

President's Column Provider Status: Still Relevant in Value-Based Care?



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Many state and national pharmacy organizations are pursuing legislative initiatives designed to advance pharmacist practice and improve the health of patients. Among the most prominent of these initiatives are disease state management protocols, comprehensive medication management (CMM), and provider status. Given the time and resources required to achieve legislative and regulatory change, organizations like ACCP must be selective about which initiatives they pursue, prioritizing those they believe will have the most impact.

Kentucky recently joined California and a few other states in expanding the pharmacist scope of practice to make pharmacists active participants in the care of their patients. New regulations now allow pharmacists to prescribe in collaboration with physicians using approved protocols for patients with a wide range of conditions, including acute infections, tobacco cessation, and opioid use disorder.

Extending beyond these disease state management protocols, CMM provides direct patient care services focused on addressing medication-related issues. When provided by qualified clinical pharmacists working as members of the patient's health care team, CMM can improve patient outcomes through medication optimization. ACCP believes that to deliver better care, reduce cost, and achieve healthier people and communities, it is vital to establish a truly team-based, patient-centered approach in delivering CMM within evolving delivery and payment models.

ACCP is currently engaged in many efforts to advance CMM, including an initiative advocating amendment of Medicare Part B to cover CMM (<https://www.accp.com/govt/medicare.aspx>), an ongoing College-funded study led by ACCP members Drs. Mary Roth McClurg and

Todd Sorensen to enhance primary care medical practice through CMM (see <https://www.accp.com/report/index.aspx?iss=1217&art=4>), and an educational forum during next month's ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. The forum (ACCP's *Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum*) will allow attendees to identify how the CMM patient care process can be applied in different clinical settings and how various CMM practice management components can guide clinical pharmacy practice growth and improvement. For further information and registration details, visit https://www.updatesintherapeutics.com/practice_forum/schedule.aspx?mode=details&i=6613.

In the past decade, the pharmacy profession has pursued "provider status" for pharmacists—seeking to include pharmacists in the Social Security Act as a "provider" and permitting pharmacists to bill for allowable services provided under Medicare Part B. However, although provider status would allow pharmacists to bill Medicare, it would still not authorize them to manage a patient's medication therapy or provide CMM. This begs the question of whether pharmacists' ability to bill Medicare for services they can't necessarily perform in many states would really advance the profession and benefit patients.

Like all health care professionals, pharmacists need to be compensated for the work they perform, and provider status could allow for fee-for-service billing to Medicare Part B. However, fee-for-service billing is becoming less and less relevant. For example, under bundled payment arrangements, health systems do not bill for individual provider services. Thus, even with provider status, pharmacist-provided care might not be billable. As health care financing continues to move toward paying for value instead of paying for volume (e.g., as occurs in an ACO model), the more efficiently care is provided, the more successful health systems will be in achieving their desired outcomes. Hence, regardless of whether pharmacists can bill as "providers," their contributions in today's patient-centered, team-based settings are essential to optimizing patients' medication-related outcomes.

Thus, it's time to stop expending time and resources on increasingly irrelevant "provider status"; instead, we must focus on regulatory and policy changes that will allow us to contribute maximal value to contemporary, team-based practices—settings that are increasingly subject to emerging alternative payment models. Accordingly, we must expand our professional scope of practice commensurate with our education, training, and documented competence; focus our efforts on providing medication optimization services rather than just "billing for services"; and recognize that medication optimization is the value proposition that we bring to the health care system as we seek to transform the health of our patients.

ACCP's Prep Courses Available February 2018—There Is Still Time to Register Online



ACCP's upcoming prep courses will be delivered February 16–18, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida. ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® preparatory review and recertification courses are designed for pharmacy professionals preparing for the specialty certification examinations administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS), for specialists seeking recertification through continuing education, and for those seeking a self-paced refresher course in the pharmacotherapeutic management of specialty specific conditions and contemporary clinical practice topics. Discounted online registration will be available at www.accp.com/ut until January 19, 2018.

In addition to the ambulatory care pharmacy and pharmacotherapy review and recertification courses, registrants will have access to the new cardiology pharmacy and infectious diseases pharmacy preparatory review courses. These new courses offer a comprehensive review of the respective specialty while providing proven case-based teaching to maximize the participant's preparation for the exam. Updates in Therapeutics® 2018 will also feature the *Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Clinical Trial Design Workshop*, an in-depth, interactive pre-course workshop designed to strengthen the participant's understanding of core biostatistics and clinical trial design concepts. This workshop is part of a BPS-approved professional development program for BCACP, BCCCP, BCPPS, and BCPS recertification credit. A separate registration fee is required for the workshop.

