



Securing Trust – Revalidation for Pharmacy Professionals in Great Britain

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Pharmacy in the UK has undergone great change over the past 10 years. Increasingly, pharmacy roles appear in places they would not have appeared traditionally, such as general practice and public health. And pharmacy’s contribution in supporting the health and well-being of the general public from the tried-and-tested community pharmacy setting has broadened. Not many pharmacists practicing today would say their workplace is the same as where they initially trained.

Alongside the changing role of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, there has also been a shift in how pharmacy

professionals are regulated. Reform, coming to fruition in 2010, led to formation of the independent regulator for Great Britain known as the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).¹ Its job: to secure and maintain trust and safety in pharmacy as a whole.

Regulators in the past have typically focused on just one group of their registrants – those against whom a concern has been raised. But that approach ignored the positive impacts that professions and regulators can have through other means.

In 2017, the GPhC launched new standards for pharmacy professionals, crafted through extensive public and professional engagement, to embody in nine simple statements the core of what it means to be a pharmacy professional (Figure 1).² These standards are the same regardless of where someone



Figure 1. Standards for pharmacy professionals in Great Britain.

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works or what they do in their work. Moreover, the standards are outcome focused rather than a list of rules to follow. And they are the basis of the trust that members of the public have with the professions.

Having standards alone, though, is not enough in the public mind. The public has an expectation that health professionals are in some way periodically tested against what it means to be a professional. In 2018, following the standards, the council introduced revalidation for pharmacy professionals.³ On an annual basis, all pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in Great Britain must provide their regulator with records of their continuing professional development, where at least two entries must be planned learning activities, a peer discussion, and a reflective account based on the standards for pharmacy professionals. And every year, some of these records are selected (through targeting and at random) to be reviewed by experts. In addition, the GPhC has put together a framework for revalidation that sets out its expectations of pharmacy professionals.⁴ Revalidation is meant to demonstrate to the

public that members of the professions are reflecting on their practice and learning for the benefit of the people using their services. Revalidation demonstrates, in the eyes of the public, that trust is well placed.

Revalidation for pharmacy professionals is now in its second year. The GPhC is continuing to roll this out while considering how it works to continuously improve on it.

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2019 ACCP International Symposium Will Be Held in London



The 2019 ACCP International Symposium, titled “Antimicrobial Resistance – From Pathogenesis to Patient Care,” will be held September 13, 2019, in London, UK. The goal of the 1-day activity

is to educate and engage pharmacists in applying scientific and clinical evidence to real-world patient cases in order to optimize patient care and outcomes.

At the end of the symposium, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the evolution and current understanding of the mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance
- Evaluate the effectiveness of antimicrobial therapy for multidrug-resistant gram-positive and gram-negative pathogens
- Recommend management strategies for multidrug-resistant gram-positive and gram-negative infections
- Devise a monitoring plan to assess the efficacy and safety of antimicrobial therapy
- Apply contemporary clinical evidence to optimize health and patient outcomes

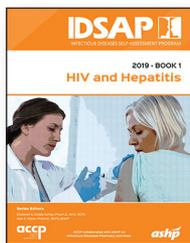
Program faculty Christopher M. Bland, Pharm.D., FCCP, FIDSA, BCPS, will lead the day’s activities, appraising the most up-to-date evidence on the management of multidrug-resistant infections and engaging participants in exercises to apply the evidence to the patient cases and practice scenarios encountered in clinical practice.

Symposium Agenda	
8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:20 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
8:30 a.m.	Antimicrobial Resistance: Threats and Pathogenesis
10:00 a.m.	Tea Break
10:30 a.m.	Multidrug-Resistant Gram-positive Infections: Evidence-Based Management and Outcomes
Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Multidrug-Resistant Gram-negative Infections: Evidence-Based Management and Outcomes
2:30 p.m.	Tea Break
3:00 p.m.	Patient Cases: Applying the Evidence
4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks

Participants will be able to earn 6.0 hours of application-based continuing pharmacy education credit. Detailed information on “Antimicrobial Resistance – From Pathogenesis to Patient Care” is available at www.accp.com/store/product.aspx?pc=INT_EDUC_PGM_19.



Book Highlights



HIV and Hepatitis an ACCP Publication

HIV and Hepatitis is the inaugural title in the Infectious Diseases Self-Assessment Program (IDSAP). Released May 15, 2019, the book offers a total of 15.0 hours of continuing pharmacy education (CPE)

credit divided into three modules as follows:

- **Module 1: HIV (6.0 CPE credit hours)**
 - HIV Pharmacotherapy
 - Prevention of HIV Infection
 - Opportunistic Infections in the Patient with HIV
- **Module 2: Hepatitis (5.0 CPE credit hours)**
 - Hepatitis A, B, and D
 - Hepatitis C Virus Infection
- **Module 3: HIV and Hepatitis (e-module, 4.0 CPE credit hours)**
 - HIV and HCV Drug Interactions (interactive case)

- Promoting HIV/HCV Clinical Pharmacy Services via Telemedicine (recorded webcast)

Board Certified Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (BCIDPs) interested in completing the learning activities offered in *HIV and Hepatitis* for specialty recertification credit must successfully complete the web-based test by November 15, 2019. Pharmacists seeking CPE credit must successfully complete the test by May 14, 2022.

Future books to be released in the IDSAP series and their release dates are as follows:

- Multidrug-Resistant Gram-negative Infections (November 15, 2019)
- PK/PD in Special Populations and Antimicrobial Prophylaxis (May 15, 2020)
- Resistant Gram-positive Infections (November 16, 2020)
- Infections in Immunocompromised Patients (May 17, 2021)
- Cardiopulmonary Infections (November 15, 2021)

More information on the IDSAP series and the current release, *HIV and Hepatitis*, is available at www.accp.com/store/product.aspx?pc=IDSAP_2019-2021.

Visit ACCP in Abu Dhabi!



ACCP will exhibit at the 79th FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, September 22–26, 2019.

For the latest resources on advancing clinical pharmacy practice, research, and education, visit ACCP at Booth #1.

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A Message from the Editor

Dear Colleagues:

The featured article in this issue of *ACCP International Clinical Pharmacist*, titled “Securing Trust – Revalidation for Pharmacy Professionals in Great Britain,” describes the General Pharmaceutical Council’s standards for pharmacy professionals. In addition, it describes a revalidation process launched by the council in 2018 to ensure continued public trust in the pharmacy profession. Revalidation is based on the continuing professional development activities that the individual pharmacist participates in each year.

The 2019 ACCP International Symposium will focus on antimicrobial resistance. This 1-day, highly interactive program, to be held on September 13 in London, will offer participants a unique opportunity for networking with like-minded colleagues from across the globe, appraise the most up-to-date evidence on the subject, and identify optimal strategies for treating patients with multidrug-resistant infections.

Also related to infectious diseases is the title featured in the Book Highlights department: *HIV and Hepatitis*. This book is the first of six releases to be published under the Infectious Diseases Self-Assessment Program (IDSAP) in 2019–2021. Designed for the advanced practitioner and covering a broad spectrum of infectious diseases and topical practice issues, IDSAP is the go-to resource for all pharmacists caring for patients with infectious disease and managing or overseeing antimicrobial stewardship programs.

ACCP will travel abroad again this September, exhibiting at the 2019 FIP congress in Abu Dhabi, UAE. If you will be attending, stop by the ACCP booth. We will be there for the duration of the congress.

Sincerely,



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