ACCP Releases Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists

Released in March of this year is a key document for all constituents involved in the development and assessment of clinical pharmacy services. The ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists provides answers to many of the questions frequently posed by policy-makers, administrators overseeing the advancement of clinical pharmacy services, and educators and institutions responsible for the education, training, and development of clinical pharmacists as well as practicing pharmacists. Eight standards comprise the final document, which delineates the qualifications, responsibilities, practice and privileging, and professional development required of clinical pharmacists.

The first standard defines the qualifications of clinical pharmacists as follows:

Clinical pharmacists are practitioners who provide comprehensive medication management and related care for patients in all health care settings. They are licensed pharmacists with specialized advanced education and training who possess the clinical competencies necessary to practice in team-based, direct patient care environments. Accredited residency training or equivalent post-licensure experience is required for entry into direct patient care practice. Board certification is also required once the clinical pharmacist meets the eligibility criteria specified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties.

The second standard characterizes the process of care for clinical pharmacists as being composed of four major components. These are:

- Assessment of the patient: The clinical pharmacist assesses medication-related needs.
- Evaluation of medication therapy: The clinical pharmacist identifies strategies for optimizing medication therapy.
- Development and implementation of a plan of care: The clinical pharmacist develops and implements, collaboratively with the patient and his or her health care providers, a plan for optimizing medication therapy.
- Follow-up evaluation and medication monitoring: The clinical pharmacist performs follow-up evaluations in collaboration with other members of the health care team to continually assess patient outcomes.

The Standards further delineate the above four components, providing specific activities that comprise the achievement of each.

The Standards articulate ACCP’s expectations of clinical pharmacists both within the United States and around the world where clinical pharmacy is emerging. The table below summarizes suggested uses of the Standards, by constituents.

ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists

I. Qualifications
II. Process of care
III. Documentation
IV. Collaborative, team-based practice and privileging
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<td>Policy-makers and regulators</td>
<td>Define the responsibilities and expectations of the clinical pharmacist in supporting the development of clinical pharmacy services and guiding the growth and evolution of standards-based policies and decisions regarding clinical pharmacists and clinical pharmacy services</td>
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<td>Health care administrators</td>
<td>Serve as a tool for the development, assessment, and quality improvement of services provided by clinical pharmacists</td>
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<td>Clinical pharmacists</td>
<td>Guide the advancement of the individual clinical pharmacist and his or her practice</td>
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<td>Pharmacy educators (didactic and experiential)</td>
<td>Serve as a reference to guide educational activities to best prepare future generations of clinical pharmacists for their responsibilities</td>
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<td>Health care professionals</td>
<td>Inform other health care professionals about what to expect from the clinical pharmacist as a member of the health care team</td>
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ACCP President Gary Yee commented that the Standards “represent a formal commitment by our discipline to assume shared responsibility with other members of the health care team for optimizing patients’ pharmacotherapy outcomes.”

A pre-publication copy of the Standards is available at www.accp.com/docs/positions/guidelines/Stndrds_of_Prac_for_CP_Final_PPI.pdf.

“Clinical Pharmacy Services and Their Impact on Patient Outcomes: Focus on Diabetes Mellitus” to Be Offered in Dubai

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy will offer a program on “Clinical Pharmacy Services and Their Impact on Patient Outcomes: Focus on Diabetes Mellitus” in conjunction with The GCC Pharmaceutical Congress to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This 1-day program will be held on September 17, 2014. The program will deliver 6.0 contact hours of high-quality programming that advances the participant’s knowledge of patient-centered services provided by clinical pharmacists and outcomes of such services; summarizes the most up-to-date recommendations for the optimal management of type 2 diabetes mellitus; and outlines strategies for preventing and mitigating the adverse effects associated with the currently marketed pharmacologic options.

The program will deliver 6.0 ACPE-approved, knowledge-based, continuing pharmacy education credit hours. Certificates of attendance will be issued to those attending the entire program.

To obtain more information and register for this exciting program, visit www.gccpharmacongress.com.

