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### Focus on Your Interests at the Spring Practice and Research Forum

Now that mid-February has arrived, are you still keeping up with your New Year's resolutions? Did you pledge to further your expertise, get involved with others who share your areas of interest, and actively expand your professional network? The opportunity to achieve these goals is right at your fingertips. Register online at <a href="http://www.accp.com/sf07.php">http://www.accp.com/sf07.php</a> for ACCP's Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course, April 21-25, in Memphis, Tennessee. This year's meeting includes eight separate educational programs developed by ACCP's Practice and Research Networks (PRNs).

The Ambulatory Care PRN and the Education and Training PRN have teamed up this year to bring you "Pearls for Precepting Pharmacy Students and Residents During Ambulatory Care Rotations." This 2-hour focus session on Monday morning will review the foundation for creating successful clerkships, as well as how to effectively evaluate experiential learning. The Nephrology PRN and the Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN have collaborated to develop a 2-hour focus session "Pharmacokinetics and Drug Dosing in Patients with Kidney Disease." Also set for Monday morning, this program will present approaches to the design, monitoring, and titration of pharmacotherapy regimens in patients with renal disease.

Monday afternoon, the Infectious Diseases PRN presents "Hitting the Wall: Resistance and the Role of Antimicrobial Therapy." This focus session explores the therapeutic dilemmas surrounding antimicrobial resistance, the use of antibiograms to optimize therapy, and strategies for preserving antimicrobial effectiveness. Following this program, the Hematology/Oncology PRN and Pediatrics PRN present "Treatment and Supportive Care Update in Pediatric Oncology." Experts in oncology and pediatrics will combine forces to discuss novel chemotherapeutic agents in pediatric oncology and the outcomes of pediatric cancer treatments.

Tuesday morning "Internal Medicine Potpourri: Significant Papers," created by the Adult Medicine PRN, looks at six significant papers on treatment in a variety of disease states. Topics range from atherothrombotic events to rheumatoid arthritis. On Tuesday afternoon the Critical Care PRN



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presents "Critical Care Pharmacy Services: What Is in the Future?" Presentations on the current and expected future state of critical care credentialing requirements, education, and research practices will be followed by a discussion of the expectations of critical care pharmacy services in the next 2 decades.

On Wednesday morning the Drug Information PRN presents "Innovative Teaching Strategies: From Classroom to Practice." This program will include sessions on teaching online drug information courses, innovative approaches to teaching biostatistics during experiential rotations, and contemporary drug information competencies. Also scheduled on Wednesday morning is the Women's Health PRN focus session, "Political Advocacy, Policy Development, and the Profession of Pharmacy: Lessons Learned From Those on the Front Line." Attendees will gain an understanding of the basics of policy development, review examples of successful political advocacy efforts, and learn from the challenges faced by others.

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Your fellow ACCP members have developed all of these focus sessions. What better way to expand your therapeutic expertise and professional network than to actively participate in an educational session that is developed by experts and colleagues in your interest area. To delve further into your fields of interest, plan to attend the PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums, held Monday and Tuesday evenings of the meeting. These PRN receptions and meetings offer you a chance to connect in an informal environment, and many offer additional educational forums or poster presentations.

For more information on the PRN-developed focus sessions or PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums, visit <a href="http://www.accp.com/sf07.php">http://www.accp.com/sf07.php</a>. You can view the complete meeting schedule and program learning objectives, and register online. Early registration ends March 9, 2007, so act now for maximum savings!



Photo courtesy of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau The Memphis Zoo and Aquarium is one of many places to visit during your stay in Tennessee.

## Students: Check Out Student Programming at the ACCP Spring Forum

Attention, student pharmacists: join us in Memphis for ACCP's 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum, offered in conjunction with the acclaimed Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course. The Spring Practice and Research Forum is your chance to network with clinical pharmacy leaders and attend high-level educational offerings, including programming developed especially for students.

An ACCP national meeting is an invaluable opportunity to expand both your knowledge base and your professional network. Plan now to take advantage of the special \$50 2-day registration fee (Saturday and Sunday) for students only. When planning your meeting activities, be sure to include the following:

• The Future is Now: A Career Development Symposium for Pharmacy Students – This program will feature a presentation and panel discussion on professionalism and ethics. Students will be given an introduction to postdoctoral training, with a focus on residency and fellowship opportunities. Preparing a CV, cover letter, and letter of intent will be included in the discussion, as well as the recruitment opportunities that are available at professional meetings.