Take advantage of the discounted online registration rates by registering by January 19, 2018. For more information about ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2018 or to view the full meeting schedule, register, or reserve hotel accommodations, visit www.accp.com/ut.

ACCP Welcomes Kathy Pham, Pharm.D., BCPPS, as New Director, Policy and Professional Affairs



ACCP is pleased to announce that Kathy Pham, Pharm.D., BCPPS, has joined the ACCP Washington, D.C., office as Director, Policy and Professional Affairs. Pham comes to ACCP from the Pew Charitable Trusts, where she served as senior officer, drug safety project. Previously she was the NICU clinical specialist at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for 8 years, as well as the pharmacy residency program director.

Pham graduated with a B.S. degree in pharmacy and a Pharm.D. degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. She then completed a pharmacy practice residency with pediatric emphasis at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She went on to teach as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Long Island University and became board certified in pharmacotherapy in 2006. She pursued a stronger pediatric focus in her clinical practice as a pediatric clinical pharmacist at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey, before specializing in neonatology at Children's National in 2008. Last year, she became a board-certified pediatric pharmacotherapy specialist.

Pham has served as a peer reviewer for many journals, including the *Journal of Pediatric Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, *Journal of Pediatrics*, *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*, and *Current Medical Research and Opinion*. She was also a peer reviewer for the ACCP *Pediatric Pharmacotherapy* textbook and a contributing editor for *Reference Range Values for Pediatric Care*, released in spring 2014.

Pham's active contribution and service to professional associations has been primarily through the advocacy committee at the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group, where she chaired the legislative affairs and public policy subcommittee for 7 years in addition to other leadership roles. She has also been a volunteer practitioner surveyor for ASHP. She has been active on the local affiliate level as president of the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists. In May 2011, she volunteered as a pharmacist in Haiti at the Hospital Bernard Mevs with Project Medishare. Also in 2011, she was appointed to the BPS Pediatric Pharmacy Practice

Analysis Taskforce. In 2014, she was appointed to the FDA Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee, representing pediatric pharmacy and public health experts until recently.

In her new role as Director, Policy and Professional Affairs, Pham will lead ACCP's engagement, collaboration, and communication with medical, pharmacy, other health professional societies, health quality organizations, and payers/purchasers to promote and help achieve medication optimization for individual patients and populations. Her responsibilities will also include participating in appropriate working groups and task forces of health policy development and research enterprises at the national level that address issues of inter-professional practice, research, and education. ACCP is delighted to welcome Dr. Pham to the D.C. office!

Should FIT or MeRIT Be on Your 2018 Calendar?

The ACCP Research Institute (RI) will host informational conference calls for anyone interested in learning more about the RI's programs for pharmacist-investigator development: the Focused Investigator Training (FIT) and Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) programs. The primary purpose of each conference call is to help familiarize potential applicants with each program's process and outcomes. Those interested in learning more about the FIT and MeRIT programs need participate in only one of the informational calls scheduled for each of the desired programs. Contact Carla Scarborough (cscarborough@accp.com or 913-492-2218) for dial-in information.

MeRIT informational conference calls:

- Tuesday, January 30, 2018:
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (EST)
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018:
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (EST)



FIT informational conference calls:

- Tuesday, January 30, 2018:
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (EST)
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018:
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (EST)



FIT and MeRIT will be held June 25–29, 2018, on the campus of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Letters of intent to attend FIT or MeRIT are due February 28, and full applications are due March 31, 2018. For an informational brochure or a program application, visit accpri.org/investigator.

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Registration Deadline Nears



Register Your Team by February 7

Critically evaluating and applying primary literature is an essential skill for clinical pharmacists. Research and scholarship contributes to improved health outcomes for patients and advances in the profession of clinical pharmacy. The ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is an innovative and unique competition that offers teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and the chance to submit a clinical research proposal. Don't wait—register your team today. The team registration deadline is February 7, 2018. [Register now!](#)

Eligibility

Participation in the ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is voluntary, with no entry fee required. The competition is open only to pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree from an accredited institution, or one that has been granted candidate status, who are in the first 2 years of their first professional pharmacy degree program (P1 and P2 students for 4-year programs; P1 and P2 students for 3-year accelerated programs and the first 2 professional years of 0-6 or 0-7 year programs). Only one team per institution may enter the competition. Institutions with branch campuses, distance satellites, or more than one interested team are encouraged to conduct a [local competition](#). ACCP provides a written examination that institutions may use as a basis for their local competition, if they wish. This examination is now available and may be requested by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member by e-mailing Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

Format

All eligible teams will have the opportunity to compete in round 1: Online Journal Club. Teams achieving the top 40 scores after round 1 will advance to round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. Should ties occur among the teams, the top 40 scores will be determined by the time required to complete the online journal club exam.

