hart Senate Building on Capitol Hill to begin a full schedule of afternoon meetings with the Senate offices representing Maryland and Virginia:

- [Senator Ben Cardin \(D-MD\)](#)
- [Senator Chris Van Hollen \(D-MD\)](#)
- [Senator Mark Warner \(D-VA\)](#)
- [Senator Tim Kaine \(D-VA\)](#)

Although staff in these offices are already familiar with ACCP's Medicare initiative, the importance of directly engaging these active ACCP members in the political process cannot be overstated, whether in Washington, D.C., or back home when Congress is in recess.

Consistent with ACCP's advocacy priorities, the lobbying visits focused on ACCP's efforts to establish Medicare coverage for comprehensive clinical pharmacy services as part of a broader reform of Medicare payment policy. In addition, with Congress focused on developing policy solutions to address the opioid crisis, the group took the opportunity to urge the full integration of clinical pharmacists into patient-centered health care teams to help ensure the safe, rational prescribing and use of opioids.

Overall, the 2024 DCCCP Capitol Hill Lobby Day was a successful return to in-person advocacy after shifting to an online event during the pandemic. ACCP would like to thank the leadership of the DC Chapter for their hard work and commitment to the College's advocacy agenda. Any ACCP chapter or individual member



Left to Right: Lisa Peters, Pharm.D., Clinical Specialist Pharmacist, Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplant at MedStar Washington Hospital Center; Saad Shaafi, Pharm.D. Candidate (2025), VCU School of Pharmacy; John McGlew, ACCP Senior Director, Government Affairs.

interested in visiting Washington to lobby on Capitol Hill should contact [ACCP's Washington office](#), where your advocacy efforts can be facilitated and supported.

Member Spotlight: Sharmon P. Osae



Sharmon P. Osae, Pharm.D., BCACP, CDCES, is a clinical associate professor at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. She obtained her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Saint Joseph in 2014 and subsequently completed her PGY1 residency at Harris Health System in Houston, Texas, and a PGY2 residency in ambulatory care/education at the Indianapolis Veterans' Administration Medical Center/Purdue University in Indiana.

Her clinical practice site is Phoebe Primary Care at Northwest, a family medicine clinic in the heart of Albany, Georgia. Her current responsibilities include maintaining a robust drug information service, where she provides answers to health care professionals' questions on various medications, disorders, and conditions and assists in optimizing care delivery to patients who are underserved by medical resources. Her research and scholarly activities revolve around ambulatory care, including addressing health disparities and improving the knowledge of those who deliver care (i.e., medical and pharmacy learners) while positively affecting patient outcomes. She currently offers an elective course for second- and third-year pharmacy students called "Introduction to U.S. Health Disparities," provides

lectures across all years of the Pharm.D. curriculum, and serves as a faculty member for the Phoebe Family Medicine Residency Program.

Osae was a member of the pilot cohort of the year-long ACCP Pharmacy Leadership Development (APLD) program, graduating in the fall of 2023. The APLD program is designed to provide ACCP members the opportunity to learn leadership principles within the framework of ACCP governance through the perspectives of both elected leaders and staff and prepare participants for service as leaders within ACCP and the broader profession. When reflecting on her experience in the program, Osae stated that she appreciated the panel discussions immensely because they allowed for absorption of information from pharmacy leaders and innovators in a wide variety of fields. She feels that gaining wisdom from their lived experiences was invaluable. In addition, one of her favorite sessions included a segment on the ACCP Board of Regents (BOR) and the roles and responsibilities of the board members. She said she has always had an interest in serving on the BOR someday, so having a session dedicated to explaining all that it entails was extremely helpful.

As part of the APLD program, participants are divided into groups to work together on completing a mentored, longitudinal capstone project. The projects aim to assist with implementing initiatives in the current ACCP Strategic Plan. The groups are assigned specific charges and must delegate responsibilities, schedule meetings, establish a timeline for completion, and share interim reports on their progress with the BOR

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for their feedback, similar to the charges and processes employed by ACCP committees. Osae stated that the most enjoyable part of the capstone project she participated in consisted of the networking opportunities with other members of her group. She highlighted that the individuals she worked with came from various backgrounds and that she would likely not have met them without the APLD program's capstone project experience. Osae feels that she can reach out to them throughout the remainder of her pharmacy career for advice or consultation in their niche areas of expertise.

Finally, when asked whether completing the APLD program has encouraged Osae to pursue a leadership role in a professional organization, she shared that she successfully ran for and was elected as the chair-elect of the ACCP Health Equity PRN. She is proud of what she learned in the APLD program and how it has helped her achieve what she has today. She hopes to continue to use the skills and knowledge she gained to one day run for and be elected to the ACCP BOR.

Associate and full members of ACCP who have served in an ACCP leadership position or hold a leadership role in their workplace and are interested in pursuing future opportunities, including elected or appointed office in ACCP, are eligible and encouraged to apply for acceptance into the APLD program. The [call for applications](#) is currently open, and applications, including a CV and a letter of intent, must be submitted by June 1, 2024.

Sign Up for and Attend the ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium – It's Free!