Preliminary Program Agenda

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
9:15 a.m. Clinical Pharmacy Services and the Role of the Pharmacist
10:00 a.m. Pharmacologic Management Armamentarium for Diabetes Mellitus: A Critical Review
11:00 a.m. Prevention and Mitigation of Adverse Outcomes Associated with Antidiabetes Agents
Noon Prayer and Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. Evidence-Based Recommendations: Individualization of Therapy
3:00 p.m. Practice Management: Pharmacist Services and Impact on Patient Outcomes
4:00 p.m. Patient Cases
5:00 p.m. Adjournment
Book Highlights

Clinical Pharmacy in the United States: Transformation of a Profession


Melded with the major clinical pharmacy–related events, the book portrays a running timeline that chronicles key cultural, political, economical, technological, health, and other major events. Also distributed throughout the book are reflective essays that provide on-the-ground perspectives of landmark developments including, but not limited to, the rise of clinical pharmacy, the path leading to specialization in pharmacy, the founding of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the contribution of pharmaceutical care to clinical pharmacy.

Clinical Pharmacy in the United States was awarded a silver medal in the Association TRENDS’ 2009 All Media Contest, an award recognizing the most creative and effective communication vehicles developed in the association industry. The following are selected excerpts from various reviews of the book conducted by clinical pharmacy practitioners and educators:

“If this book is not incorporated—even mandated—into the formal training of interns, students, residents, and the postgraduate education of practicing pharmacists, a great opportunity to transform the profession through the transformation of the individuals, will be missed.”

“For those of us who are practicing in the profession and for the next generation of pharmacists, this historical perspective inspires us to take the necessary steps and to engage in professional struggles to ensure that clinical pharmacy is practiced at the highest level in all settings and by all pharmacists.”

“[This is] a commendable book that deserves wide readership not only in the profession, but among the constituencies that interact with pharmacists.”


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- Clinical Pharmacist or Clinical Practice Profile
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- Pharmacy Education
- Continuing Professional Development

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A Message from the Editor

Dear Colleagues:

With the introduction of new clinical pharmacy services, the various services provided by clinical pharmacists, and the different responsibilities of pharmacists in general and of clinical pharmacists in particular around the globe comes frequent debate regarding the definition and expectations of clinical pharmacists and the criteria by which to assess their services.

The featured article in this issue, titled “ACCP Releases Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists,” highlights a major document released in March of this year by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. The ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists describes ACCP’s expectations of clinical pharmacists both within the United States and around the world where clinical pharmacy is emerging. It is intended for all constituents involved in the regulation, practice, and assessment and advancement of clinical pharmacists and pharmacy education and practice.

As ACCP releases this key document, it is important to reflect on the evolution of clinical pharmacy and the journey leading to the current standards set forth by the College. The book featured in this issue, Clinical Pharmacy in the United States: Transformation of a Profession, narrates and reflects on more than a century of the rich history of the profession and the rise of clinical pharmacy education and practice. Although this is this U.S.-specific historical recount, there are substantial lessons to be learned from this great resource.

I hope you will find of assistance the many resources highlighted in this issue, regardless of where you are in your own journey.

Sincerely,

Wafa Y. Dahdal, Pharm.D., BCPS

Mark Your Calendar

2014 ACCP Annual Meeting
October 12–15, 2014 • Austin, Texas

2015 Updates in Therapeutics®
April 10–14, 2015 • Chicago, Illinois

2015
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy
October 17–21, 2015
San Francisco, California
As health care in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries moves toward a more patient-centric model, pharmacists are playing an increasingly important role in providing quality care to patients. The GCC Pharmaceutical Congress will provide pharmacists with up-to-date information to highlight essential solutions to the latest challenges faced by pharmacists in the region.

Key benefits to be gained from attending The GCC Pharmaceutical Congress:

- Gain insights on the new technologies and innovations in pharmacy practice
- Learn about innovations in implementing clinical pharmacy services in hospitals and ambulatory care settings
- Review current issues and advances in medication safety
- Examine the pharmacist’s role and shared accountability in patient education and improved patient outcomes
- Optimize patient outcomes through the safe, efficient, and cost-effective use of medications
- Identify strategies for improving medication prescribing in hospitals
- Prevent medication-related problems in risky patient populations
- Drive the advancement of technical, human, and leadership competencies of pharmacists and pharmacy staff in complex and rapidly changing organizations
- Develop highly effective medication management strategies
- Create new models of pharmacy practice that leverage the expertise and unique abilities of pharmacists

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