- Newcomer's Reception Meet ACCP officers and leaders, greet other first-time attendees, and find out what ACCP can offer you.
- **Opening Reception** Take this opportunity to network with your peers in a relaxed atmosphere.
- Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course Prepare for clinical rotations and enhance your knowledge and patient care skills by attending case-based lectures on a variety of therapeutic topics and disease states. Organized by major therapeutic area, this course focuses on the thought processes needed to solve patient care problems.
- Practice and Research Network (PRN) Focus Sessions –
   Attend one or more of these specialty-focused educational sessions sponsored by ACCP's Practice and Research Networks (PRNs). Choose from programming developed by PRNs in Ambulatory Care, Adult Medicine, Drug Information, Education and Training, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Pediatrics, Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics, and Women's Health.
- PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums Networking is essential to a successful career. This is an excellent opportunity for those early in their clinical pharmacy careers to learn more about clinical pharmacy's many specialties.
- Scientific Poster Sessions and Industry Forum Exhibits

   The student poster competition will be held Monday,
  April 23, 2007. In addition to viewing the posters, visit the
  Industry Forum Exhibits and enjoy a complimentary lunch.
  A complete listing of Spring Forum student highlights,
  including session dates and times, as well as a link to register
  for the meeting, can be found on the ACCP Web site at

http://www.accp.com/stunet/sf07 Student Flyer.pdf.



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#### **Washington Report**

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#### Off and Running for 2007...

[Editor's note: This edition of the Washington Report was prepared by John McGlew, ACCP's Assistant Director of Government Affairs. John is working directly with ACCP members in implementing the ACCP Advocates Program and other initiatives to enhance the College's effectiveness in Washington as an advocate for clinical pharmacists.]

Although most of us are accustomed to the traditional 12-month calendar or the semester-based academic year, Washington, DC, operates on 2-year Congressional cycles and 4-year Presidential terms. Thus, 2007 marks the commencement of the 110th Congress and the "unofficial" launch of the 2008 Presidential race. Like holiday decorations going up in department stores, the election campaigns seem to begin earlier each cycle!

#### **ACCP and the New Congress**

ACCP entered the 110th Congressional cycle with an expanded Washington staff focused on having a favorable impact on the health care policy decisions at the legislative and regulatory levels that affect the clinical pharmacy community. The College continues to make important strides in building relationships with decision makers, other health care stakeholders, and the diverse pharmacy community. But as budgetary constraints and the ongoing global war on terror continue to dominate the agendas of many important government offices, agencies, and departments, we are acutely aware of the challenges we face to achieve our policy goals.

One criticism we often hear on Capitol Hill relates to the perception that the pharmacy community does not speak with a unified voice. To address this, the Pharmacist Provider Coalition (PPC), which unites seven national pharmacist organizations to advocate for improvements in the quality of care that Medicare patients receive, from their medications, has been re-energized. The PPC recently completed a strategic planning retreat that yielded the first drafts of enhanced messages and legislative strategies to aggressively pursue our policy goal of recognition of pharmacists' services under Medicare Part B.

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The PPC played a crucial role in ensuring that the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 included provisions for recognition and payment for Medication Therapy Management Services (MTMS) that pharmacists perform. In 2007, the PPC will seek enhancement to the limited services benefit in Medicare Part D by working with others to improve the drug benefit, and will also strengthen efforts to achieve recognition for broader clinical pharmacy services under Part B.

#### 2007 Advocacy Agenda

During its January meeting, the ACCP Board of Regents approved the 2007 ACCP Advocacy Agenda. Our top priority for the coming year—and the duration of the 110th Congress—is to secure inclusion of, and payment for, the direct patient care medication management services of qualified pharmacists under Part B of the Medicare program and other major health insurance plans. Our other key aims include efforts to:

- Promote enhanced quality, structure, and information dissemination concerning medication therapy management services (MTMS) under Medicare Part D.
- Focus Interactions with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on the issue of quality of medication therapy management programs within Medicare Part D plans.
- Continue to seek restoration of Medicare funding for specialized residency training under Medicare prospective payment rules.
- Monitor and influence legislation and regulations dealing with issues of medication safety and rational medication use.
- Increase support for pharmacy professional education programs.
- Encourage nomination of clinical pharmacists to federal government agency and related advisory panels.

Click here for a full copy of our 2007 Advocacy Agenda.

#### **Grassroots Advocates Program**

Recent corruption and ethics scandals on Capitol Hill may have tainted the public image of "lobbying," but the role of the individual constituent in communicating his or her position to elected officials should not be underestimated. In fact, lobbying, which is trying to influence those who make policies that affect our lives, is a civic responsibility and a constitutionally protected right. And it is something we should do if we expect to keep our legislators informed about issues that are important to us.

There is a perception that it takes campaign contributions or an extensive "entertainment" budget to get anything done in Washington. Financial support for a candidate's election campaign is certainly an excellent method of demonstrating support or thanks. However, it is votes, not dollars, that get candidates elected and members of Congress will listen to the ideas and input of well-informed and articulate constituents.

Effective grassroots programs are universally seen as an essential tool in the process of passing legislation. Members of Congress need to hear that there is support for an issue "beyond the Beltway" from constituents in his or her home

state or district. Furthermore, particularly on initiatives affecting health care policy, elected officials need to hear from those directly affected by those policies. Pharmacists, as well-respected health care providers, can deliver some compelling messages to Congress regarding the policies that influence their practice and their patients.