Mark your calendar for the 10th annual ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium, scheduled for May 21–22, 2024. Two interactive sessions are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (ET) on May 21 and 22, when authors will be available for real-time, online question-and-answer sessions alongside their virtual posters. Many authors may individually choose to offer an option for video chat as well. Posters will be on display May 19 through May 26 for asynchronous viewing and comment. An up-to-date web browser is the only technology required to participate in the interactive session. Attendance is free. All are invited to attend – ACCP members, colleagues, friends, and family. To set up an account, review posters, create a personal schedule, and attend the 2024 Virtual Poster Symposium, visit <https://accp.confex.com/accp/2024vp/meetingapp.cgi>.

DEIA at ACCP: Call for Member Demographics

The ACCP Task Force on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) together with the ACCP Board of Regents is requesting your participation in the ongoing campaign to update the demographics section of member profiles. The campaign is designed to gain a better understanding of the demographics of ACCP members and monitor progress on DEIA plan objectives. All



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personal demographic information is kept confidential and is only accessible by select ACCP staff. Sharing this information is completely voluntary, and each member's decision is respected.

At the time of this writing, 13% of ACCP members have completed the demographics section of their member profile. If you are willing and haven't previously done so, please [update your personal demographic information](#). Once signed in to your accp.com account, it takes less than 2 minutes!

ACCP's approach to collecting and monitoring member demographics has been informed by research into best practices within professional associations and is modeled after the successful approach of other societies. Thank you for considering participation and for your contributions to ACCP's DEIA Plan.

ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee Applications Due June 15

Attention student pharmacists: Would you like to become more involved with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy? ACCP student members who want to develop leadership skills, expand opportunities for student pharmacists within ACCP, and introduce other students to the many facets of clinical pharmacy are encouraged to apply for appointment to the ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee.

The committee is composed of student members appointed each year by the ACCP president. Members generally serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8–12 members. The leadership of the

committee is also appointed by the ACCP president.

Leadership positions include the chair (1-year term), the vice chair (2-year term; serves the first year as the vice chair and then assumes the chair position during the second year), and the secretary (1-year term). Please [click here](#) for more information about the committee or to apply. The deadline for applications is June 15.

ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee Applications Due June 15

Are you a resident or fellow who is interested in becoming more involved in ACCP? The American College of Clinical Pharmacy encourages postgraduate trainees who want to enhance their leadership skills, network with colleagues across the country, and interact with clinical pharmacy leaders to apply for appointment to the committee.

The National Resident Advisory Committee is a standing committee composed of resident, fellow, and graduate student members appointed each year by the ACCP president-elect. Members serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8–12 members. Appointed leadership positions include the chair (1-year term) and the vice chair (1-year term).

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the ACCP Board of Regents and staff, providing feedback and assistance in developing new programs and services for resident members consistent with the College's mission to support and promote clinical pharmacy practice, research, and education.

2024 Clinical Pharmacy Challenge

**Registration Deadline:
September 3, 2024**

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The committee meets in person at the ACCP Annual Meeting each fall and communicates via conference calls and email to complete its assigned charges. Appointees to the 2024 National Resident Advisory Committee will receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting in Phoenix. [Click here](#) for additional information on the application process or to enter your application. The deadline for this year's applications is June 15.

2024 Ambulatory Care, Emergency Medicine, and Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course Release Dates



The 2024 ACCP/ASHP Ambulatory Care, Emergency Medicine, and Oncology Pharmacy preparatory review and recertification courses will be released May 1, 2024, for those preparing to sit for the Board of Pharmacy Specialties Ambulatory Care, Emergency Medicine, or Oncology specialty examinations or those seeking to earn [BCACP](#), [BCEMP](#), or [BCOP](#) recertification credit.

Call for Applications for the ACCP Professional Leadership Development Program

Applications for the 2024–2025 cohort for the ACCP Professional Leadership Development (APLD) program are now being accepted. The APLD program is designed to provide members with an opportunity to learn leadership principles within the framework of ACCP governance through the perspectives of both elected leaders and staff. Like the previous programs, the 2024–2025 program, led by Directors Miranda Andrus, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, and Marcia L. Buck, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA,

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

[2024 Virtual Poster Symposium: Research-in-Progress Abstract Submission Deadline](#)

April 22, 2024

[ACCP Professional Leadership Development Program Applications Due](#)

June 1, 2024

[ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee Applications Due](#)

June 15, 2024

[ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee Applications Due](#)

June 15, 2024

[Summer Member Town Hall](#)

July 9, 2024

Virtual

BCPPS, together with established leaders within ACCP who serve as faculty and mentors, will prepare participants for service as leaders within ACCP as well as the pharmacy profession.

The 2024–2025 program will begin with an in-person session during the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, followed by one or two interactive 1-hour virtual sessions per month consisting of leadership topics and group discussions. Each year's program focuses on ACCP core values and builds on established leadership principles, including those from the leadership texts used by the Board of Regents, which are reinforced and practiced through participation in the virtual sessions and capstone projects. Content for the 2024–2025 program is divided into four sections:

- **Creating a Leadership Foundation: Self-Discovery and Team-Building** will begin with an in-person



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session to introduce participants to the program and provide them with the opportunity to meet their mentors and the members of their capstone project group while discovering how their strengths benefit them as leaders. Subsequent virtual sessions will include a discussion of the leadership tools used by the ACCP Board of Regents.