Teams advancing to round 2 will be provided information regarding the research environment, which will include a specified budget and timeline in which the proposed research must be completed. Eligible teams will have 2½ weeks to develop and submit an LOI online following the criteria outlined [here](#).

Teams achieving the top 20 scores after the LOI round will be advanced to round 3: Research Protocol Design and be invited to submit a complete research proposal. Teams will be notified regarding their status to participate in round 3 by e-mail by March 23, 2018. Proposals are due by midnight (CST) April 20, 2018. For more information on round 3: Research Protocol Design click [here](#).

Registration

Students need not be ACCP members to participate. Team registration should be submitted online and must be initiated by a current faculty member at the respective institution. Students interested in forming a team should contact their ACCP [faculty liaison](#).

The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility is **February 7, 2018**. For additional competition information, including registration, schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click [here](#).

JACCP Is Now Accepting Submissions



The Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP) is now accepting manuscript submissions across the spectrum of clinical pharmacy

practice, including original research and review articles on practice-based implementation science, innovations in practice, medication optimization and patient outcomes, economic outcomes, clinical pharmacy education and training, international clinical pharmacy practice, health care policy influencing clinical pharmacists, and care delivery models.

The journal's editorial board is composed of scholars representing the many different facets of clinical pharmacy practice who are committed to producing a journal that will benefit you and your clinical pharmacy practice.

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The first issue of *JACCP* will be published in October 2018, and all ACCP members will receive the journal with no increase in membership dues. Instructions to authors can be accessed [here](#), and additional frequently asked questions are addressed [here](#).

FCCP Nominations Due February 15



The 2017 class of ACCP Fellows.

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Are you planning to nominate a colleague for Fellowship in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP)? Fellowship in ACCP recognizes excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy and is awarded to individuals who have made sustained contributions to the College and who have demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

To be considered for Fellowship, candidates must be nominated by any of the following: two Full Members of ACCP, one Fellow of ACCP, or a member of the Board of Regents. Separate letters of recommendation are not required or considered in the evaluation process. Nominees for FCCP must (1) be Full Members of ACCP for at least 5 years, (2) have been in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree (Pharm.D. or B.S.), and (3) have made sustained contributions to ACCP.

Once the nomination period closes, eligible nominees receive e-mail notification of their nomination and are asked to submit the necessary application materials to be considered for recognition as a Fellow. Completed applications are reviewed by the Credentials: Fellowship Committee and are subsequently submitted for approval by the ACCP Board of Regents.

After nomination by their colleagues, Fellow candidates undergo a comprehensive evaluation of their service to the College and their practice and research accomplishments. Individuals nominated as a Fellow must have made a substantial contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentations at College-sponsored meetings; service as a reviewer for ACCP, *Pharmacotherapy*, or the ACCP Research Institute; contributions to College publications; service as a committee member; or contributions as a Practice and Research Network chair, chapter officer, or elected ACCP officer or regent. Practice and research criteria evaluated by the committee include examples of patient care service or educational programs developed by the nominee; certifications or other credentials earned; drug therapy management responsibilities; educational presentations; consultantships; service to publications; original research presentations, projects, funding, and publications; and other professional activities and awards.

Newly elected Fellows are inducted during the College's Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony and recognized at the Annual Fellows Dinner. Fellows may be recognized by the initials "FCCP" as a part of their title as long as they are ACCP members in good standing.

Submit nominations for FCCPs online [here](#). The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15. For more information about nominating or becoming a Fellow of ACCP, e-mail ACCP at membership@accp.com.

Register Now for ACCP's Board Certification Prep Courses to Be Held in April

ACCP's newest educational offering—regional Board Certification Prep Courses—will be presented April 21–22, 2018, in Pomona, California. Registration is now open at <https://www.accp.com/meetings/reg18>.

The discounted, advance registration rate is available through Monday, April 2.

The courses include Ambulatory Care and Pharmacotherapy, as well as two new courses, Cardiology and Infectious Diseases, and will be presented at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in Pomona, California.

ACCP will also offer preparatory courses at Updates in Therapeutics® 2018, February 16–18 in Jacksonville, Florida. The regional ACCP Board Certification Prep Courses in Pomona are designed for the convenience of attendees in California and surrounding states who may be unable to travel across the country to attend Updates in Therapeutics® 2018.