ACCP recently launched the ACCP Advocates Program to help strengthen the voice of the College in Congress. ACCP Advocates met in St. Louis at the Annual Meeting for a daylong training program on techniques and approaches to effective political advocacy. A follow-up meeting is planned for the April ACCP Spring Forum in Memphis. Grassroots advocacy may include any of the following activities:

- Providing technical assistance or advice to a legislative body or committee;
- Participating in a Washington, DC, or in-district lobbying meeting;
- Signing a letter or making phone calls to Congress in support of, or in opposition to, specific legislation;
- Hosting a pharmacy or facility tour for a member of Congress or staff member;
- Writing letters-to-the-editor or otherwise generating media attention on an issue;
- Working on a candidate's election campaign or donating funds to support that candidate.

ACCP will provide the support, background materials, and other assistance that Advocates need to communicate with lawmakers. However, the primary objective of our grassroots program is for these lawmakers to hear directly from practicing clinical pharmacists on the issues that are important to you.

We strongly encourage ACCP members to join the Advocates Program. The larger the group, the louder our voice will be in Washington, DC. No previous advocacy experience is necessary, but ACCP members who have participated in lobbying visits and legislative conferences, or who have existing relationships with elected officials, are especially urged to join. CLICK HERE to sign up as an ACCP Advocate. For more information on the Advocates Program, contact ACCP Assistant Director of Government Affairs, John McGlew, at <a href="mailto:jmcglew@accp.com">jmcglew@accp.com</a> or (202) 756-2227.

#### **ACCP Advocacy Resources**

As an introduction to grassroots advocacy, please visit ACCP's "Legislative Action Center" (http://capwiz.com/accp/home/), an online tool that allows you to access information on your elected officials and to contact them directly via e-mail. You can use the tool to obtain the names of key congressional staffers in each office and committee, member committee assignments, biographical and background information on each elected official, fund-raising data, PAC contributions, and much more. Simply enter your Zip code to access information for your two U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative. You should also consider contacting elected officials in adjoining districts where you might treat patients, or where your organization is based.

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#### **Updates from the 110th Congress**

The 110th Congress, with a new Democratic majority, was sworn in January 4, 2007, and history was made as Representative Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, was confirmed as the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives. As promised, the first few days of the new Congress saw a flurry of legislative activity during which the House passed six major initiatives. For the pharmacy community, the most significant was a measure that would allow negotiation for lower prescription drug costs.

The bill (H.R. 4) repeals provisions in the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) that prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from negotiating with drug companies for lower prices for those enrolled in Medicare prescription drug plans and instead requires the Secretary to conduct such negotiations. Proponents of the controversial measure pointed to drug prices negotiated by the Veterans Affairs health care program and argued that with 40 million beneficiaries, Medicare could use its negotiating power in a similar manner. However, opponents noted that the private Part D prescription drug plans are already successfully negotiating reduced prices. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) determined that the Secretary would have "negligible" impact in reducing drug prices. Moreover, the opposing views argued that the limited formulary available under the Veterans Affairs program was not comparable to the range of choices offered by numerous competing Part D plans.

The Senate is expected to consider the measure in the coming weeks. However, the high approval ratings that seniors are reporting for their Part D drug plans (multiple studies of Part D beneficiaries have shown a greater than 80 percent satisfaction rate with the program) means that the issue is far from being decided. President Bush has already threatened to veto this measure. The ACCP Board of Regents made the decision at its January meeting to take no official position, either in support of or opposition to the legislation contained in H.R. 4 and companion legislation in the Senate.

#### Other Legislative Initiatives

During the first few weeks of the 110th Congress, a number of important pieces of health care legislation were introduced in the House and Senate, including those that addressed the following issues:

- 1. **Drug Re-importation.** (<u>HR 380</u>, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs.)
- 2. Comprehensive Health Insurance Coverage. (HR 676, a bill to provide for comprehensive health insurance coverage for all United States residents.)
- 3. **Generic Drugs.** (S 316, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.)
- 4. **Expanded Access to Health Care.** (<u>S 325</u>, a bill to provide for innovation in health care through state initiatives that expand coverage and access, and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system.)

ACCP will continue to track pertinent legislation and will keep members informed on important legislative developments.

#### Summary

The political process may seem frustrating to many ACCP members. All too often, good legislative initiatives fail to get off the ground, and the necessity of compromise in a partisan context can result in seemingly ambiguous or less than perfect outcomes. However, ACCP is firmly committed to serving as an effective advocacy voice for our members. All efforts to communicate with lawmakers are ultimately worthwhile as we continue to raise awareness of the vital role that clinical pharmacists play in safe and effective health care delivery.

