

ACCP Annual Meeting:

Join us in Austin for Fun, Education, and Friendly Competition

Summer is nearly past and the new academic year is upon us. ACCP offers unique opportunities for pharmacy students to network, get involved, and advance their career goals. Join us this fall at the College's Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas October 16-20, 2010.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity for students to network with clinical pharmacy leaders and attend student-oriented programming. Attend a Career Development Session, interact directly with over 15 clinical pharmacy specialists at the Career Path Roundtables, sharpen your interview skills at the Mock Interview Workshop, and get an advance start on your post-graduate training search by attending the Residency Forum.

ACCP understands that travel to attend a National Meeting can be costly and offers the Student Travel Award program which provides travel stipends and/or complimentary meeting registrations to help defray the costs students incur when traveling to attend an ACCP national meeting. Group registration discounts are also available.

This year marks the commencement of a new competition to test the knowledge and skills of pharmacy students from colleges of pharmacy around the country. The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge consists of teams of three pharmacy students representing their college of pharmacy. Each competition round consists of three distinct segments: Trivia/Lightening, Clinical Case, and Jeopardy-style. The initial rounds of competition will be conducted online in September. Teams advancing to the semifinals will be provided with 3 complementary meeting registration(s) for the Annual Meeting and will also receive a certificate of recognition. The semifinal and final rounds will be held live at the Austin, Texas October 16-17, 2010. Cash prizes will be awarded to the second place and championship teams: the second-place receiving \$750 and the winning team receiving \$1500.

Students are not required to be members of ACCP to participate. A faculty member from the participating school or college of pharmacy must complete the initial online registration form. Interested students should contact their ACCP Faculty Liaison to register. The team registration deadline is **September 8, 2010**. For additional information regarding the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, [click here](#).

ACCP is committed to the growth and development of its student members. Don't miss your opportunity to join us in Austin to learn more about clinical pharmacy and advance your career goals.

Creating a Health Fair on your Campus

Health fairs are a unique opportunity that allows both direct patient interaction and health education. Creating a health fair at your pharmacy campus is definitely possible with the right resources. The first key to hosting a successful health fair is to plan early. Establish a budget to meet your goals. Sponsorship is vital in supporting various health awareness activities; most businesses will need advance notice to determine their sponsorship role. Be fully prepared when approaching future sponsors; they may have questions about details of your event, so be able to paint a fantastic picture for them.

Marketing is essential to a successful health fair and can be accomplished through many venues. Flyers can be posted at local businesses or passed throughout neighborhoods. Mass emailing or other invitation services is also easily accomplished. Advertising on radio stations and local television stations can often be done at no charge or at a discounted rate for student organizations. These advertisements can range from interviews to public service announcements.

A health fair is also an amazing opportunity to recruit help from other organizations, especially if your university has other healthcare related schools. Group efforts will allow the fair to be more diverse, offer more services, and potentially reach a larger patient population.

Remember to be an enthusiastic advocate for the goals you aim to accomplish. Your attitude and professionalism in establishing a student-run health fair can directly contribute to your success and truly impact patient lives.

Helpful Websites:; http://fcs.tamu.edu/Health/health_fair_planning_guide/activity_ideas.php
<http://www.cdc.gov/women/planning/fair.htm>



Q & A:

Q: How do I use the Online CV Review Service offered to student members of ACCP?

A: Visit the ACCP student web site at <http://www.accp.com/stunet/compass/cv.aspx>. Under the title **ACCP Online CV Review Service** select "click here" then select "Submit your CV for review". Then upload your CV as a Microsoft Word Document. You should receive feedback from your reviewer within 15 business days. Check out the Clinical Pearls section of the newsletter for additional information on developing your CV

Please keep the questions coming...there is no question too small for StuNews!

For questions/comments email stunews@accp.com

Did You Know?

