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BACKGROUND

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) communicated to us yesterday the steps that it will be taking to act upon our preliminary requests to consider critical care and pediatrics as new pharmacy specialties, including the initial step of conducting role delineation studies for each proposed specialty (for additional information, please visit <http://www.accp.com/careers/specRecog.aspx>). The general process and timeline for conducting role delineation studies in Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy are listed below:

- BPS will constitute two Practice Analysis Task Forces, each having 8 to 10 subject matter experts in their respective areas of Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy. Nominations will be due by **June 8, 2011**.
- Appointments will be made to each Practice Analysis Task Force on or about **June 17, 2011**.
- Each Practice Analysis Task Force will work with BPS staff and its psychometrician, from Professional Examination Service, during **late June through mid-July 2011** to collect preliminary data regarding the proposed specialties.
- BPS will convene a 2-day meeting with the **Critical Care Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force on July 26-27, 2011, in Washington, DC**, to create a preliminary content outline for this proposed specialty.
- BPS will then convene a 2-day meeting with the **Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Analysis Task Force on August 2-3, 2011, in Washington, DC**, to create a preliminary content outline for this proposed specialty.

- The preliminary content outline for each proposed specialty will be reviewed by the respective Practice Analysis Task Force and external subject matter experts appointed by BPS. Based upon the feedback collected from these groups, the preliminary content outline for each proposed specialty will be refined. This work will take place during **August, September, and October 2011.**
- The revised preliminary content outlines will become the basis for validation surveys fielded to pharmacists working in either Critical Care Pharmacy or Pediatric Pharmacy in **January 2012.**
- Following the administration of these validation surveys and subsequent data analysis, technical reports containing the results will be produced in **April 2012.**
- The BPS Board will review each technical report; if the Board finds that the surveys validate Critical Care Pharmacy and/or Pediatric Pharmacy as potential pharmacy specialties then formal petitions will be sought from a sponsor or sponsors in the summer of **2012.**
- **If such petitions are sought by BPS, it is ACCP's intent to submit the petitions in a timely fashion, in collaboration with any other organizations that wish to serve as co-competitors. Assuming adherence to the BPS time line above, petitions for critical care and pediatrics would likely be submitted in late 2012. Advice and input will be sought from experts in the PRN/specialty during the preparation of these petitions.**

ACTION REQUESTED

To begin moving forward with the role delineation studies in Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy, BPS needs the following **now**:

- Names and resumes of subject matter experts in the areas of Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy; (8 to 10 individuals will be selected to serve on each Practice Analysis Task Force). However, in addition to these Task Forces, additional subject matter experts can assist BPS by participating in a telephone interview, an e-mail-based external review of documents developed by the relevant Task Force, or the pilot test of the related survey. The links to the Call for Nominations is included below and will soon be posted to the BPS website and also included in a story in the next issue of the *ACCP Report*.

For Critical Care Pharmacy: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPSCC>

For Pediatric Pharmacy: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPSPed>

ACCP asks that you share this information with your respective PRN members, encouraging them to self-nominate and/or nominate others who are qualified to serve in the capacities described above. The due date for both Critical Care Pharmacy and Pediatric Pharmacy Nominations is June 8, 2011.

[Note: Contact information (e-mail lists) for pharmacists working either in the field of Critical Care Pharmacy or Pediatric Pharmacy to participate in the relevant validation survey next January (as described on the previous page) will be requested this fall.]