ACCP has established an aggressive advocacy agenda for the coming Congress that reflects the priorities of our members. Our likelihood of success in implementing this agenda will be enhanced through more active involvement of ACCP members. We urge you to make 2007 a year of political participation by helping your lawmakers understand the issues that affect clinical pharmacists and the patients for whom they care.

### Record Number of Nominations Received for 2007 ACCP Fellows

Midnight, February 15 marked the close of nominations for the 2007 ACCP Fellows class. This year's nominations process yielded a record number of 60 nominees. Nominees will be invited later this month to complete the ACCP Fellow application process and submit their applications by April 15. In late April, the ACCP Credentials: Fellow (FCCP) Committee, chaired by Terry Seaton, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, will begin reviewing those applications and provide their recommendations to the Board of Regents in June for action at its July 2007 meeting. Individuals elected as Fellows must demonstrate a continuous high level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research, and must have made a sustained contribution of service to the College. The ACCP Fellow designation represents one of the highest honors the College can bestow on its members.

The FCCP class of 2007 will be announced in the August issue of the ACCP Report, and all Fellows will be inducted on October 14 during the Opening General Session of the 2007 ACCP Annual Meeting in Denver. Those who may have missed this year's deadline will have an opportunity to nominate a deserving colleague next year. Look for the official call for 2008 nominations this fall. Fellow nominees must have been full members of ACCP for at least 5 years, must have been in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree, and must have made a sustained contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentation at College meetings; service to ACCP committees, PRNs, chapters, or publications; or election as an officer. Candidates may be nominated by any two Full Members other than the nominee, or by any Fellow. Current

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members of the Board of Regents and the Credentials: FCCP Committee are not eligible for consideration.

The 2006 ACCP Fellow Class, honored at last year's Annual Meeting in St. Louis, is pictured below.



The 2006 FCCP honorees, following their induction in St. Louis on October 26, 2006. Back row (from left to right): Douglas Fish, David Lourwood, Jay Currie, Paul Beringer, Kimberly Thrasher, Lee Vermeulen, Susan Goodin, Robert McLaren, and Harold Manley. Front row (from left to right): Daniel Wermeling, Debra Goff, Philip Rodgers, Lena Kang-Birken, Bradley Phillips, Peggy Carver, and Gerald Briggs.

#### **Pharmacotherapy** Pearls

#### Pharmacotherapy Top 10 List

Stephen E. Cavanaugh, B.A. Wendy R. Cramer, B.S., FASCP Richard T. Scheife, Pharm.D., FCCP

visitors to *Pharmacotherapy's* online journal (at http://www.pharmacotherapy.org). Subscribers view articles for free, whereas nonsubscribers pay to view these articles. The number of times that an individual article is viewed is an unofficial index of the clinical utility and

importance of that article. The top 10 Pharmacotherapy articles viewed during 2006 are listed on this page:



| Rank | Title  | Author(s)   |
|------|--|---|
| 1    | Tigecycline: First of a New Class of Antimicrobial Agents  | Warren E. Rose, Pharm.D., and<br>Michael J. Rybak, Pharm.D., M.P.H  |
| 2    | Clinical Relevance and Management of Drug-Related QT Interval Prolongation   | Michael A. Crouch, Pharm.D., Lynn<br>Limon, Pharm.D., and Angela T.<br>Cassano, Pharm.D.  |
| 3    | Sudden Irreversible Sensory-Neural Hearing Loss in a<br>Patient with Diabetes Receiving Amikacin as an<br>Antibiotic-Heparin Lock                                      | Anil K. Saxena, M.D., B. R.<br>Panhotra, M.D., Ph.D., and<br>Mohammed Naguib, M.Sc.   |
| 4    | Effect of Food and Ranitidine on Saquinavir<br>Pharmacokinetics and Gastric pH in Healthy<br>Volunteers  | Thomas N. Kakuda, Pharm.D., and<br>Ronald W. Falcon, M.D.   |
| 5    | The Antipyretic Effect of Ibuprofen and<br>Acetaminophen in Children   | Haney Wahba, M.D., FAAFP  |
| 6    | Biosimilar Epoetins: An Analysis Based on Recently<br>Implemented European Medicines Evaluation Agency<br>Guidelines on Comparability of Biopharmaceutical<br>Proteins | Christian Combe, M.D., Ph.D., and Roger L. Tredree, Pharm.D.  |
| 7    | Effects of Gender and Race on Albuterol<br>Pharmacokinetics  | Mohamad H. N. Mohamed,<br>Pharm.D., John J. Lima, Pharm.D.,<br>Louis V. Eberle, M.D., Timothy H.<br>Self, Pharm.D., and Julie A. Johnson,<br>Pharm.D. |
| 8    | Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Implications of P-glycoprotein Modulation  | Christopher J. Matheny, Pharm.D.,<br>Matthew W. Lamb, Pharm.D., Kim L.<br>R. Brouwer, Pharm.D., Ph.D., and<br>Gary M. Pollack, Ph.D.                  |
| 9    | Difficulties in Anticoagulation Management during<br>Coadministration of Warfarin and Rifampin   | Craig R. Lee, Pharm.D., and<br>Kimberly A. Thrasher, Pharm.D.   |
| 10   | Ranolazine, a Novel Agent for Chronic Stable Angina  | Sarah M. Gaffney, Pharm.D.  |