The regional ACCP Board Certification Prep Courses will be condensed for presentation over a 2-day period to minimize attendees' travel time, travel expense, and time away from their professional practices. Attendees will, however, receive the full, 3-day Updates in Therapeutics® 2018 course experience. Each attendee will receive access to supplemental course content delivered online, which will be included in the full registration fee for the regional ACCP Board Certification Prep Courses.

For full course information and to register, visit the ACCP website at <https://www.accp.com/meetings/reg18>. Register by April 2 to take advantage of the discounted, advance registration rate.

ACCP Member Spotlight: Elias B. Chahine



Elias B. Chahine, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS-AQ ID, is currently an associate professor of pharmacy practice at Palm Beach Atlantic University Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy. Chahine graduated from Saint-Joseph University with a "doctorat d'exercice en pharmacie" degree and received his Pharm.D. degree from the Lebanese American University. He then completed a drug information graduate internship at Eli Lilly, a pharmacy practice residency at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital affiliated with Columbia University, and the AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program. In addition, Chahine has completed the ACCP Academy certificate programs in teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and leadership and management; APhA programs in immunizations, medication therapy management, and travel health; an NACDS program in point-of-care testing; and a University of Toronto workshop on OSCEs (objective structured clinical examinations).

Chahine maintains an active practice in infectious diseases as a clinical pharmacy specialist at Wellington Regional Medical Center and coordinates an integrated infectious diseases pharmacotherapy course. He has written more than 40 articles and continuing education programs in the areas of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy, immunizations, pharmacy education, and medical missions. He has also written four infectious diseases book chapters in the ACCP *Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program* and the *ACCP Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Preparatory Review Course*. He is currently chair of the ACCP Infectious Diseases PRN and member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP). He is an elected ACCP Fellow and the recipient of several teaching and practice awards, including the FSHP Residency Preceptor of the Year and Pharmacist Forerunner awards and the ACCP Infectious Diseases PRN Clinical Practice, Preceptor Servant Leader, Preceptor of Distinction, and Teacher of the Year awards.

Chahine believes that clinical pharmacy combines his desire for a career in health care and education. With his interest in infectious diseases, which was spurred on by a passionate professor, he strives to empower health care professionals, trainees, and patients to promote the judicious and appropriate use of antimicrobials in order to optimize clinical outcomes, halt resistance, decrease adverse effects, and optimize resource use.

Chahine states that, after completing residency training, ACCP has allowed him “to interact with and learn from some of the brightest clinical pharmacy practitioners, researchers, and educators from across the country.” The networking opportunities and professional development programs available through ACCP have helped him further develop his skills as a clinician, teacher, researcher, and leader. He reflects, “ACCP provided me a way to connect with these outstanding pharmacists from outside my institution, which helped me to broaden my horizon and stay up to date with contemporary pharmacy practice.”

In addition to his work, Chahine is engaged in community service and international medical missions. He has led teams of pharmacists and students on medical mission trips to Mpulungu, Zambia; San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic; Manaus, Brazil; and Anchorage, Alaska, which provided free pharmacy services to underserved patients in collaboration with local prescribers.

Register for 2018 ACCP Academy Programming



Register now for the 2018 ACCP Academy programming, offered as a component of the Updates in Therapeutics® meeting, February 16–18, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Here is the schedule of the modules that will be offered:

Leadership and Management

Interpersonal Leadership Development	Friday, February 16
Character, Virtue, and Ethics: Ramifications for Leaders	Friday, February 16
Managing Conflict: Conversations for Effective Communication and Negotiation	Friday, February 16
Attributes of a Leader	Saturday, February 17

Research and Scholarship

Statistical Issues	Friday, February 16
Extending Your Research Tool Kit	Friday, February 16
Regulatory and Ethical Issues	Saturday, February 17

Teaching and Learning

Lifelong Learning: Teaching and Modeling Professional Education and Evidence-Based Medicine for Patient Care	Saturday, February 17
The What, Why, and How of Interprofessional Education	Saturday, February 17
Implementing Teaching and Learning Strategies	Sunday, February 18
Assessing Student Learning	Sunday, February 18

[Click here](#) for detailed information and to enroll in the ACCP Academy.

[Click here](#) to register for the 2018 ACCP Academy programming. **The early registration deadline is Friday, January 19.**

Call for Nominations

Due February 15, 2018 – Nominations for the 2018 Parker Medal, the 2018 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2018 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs). All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. The online nominations portal specifies the nominating materials required for each award, honor, and elective office. [Click here to access the nominations portal.](#) Please see individual award descriptions below.