- **Leadership within ACCP: Structure and Governance** will focus on ACCP's history, core values, mission, and strategic plan. Participants will learn about ACCP's responsibilities as a professional association, compare the focus and governance of the three boards within ACCP, and review the process for creating a strategic plan.
- **Leading Teams and Change Management** will build on the lessons learned in the first two sections to examine the traits necessary to provide organizational leadership and advance clinical pharmacy as a profession.
- **Leading a Professional Association** will focus on the participant's role in leading a professional association and working with both staff and member volunteers. Participants will discuss the differences in leadership in the workplace, associations, and community as part of the process for developing the knowledge and skills needed to serve in leadership roles.

APLD members also work in groups to complete capstone projects, assisting ACCP in achieving initiatives from the current strategic plan while honing their leadership skills. These projects will be presented during a special session at the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting in Minneapolis to APDL members, faculty, and mentors, as well as members of the ACCP Board of Regents, the senior staff, and members of the incoming APDL cohort. After the capstone presentations, members successfully completing the program will receive program certificates.

Associate and full members of ACCP who have served in an ACCP leadership position (e.g., PRN officer or committee chair, chapter officer or committee chair, or ACCP committee chair or vice chair) and/or hold a leadership role in their workplace and are interested in pursuing future opportunities, including elected office or other appointed roles in ACCP, are encouraged to apply. The program is provided without cost; however, participants will be responsible for obtaining the three books used in the program and the costs associated with attending two ACCP Annual Meetings. The [APDL application](#) consists of a current curriculum vitae and a letter of intent focused on the applicant's leadership experience and future goals. Applications for the 2024–2025 program must be submitted by June 1, 2024. Applicants will be notified of acceptance on or before August 1, 2024. For questions about the ACCP Professional Leadership Development program, please email accp@accp.com.

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2024 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Round 3: Research Proposal Submission Underway



ACCP is pleased to announce that competition is underway in the 2024 Clinical Research Challenge (CRC). Research and scholarship contributes to improved health outcomes for patients and advances in the profession of clinical pharmacy. Critically evaluating and applying the primary literature is an essential skill for students pursuing a career in clinical pharmacy.

This innovative and unique competition offers teams of three students (those in the first 2 professional years of their degree program) the opportunity to compete in and advance through three rounds of competition.

The 2024 competition began February 12 with 82 teams participating in Round 1: Online Journal Club. Teams achieving the top 40 scores advanced to Round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. These teams were given a clinically focused research question with 2½ weeks to develop and submit a letter of intent following the criteria outlined [here](#). The LOI submissions were evaluated by the CRC Review and Oversight Panels. Teams achieving the top 20 scores then advanced to round 3 and will submit a full research proposal based on their LOI submission and incorporating the feedback gained from the reviewers. Team proposal submissions are due April 19, 2024, and will then be evaluated by the CRC Review and Oversight Panels. Winners will be announced by June 12. To view a list of teams participating in each round of the competition, please click [here](#).

For complete information on the Clinical Research Challenge, visit <https://www.accp.com/stunet/crc/eligibility.aspx>.

Call for Papers: Gender Equity in Clinical Pharmacy Practice and Education

Submission Deadline: September 15, 2024



The *Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP)*, an official journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, is devoted to clinical pharmacy in all practice settings. JACCP's publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, is planning a multi-journal special issue on Gender Equity in Healthcare. JACCP will participate in



this endeavor and is seeking submissions on **Gender Equity in Clinical Pharmacy Practice and Education**. JACCP's contribution to this special issue will be edited by Dr. Brittany Bissell from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy alongside Dr. Jerry Bauman, JACCP editor-in-chief.

The goal of this special issue is to present the latest research on gender equity within the context of clinical pharmacy practice and education. We welcome submissions on all aspects of gender equity in health care. Furthermore, we intentionally seek to explore gender equity within a global context, across specialties, through a diverse authorship, and from a wide variety of perspectives. Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and original research should include measurable and reproducible outcomes centered on the role of gender equity within our profession. The scope of manuscripts desired includes the "gender data gap," or gaps in published research, contributing to inequity; the underrepresentation in medical leadership or particular specialty practice areas; and the removal of gender bias in clinical research, medical education, and teaching practices. Other types of papers are welcome and can include discussions on removing barriers and improving access to health care for people of all gender identities and exploring gender equity from a patient care or patient experience perspective.

If you have questions about the multi-journal special issue or would like to propose a paper, you are strongly encouraged to contact the guest editor to discuss the nature and scope of your paper before submission. Address correspondence to Dr. Brittany Bissell at brittanydbissell@gmail.com. All manuscripts must be submitted through the JACCP [submission](#) portal by September 15, 2024.

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Many thanks to the following individuals for recruiting colleagues to join them as ACCP members:

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