#### **Call for Proposals**

#### 2007 Ortho-McNeil Infectious Diseases Fellowship

This grant supports the development of infectious diseases clinical scientists through a postgraduate fellowship experience, or through the support of a graduate student who has at least completed his or her qualifying examinations. Research activities must be related to the areas of emphasis stated in the application. The grant provides a fellow stipend of \$38,000, travel support of \$1000, and personnel fringe benefits of \$1500. Dates: funding will begin July 1, 2007. Eligibility: Preceptor—must be an ACCP Full Member at the time of application. Fellow—must be a Full Member or Associate Member at the time of application.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2007.

For more information and a complete application packet, please contact:

ACCP Research Institute 13000 W. 87th St. Parkway Lenexa, KS 66215-4530 (913) 492-3311

E-mail: cenglund@accp.com

or

Download application materials at <a href="http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php#resfel">http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php#resfel</a>

#### Awards, Promotions, Grants, etc.

David Angaran, M.S., FCCP, was recently honored as recipient of the ASHP Award for Distinguished Leadership in Health-System Pharmacy Practice at the 2006 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim....Mary Lee, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, has been promoted from Dean of the College of Pharmacy to Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Pharmacy and Health Sciences Education at Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy....Gene Morse, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, Associate Dean, and Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University at Buffalo, has been awarded a 7-year grant from the National Institute of Allergy, Social and Scientific Systems for a project titled "ACTG Pharmacology Support Laboratory in Support of Pharmacological Protocol Development, Conduct, and Analysis".... Jo Ellen Rodgers, Pharm.D., BCPS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics at the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, is the recipient of the 2007 Kappa Epsilon Fraternity's Career Achievement Award.... Frank Romanelli, Pharm.D., M.P.H., BCPS, was recently appointed Assistant Dean of Education Innovation at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington...Bradley Tice, Pharm.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, is the lead investigator on a grant funded by the Iowa Board of Regents titled "Enhancing Technology and Product Commercialization through the Drake University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences DELTA Rx Institute and Drake Undergraduate Science Collaboration Institute."

#### **New Members**

Wyatt Adams Kye Ok Kim Bryan Alexander Kelly Knochelmann Heather Arnold Luana Koplowitz Mikhail Arthur Matthew Kresl Brandi LaFrance Stephanie Baringhaus Arturo Barragan Jun Le Melissa Lenard Ivv Beck Brenda Benally Steven Leonard Michael Biaglow Lisa Leong Angela Boyain Kathrvn Lindsev Jennifer Bradford Tricia Lohr Heidi Brainerd Aaron Long Mary McHugh Kelsev Briggs Tara Cantieri Susan Mever Sean Carlton Andrea Montelaro Michele Carroll Eileen Murphy Kara Carruthers Heather Musolin Lemrey Carter Tanya Nacy Amy Chapman Lori Nam Lisa Chastain Stephanie Nasti Christie Choo Michael Nyame-Mireku Melanie Claborn Nancy Ordonez Brenda Parker Jennifer Clayton Ashley Cockerill Samir Patel Sally Cushnie

Margie Perez Beatriz Deguia Rick Pi John Pietkiewicz Sara Deno Lise Dibert Molly Pille Lisa DiPompo Matthew Pitlick Rebecca Drake Rhonda Pohlman Nicole Dulaney L. Michael Posev Freda Duong Laura Post Michael Erwin Leslie Propst Amy Farris Joshua Pullo Deborah Fletcher Anita Rahman Jennifer Ford Jamie Reski Elise Fuller Martine Robillard Graziella Furnari Lourdes Rodriguez Ashley Garcia Ashley Rosenquist Carla Rubingh Angela Gilchrist Tamara Goldberg Alin Ruiz

David Gross Nathaniel Sagarsee Kim Guest Ernest Sanchez Jenana Halilovic Elizabeth Sarles Ashley Halstead Amy Schilling L. Kathleen Hamby Alisha Sellers Jia He Chhava Shah Heather Hellwig Peter Shupenes Phyllis Hemerson Michelle Siech-Faust

James Higginbotham Rubina Singh Tina Horsky Kimberly Smith Donald Hsu Sarah Sobotik Jennifer Huang Robert Southard Lindy Huang Jackie Stakston Chau Huynh Randi Stouffer Hyunyoung Jeong Terri Suffoletta Lillian Kang Jennifer Tan Sahar Karimi Ashley Taylor

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Maria Tsoras
R. Mackenzie Turner
Thomas Turner
Courtney Warner
Rhonda Weiss
Erin Welch
Diana Wells
Leslie Williams
Shanequa Williams
Erin Williamson
Christopher Wilson
Siu Yan Yeung
Angela Zielinski