2018 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to improving or expanding the profession of pharmacy in an area of professional service—including, but not limited to, patient care, leadership, administration, finance, technology, information processing, service delivery, models of care, and advocacy. The award is not limited to pharmacists or ACCP members. All nominations must consist of a letter detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the profession of pharmacy; the nominee’s curriculum vitae, resume, or biographical sketch as available; and a minimum of three letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current practice locale. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, *Pharmacotherapy* Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.**

2018 ACCP Fellows: Fellowship is awarded in recognition of continued excellence in clinical pharmacy practice or research. 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 must be nominated by any two Full Members other than the nominee, by any Fellow, or by any member of the Board of Regents. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, *Pharmacotherapy* Board of Directors, or Credentials: FCCP Committee are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.**

2018 New Investigator Award: This award highlights the research program of an ACCP member who has made a major impact on an aspect of clinical pharmaceutical science. Nominees must have been at the time of nomination members of ACCP for more than 3 years; they must have a research program with a significant publication record having a programmatic theme or an especially noteworthy single publication; and it must have been less than 6 years since completion of their terminal training or degree, whichever is most recent. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support (also from ACCP members) that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support are allowed, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.**

2018 New Clinical Practitioner Award: This award recognizes a new clinical practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the health of patients and/or the practice of clinical pharmacy. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for a minimum of 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within the past 6 years. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support (also from ACCP members) that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may be provided, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.**

2018 New Educator Award: This award recognizes and honors a new educator for outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for a minimum of 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within the past 6 years. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for

the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support (also from ACCP members) that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may be provided, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.**

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The ACCP Research Institute (RI) sincerely thanks all of its 2017 Frontiers Fund donors. Your generosity has been at work in 2017 supporting the following:

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2018 Midterm Elections! ACCP-PAC Contributions Support Bipartisan Health Care Leaders in Congress



Heading into the 2018 election season, ACCP-PAC has almost \$60,000 cash on hand to support elected officials and candidates who are committed to a care delivery system in which clinical pharmacists, working within integrated medical practices, are responsible for providing significant portions of the medication management work and for helping to achieve clinical goal attainment for patients' medication use.

ACCP's advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., related to its Medicare Initiative are perfectly aligned with the College's ongoing and ever-expanding clinical practice advancement initiatives essential for integrating clinical pharmacy services into contemporary team-based health care delivery. ACCP is entirely focused on providing clinical pharmacists with the actionable tools,

knowledge, and skills needed to meaningfully transform practice management and leadership development.

Amid the sometimes toxic political environment in Washington, D.C., where the partisan divide has reached unprecedented levels, ACCP is targeting true health care leaders from both parties who are willing to work with colleagues across the aisle to enact health care legislation focused on team-based, patient-centered care that measures and rewards quality and outcomes.

However, because these moderate, bipartisan legislators will inevitably face primary challenges from the fringes of their respective parties, it is vital that ACCP be able to provide support for such leaders in order to ensure they remain in Washington and continue to advance policies that meaningfully address current U.S. health care issues.

Only ACCP members are eligible to contribute to the PAC and allow it to make these vital political contributions. With its more than 18,000 ACCP members, ACCP is in a position to become one of the most prominent pharmacy PACs in Washington. To do this, the PAC needs the widespread support of the ACCP membership.

If each ACCP member contributed just \$25, ACCP-PAC would raise over \$350,000. All ACCP members should consider donating at least \$25 to ACCP-PAC. [Click here to support your PAC today!](#)

Register Today for the ACCP Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum

Online registration is still available for the [Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum](#) at [ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2018](#), to be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront hotel in Jacksonville, Florida! ACCP's February meeting will continue to deliver best-in-class specialty certification preparatory review and recertification courses and ACCP Academy programming, now with two scientific poster presentation sessions and a hands-on, interactive series of programs to assist practitioners with developing and/or enhancing their clinical pharmacy services to deliver comprehensive medication management.

The forum will kick off with a compelling keynote delivered by Dennis Wagner, Paul McGann, and Anita Thomas of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and will be facilitated by Dr. Mark Loafman of Cook County Health and Hospitals System. In addition, participants will get a first look at the learnings of the CMM Effectiveness and Implementation Grant study, which will be deployed for use during this engaging forum. Attendees may earn up to 11.5 hours of CPE credit from the forum and up to 2.0 hours of CPE credit from the poster sessions. Complete program information and registration details may be found on the [ACCP Updates in Therapeutics®](#) webpage. For maximum savings, register by Friday, January 19.

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