ACCP PRNs-- ACCP student members receive a free subscription to an ACCP PRN (Practice and Research Network). PRNs are an active group of ACCP members who communicate through email to exchange ideas and information pertaining to their area of practice. There are over 20 PRNs encompassing varied areas of clinical practice. For more information, lists of PRNs, or to join a PRN [click here](#).

Student members are also invited to participate in PRN sessions at ACCP national meetings at no extra charge. During the Annual Meeting, each PRN group will meet and discuss news updates to changes in the practice area. To see the schedule of PRN sessions in Austin, Texas [click here](#).

Calendar Dates

August 2010

- Match service opens for application for 2011 residencies
- 1: ACCP Online CV Service Opens

September 2010

- 8: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Team Registration Deadline
- 14: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Online Round 1
- 16: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Online Round 2
- 17: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge-Semifinal Teams Announced

October 2010

- 16-20: ACCP Annual Meeting, Austin, TX
- 16: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Semifinal Rounds
- 17: ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Finals

November 2010

- P4s - Start contacting residency programs you are interested in
- P4s - Prepare curriculum vitae and have it reviewed

December 2010

- 5-9: ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting,

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Drug News:

Prolia® - A New Osteoporosis Treatment for Postmenopausal Women

Prolia® (denosumab) is a twice-a-year injection to treat osteoporosis in patients at high risk of fracture. It is a monoclonal antibody -- a fully human, lab-produced antibody that inactivates the body's bone-breakdown mechanism. It's the first biology therapy to be approved for osteoporosis treatment.

Prolia® is indicated for:

- Postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and high risk of fracture
- Patients with osteoporosis for whom other osteoporosis therapies have failed.
- Patients who cannot use other osteoporosis therapies

The clinical trials have proved that postmenopausal women taking Prolia® had fewer fractures and increased bone density.

Prolia® blocks the production of osteoclasts that break down bone by targeting a chemical signal called RANK ligand, which is both necessary and sufficient for osteoclast differentiation.

The most common side effects of Prolia® are back pain, pain in the extremities, muscle and bone pain, high cholesterol levels, and bladder infections. It can also cause serious side effects include hypocalcemia, serious infections (in skin, lower abdomen, bladder, ear, and endocarditis), skin reactions, and severe osteonecrosis of the jaw.

For more information, please visit www.fda.gov; <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/722816>



Clinical Pearls: Curriculum Vitae Preparation Tips and Tools

A well written Curriculum Vitae (CV) creates a positive image to future selection committees or employers, and distinguishes you from the rest of the crowd. Below are some key tips to help you create a successful CV.

- Things to include:
 - Contact information
 - Education and training
 - Professional and teaching experience
 - Research/Presentations/Publications
 - Professional/community organizations
 - Honors and awards
- CV Turnoffs:
 - Typographical errors
Proofread and have others proofread
 - Unusual font or inconsistent font
Suggest Arial or Times New Roman font size 10-14
 - Use of graphics or unusual colors
Use white, ivory, or light grey paper
- Submit your CV to the ACCP Online CV Review Service
 - Feedback is provided from an ACCP reviewer within 14 business days
 - Service is open from August 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

Featured Internship

Consider Expanding your Skills with the Indian Health Service (IHS)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is a public health agency that provides all levels of care to 1.5 million of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS integrates pharmacists into a practice setting where they can fully utilize their knowledge and skills. The duties of an intern include accessing patients' entire health records, including laboratory results, medical history, and immunizations to assess the appropriateness of drug therapy; providing counseling and evaluating patient care. The IHS offers a unique cultural experience of working with various Indian tribes. 3 internship programs are available to student pharmacists:

- The Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (JRCOSTEP) is for students early in their pharmacy education.
- The Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (SRCOSTEP) is geared towards students who want to work for the Commissioned Corps after graduation.
- An externship rotation in the final year of pharmacy school is available based on the individual's school and their agreement with IHS. IHSpharmacy@hqe.ihs.gov.

More information on each of the program is available here: <http://www.usphs.gov/student/>
Additional information about the Indian Health Services internships can be requested here: http://www.pharmacy.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=request_info