## The following individuals recently advanced from Associate to Full Member

Elizabeth Abiola Edna Almodovar William Brennan Patrice Dupart Joni Freitas Dusko Klipa Kathryn Marty Julie Moon Victoria Ng Kimberly Jo Novak Patrick Nwakama Debra Winter Sharon Yeh

#### New Member Recruiters

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

Heather Arnold
Robert Aucoin
Mark Balk
Linette Beers
Nannette Berensen
Evangelina Berrios-Colon
Sara Brouse
Jill Burkiewicz
Edmund Capparelli
Douglas Covey
Michael Crouch

Jay Currie William Docktor Joanne Dominguez Cathleen Edick Krystal Edwards Erika Ernst Leann Fontenot Candice Garwood Neil Gilchrist William Greene John Gums James Hoehns Gloria Hoyle Lisa Inge Heath Jennings Thomas Johnson Steven Kirkegaard Natalie Kittrell Patricia Kroboth Ryan Lee Benjamin Mgboh Deanna Moretz Melissa Mull Heather Musolin Boris Nogid LeAnn Norris Shannon Price Kelly Ragucci Holly Rickman

Michael Rybak

Daryl Schiller Lori Schirmer Mahsa Sharifi Edward Sheridan John Silverberg Anne Spencer Erin St. Onge Patricia Tabor Suzanne Tschida Sharon Wilson-Oliver Cathy Worrall Patti Yoshi

Register here for ACCP's Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course.

## Vice Chair for Clinical Sciences Research Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics School of Pharmacy University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy invites applications for vice chair for clinical sciences research, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics. This tenured or tenure tenure-stream position will be at the rank of associate professor or professor. The Vice Chair for Clinical Sciences Research will provide leadership for the implementation of clinical and translational sciences research and health services within the overall structure of the department and affiliated health system and guide the development and academic success of faculty within the department.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy is one of six health science schools located on the Oakland campus. The School of Pharmacy is affiliated with the internationally renowned University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), the region's largest and acclaimed network of tertiary, specialty, and community hospitals. Collectively, these educational, research, and clinical facilities provide one of the nation's most complete health centers for health sciences research, patient care, and teaching. The Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics comprises is composed of 46 full-time faculty and provides pharmacy services for the UPMC health system.

The successful applicant will actively participate in the executive team of the Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics; advance the integration of research with clinical patient care responsibilities; maintain a funded research program; and recruit and lead faculty members to improve health through excellence, innovation, and leadership in education, research, patient care, and service. The successful applicant also will contribute to the clinical pharmaceutical scientist training program within the school; play an integral role in the multi- and inter-disciplinary Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute within the University of Pittsburgh schools of the health sciences; and teach in the curricular programs of the school, including the Pharm.D. and residency programs.

The ideal applicant will have an earned professional pharmacy degree and relevant postgraduate training; at least five 5 years of experience in an academic health center environment; and must documented responsibilities and accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, patient care service, and leadership.

An applicant should send a complete curriculum vitae and a letter that includes a description of his or her interest in the position, a description of his or her research, and a list of the names and contact information for five individuals who will serve as references to:

Susan M. Meyer, Ph.D.
University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy
Chair, Vice Chair Pharmacy and Therapeutics Search Committee
724 Salk Hall
Pittsburgh PA 15261

E-mail: smeyer@pitt.edu

The University of Pittsburgh is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.

## Assistant Professor, Outcomes Research and Epidemiology College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Mercer University Atlanta, Georgia

The Department of Clinical and Administrative Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Outcomes Research and Epidemiology. The applicant must possess a Pharm.D. degree from an accredited school of pharmacy and be eligible for Georgia pharmacist's licensure. In addition to the Pharm.D. degree, a Master's degree in Public Health or Epidemiology is preferred, or and Fellowship training in outcomes research is required.

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is located on Mercer University's Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta. The campus' 335 wooded acres create a serene and secluded atmosphere despite its the close proximity to downtown Atlanta. The Department of Clinical and Administrative Sciences consists of 24 full-time faculty and 4 postdoctoral residents. Atlanta provides an ideal environment for cultural and intellectual development.

Applicants should apply online by accessing https://www.mercerjobs.com to complete a brief online application.

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## Tenure-Ttrack Faculty Position Assistant/Associate Professor Clinical Scientist/Translational Research

The University of Utah College of Pharmacy is seeking qualified applicants for a 12-month tenured/tenure-track clinical scientist in translational research at the rank of assistant or associate professor. Candidates must have clinical expertise in pharmacogenetics/pharmacogenomics, clinical pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, outcomes research, and/or drug metabolism. The successful applicant will join the core faculty in the Department of Pharmacotherapy and will be expected to initiate and maintain an independent, extramurally funded research program that will advance the field(s) of translational research. There are extensive opportunities for collaborative clinical research within the School of Medicine, the College of Pharmacy, the Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center (http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/pharmprac/outcomes.html), and the Huntsman Cancer Institute (http://www.huntsmancancer.org).

Applicants must have rigorous scientific training and a strong desire for an academic research career. Candidates must have a Pharm.D. and/or clinically- oriented Ph.D.; and must have completed at least 2 years of research fellowship training in translational or outcomes research, or possess equivalent experience. Eligibility for Utah pharmacist licensure is required. The position became available January 1, 2007. Additional information about the College of Pharmacy can be found at <a href="http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/pharmprac/welcome.html">http://www.pharmacy.utah.edu/pharmprac/welcome.html</a>.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest that includes a statement of research philosophy, accomplishments and future plans, statement of teaching philosophy, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three individuals who can provide letters of recommendation, to:

Mark A. Munger, Pharm.D.,
Professor, Department of Pharmacotherapy
University of Utah College of Pharmacy
30 South 2000 East, Rm# 258
Salt Lake City UT 84112-5820

E-mail: mmunger@hsc.utah.edu

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## Director Center for Drug Policy

Partners Healthcare System (PHS), located in Boston, is an integrated health system founded in 1994 by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, the system includes community hospitals, specialty facilities, primary care and specialty physicians, community health centers, and other health-related entities. We are currently seeking candidates for a newly created position of Director, Center for Drug Policy (CDP).

The major goal of the CDP is to identify opportunities for improving clinical utilization of medications based on best practice, evidenced -based clinical science, internal research on drug utilization patterns, and drug expense forecasting.

The Director of the CDP, working under the direction of the PHS Pharmacy Directors, will lead this initiative to achieve the following goals:

- 1. Develop and implement policies and strategies related to pharmaceutical utilization.
- 2. Monitor compliance and effectiveness of policies related to the use of pharmaceuticals within the PHS.
- 3. Optimize and improve the outcomes of patient care while ensuring that finite health care resources are consumed in an appropriate manner.
- 4. Oversee all services provided by the CDP based on its mission, goals, and objectives in collaboration with the Partners-wide Ppharmacy directors.

The ideal candidate will be a licensed pharmacist possessing an advanced degree (M.S., Pharm.D., Ph.D.) with a strong clinical background, a proven record of publishing in peer reviewed journals, and excellent communication skills.

Explore the possibilities of a challenging and rewarding career at Partners Healthcare. For more information, or to apply, please visit our Web site at <a href="http://www.partners.org">http://www.partners.org</a>.

## Faculty Position Director of Problem -Based Learning School of Pharmacy Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy (SOP) is seeking applicants for the newly created position of Director of Problem -Based Learning (DPBL). The DPBL will provide vision and strategic direction for the problem -based learning (PBL) initiatives of the SOP as well as overall leadership for pedagogic evaluation, outcomes assessment, and faculty development for all PBL curricular experiences. The DPBL will work in concert with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, division chairs, and faculty teaching teams to ensure equivalency of individual PBL experiences across campuses and consistency of instruction across all PBL-based courses.

Requirements. Qualified candidates should have a doctoral degree (Pharm.D., Ph.D., or equivalent) with experience in professional pharmacy education preferred. The successful candidate will have a faculty appointment as a nontenured, assistant/associate professor in one of the academic departments of the SOP, dependent upon the qualifications of the individual. The DPBL will fulfill general faculty responsibilities (teaching, practice, scholarship, and service) matching his/her respective faculty appointment with a distribution of effort commensurate with a leadership position in the SOP. The opportunity to transfer to a tenure -track position can be negotiated.

Contact Information. Applicants should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to:

Shane Greene Search Committee Chair Texas Tech School of Pharmacy VA Medical Center Bldg 7 – R119A 4500 S Lancaster Rd. Dallas TX 75216

E-mail: shane.greene@ttuhsc.edu Telephone: (214) 372-5300, Ext. 235 Fax: (214) 372-5020

Interested applicants must also access <a href="https://jobs.texastech.edu/">https://jobs.texastech.edu/</a> to complete a brief on-line application.

**For More Information.** Additional information about the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy can be found at <a href="http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sop/">http://www.ttuhsc.edu/sop/</a>.

## Chief Pharmaceutical Officer and Vice-Chair St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Applicable Position Description: Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner; Clinical Administration/Directors

Practice or research specialty/focus of the position: Clinical Administration – Pediatrics/Oncology

Position Description: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a private nonprofit academic research institute and hospital, provides a range of research programs that support the mission to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. An opportunity exists for a visionary leader to become our new Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPO) and Vice-Chair, Pharmaceutical Services. This faculty member will manage a budget in excess of \$33 million, and lead a staff of over 70 individuals, including more than 35 pharmacists. Working with senior leadership within the institution, the CPO will develop short-term and long-term strategic plans to position the division to be the premier provider of pharmaceutical services in an academic institute. The CPO will oversee renovations and expansion. This individual will also have the opportunity and responsibility to implement structural changes to continually improve the department's clinical services and support the institution's research mission. The CPO is expected to have a national presence in academic and health-system pharmacy, and will have a joint appointment on the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy. St. Jude was chosen by the readers of The Scientist as the "The Best Place to Work in Academia in 2006." For additional information, see: <a href="http://www.stjude.org/pharmaceutical-sciences">http://www.stjude.org/pharmaceutical-sciences</a>.

**Required or desired credentials or experience of applicants:** Pharm.D. degree; experience in pediatrics or oncology; BPS certification; proven experience in successfully recruiting and retaining staff; and extensive clinical or research experience desired, which should include at least 10 years in a leadership position in a pharmacy department, preferably in an academic environment.

**Description of institution/organization:** St. Jude is the only NCI-designated cancer center devoted to pediatric cancer, with more than 3,000 employees and 200 faculty members. An internationally recognized pharmaceutical department provides comprehensive pharmaceutical care for St. Jude patients, most of whom are children with cancer. St. Jude is an equal opportunity employer.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a CV and letter of interest to:

Mary V. Relling, Pharm.D.

Member and Chair, Pharmaceutical Sciences
Pharmaceutical Department
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
332 N. Lauderdale St. MS 150
Memphis TN 38105

Telephone: (901) 495-2348 Fax: 901-525-6869

E-mail: mary.relling@stjude.org
Application Deadline: Open until filled
Desired Starting Date: Immediate
Salary Range: Commensurate with experience

## Clinical Assistant Professor and Regional Experiential Coordinator Oregon State University College of Pharmacy

The Oregon State University College of Pharmacy seeks an individual for a full-time, 12-month position as Regional Coordinator and Clinical Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. The successful applicant will coordinate introductory and advanced experiential clerkships in the central Willamette Valley, teach in the professional program, mentor in the professional clerkship program, conduct scholarly activity, and provide service to the university and community. This position is based at the college of pharmacy in Corvallis, Oregon.

**Required Qualifications.** Applicants must possess a Pharm.D. degree or equivalent from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) -accredited school or college of pharmacy; be eligible for licensure in Oregon; have the potential to conduct research; possess teaching experience; and exhibit proficiency in oral and written English.

**Preferred Qualifications.** Residency training in internal medicine or a subspecialty with experience in ambulatory care or community practice; experience coordinating experiential education; a record of conducting independent or collaborative research as evidenced by grants and/or publications; and a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

**Applications.** Please apply by March 31, 2007, by submitting electronically to *http://oregonstate.edu/jobs:* a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference addressing your ability to perform this position. Letters of reference may be mailed to:

Deanna Moretz, Pharm.D., BCPS
Chair, Search Committee
Posting 75
OSU College of Pharmacy Portland Campus
Oregon Health & Science University
Mail Code: GH212
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland OR 97239-2985

General information about the College of Pharmacy and Oregon State University is available at <a href="http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu">http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu</a>. For general information about Oregon Health & Science University, please visit: <a href="http://www.ohsu.edu">http://www.ohsu.edu</a>.

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## Clinical Assistant Professor of Community/Ambulatory Care Practice Oregon State University College of Pharmacy

Oregon State University seeks a Clinical Assistant Professor to develop and implement patient-focused clinical services in an outpatient pharmacy setting in the new Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Center for Health and Healing (CHH). The successful applicant will have an active community practice,; serve as a resource to community practicitioners for the initiation and evaluation of innovative pharmacy practice models,; develop community practice training sites,; train preceptors,; conduct scholarly activity,; and provide service to the college, university, and profession. Individuals who share a vision for experiential education that builds upon strong fundamentals to address future patient care needs in Oregon are encouraged to apply. The position is located at the OSU College of Pharmacy Portland campus at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). This is a 12-month, full-time (1.0 FTE), clinical track appointment. Reappointment is at the discretion of the Chair of Pharmacy Practice.

Required Qualifications. A Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) -accredited school/college of pharmacy, or equivalent experience; specialty residency training in community pharmacy or significant community patient care experience; eligibility for pharmacist licensure in Oregon; potential for teaching excellence; ability to serve as a resource to community practitioners for the initiation and evaluation of innovative pharmacy practice models, and to assist in the implementation and assessment of community pharmacy residencies; and potential to conduct research/scholarship. Applicants must be fluent in English and possess effective communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications. Board certification in pharmacotherapy (BCPS); evidence of establishing and justifying a practice; experience in conducting independent or collaborative research as evidenced by grants and/or publications; evidence of teaching experience and previous faculty experience; and a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

Applications. Please apply by March 31, 2007, by submitting electronically to *http://oregonstate.edu/jobs:* a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference addressing your ability to perform this position. Letters of reference may be mailed to:

Matthew K. Ito, Pharm.D., FCCP
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OSU College of Pharmacy
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CHH12C
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