Registration Now Open for ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019

Mark your calendar for the ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 meeting, to be held April 27–28 at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri. Registration is now available at www.updatesintherapeutics.com.

ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 will offer three meetings in one, with (1) ACCP’s nationally recognized and proven preparatory review courses in Pharmacotherapy and Critical Care; (2) ACCP’s Academy programming highlighting best practices in Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning; and (3) ACCP’s popular Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum.

Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses in Pharmacotherapy and Critical Care
ACCP’s preparatory review and recertification courses are designed for pharmacy professionals who are 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 of pharmacotherapeutic management of specialty-specific conditions and contemporary clinical practice topics.

ACCP Academy Programming
The three ACCP Academy programs – Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning – deliver required modules and electives according to preestablished course schedules.

Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum
The forum offers a series of hands-on, interactive programs to help practitioners develop and/or enhance clinical pharmacy services and the delivery of comprehensive medication management. Attendees in 2019 will also learn more about the results and deliverables of the ACCP-funded CMM Effectiveness and Implementation Grant study.
Poster Sessions and Biostatistics Premeeting Workshop

In addition to the preparatory review and recertification courses, the ACCP Academy programs, and the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum, ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 will feature poster presentations and the Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Clinical Trial Design premeeting workshop. The poster presentations will be open to anyone registered for any of the three meetings associated with ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. The premeeting workshop will be held Friday, April 26, and will offer 5.0 hours of recertification credit in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, or Pharmacotherapy.

Hotel and Meeting Registration

ACCP has selected The Parkway Hotel as the headquarters hotel for the ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 meeting. This hotel is conveniently located next door to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy campus. The hotel is offering ACCP meeting attendees discounted room rates ($143.00 king bed/$148 two double beds, plus taxes). To make a reservation within the ACCP discounted room block, click here or call the hotel at (314) 256-7777 and ask for discounted room block #8998. The discounted room rate is based on availability and is available through April 1, 2019. Plan to register for the meeting and book your hotel room early.

Early-bird registration rates expire March 29. Register online today to take advantage of these savings.

ACCP and ASHP Launch Multispecialty Collaboration on Board Certification Review and Recertification

ACCP and ASHP have expanded their established collaboration in board certification review and recertification in Oncology Pharmacy to include four additional specialties recognized by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS): Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Cardiology Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Infectious Diseases Pharmacy.

Through this collaboration, ACCP members will have access to the board review and recertification resources developed by both organizations in both live and home study formats at member prices. These educational resources will become available to ACCP members later in 2019 and beyond. For more information on the educational resources to be offered through the expanded collaboration, visit www.rxcertifications.org.

Register Now for ACCP/ASHP Board Review and Recertification Courses

Among the first offerings available are the upcoming ACCP/ASHP board review and recertification courses in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy, to be presented live May 2–4, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These comprehensive 3-day courses, taught by leading experts, use a highly interactive and engaging case-based instructional approach to present the domains, tasks, and knowledge statements developed by BPS for the relevant specialty examination. The registration fee for each board review course includes:

- Online audio recordings of the live course
- Printed course slide decks
- Online access to the course workbook in electronic (PDF) format
- Automatic (free) registration to the 2019 Developing Effective Test-Taking Skills Webinar (to be presented in June 2019)
- The opportunity to earn Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credit for the course

The registration fee for the recertification version of the courses includes:

- Online audio recordings of the live course
- Printed course slide decks
- Online access to the course workbook in electronic (PDF) format
- The opportunity to earn Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credit for the course
- Access to the online recertification posttest

Registration for each of the courses is open now. Course enrollment size is limited, so register now to secure a spot. Discounted registration rates apply through March 22, 2019. The regular registration deadline is April 12, 2019.

Additional Board Prep, Recertification Resources to Be Released

ACCP and ASHP also will offer board preparatory/recertification courses in the new Cardiology Pharmacy and Infectious Diseases Pharmacy specialties. These courses are currently in development and will become available exclusively for home study on June 26, 2019. The home study preparatory version of the Ambulatory Care course will also be released on June 26. The home study preparatory versions of the Geriatric Pharmacy and Oncology Pharmacy courses will be released on July 10.

Additional board review and recertification products in all five specialties – Ambulatory Care, Cardiology, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, and Oncology – will be released through the ACCP/ASHP collaboration later in 2019 and beyond. For more information on these resources as they become available, visit www.rxcertifications.org.
2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Registration Available Online Register by February 6, 2019

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 the science and practice of clinical pharmacy. This innovative and unique competition offers teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and submit a clinical research proposal. Team Registration Deadline for the 2019 Challenge: February 6, 2019. Register Now.

Eligibility
Participation in the ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is voluntary, and no entry fee is required. The competition is only open 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 desire. This examination for 2019 is now available and may be requested by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member by e-mail. Please address your e-mail request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

Format
All eligible teams in 2019 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. In the event of a tie, the top 40 scores will be determined by the time it takes the teams 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 specific criteria.

Teams achieving the top 20 scores after the LOI round will advance to round 3: Research Protocol Design and be invited to submit a complete research proposal. Each team will be notified regarding its eligibility to participate in round 3 via e-mail by March 25, 2019. Proposals are due by April 19, 2019, at midnight (CST). For more information on round 3: Research Protocol Design, click here.

Registration
Students are not required to be ACCP members to participate. Team registration should be submitted online and must be initiated by a current faculty member at the team’s institution. Students interested in forming a team should contact their ACCP faculty liaison. The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is February 6, 2019. For additional competition information, including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click here.

FCCP Nominations Due February 15

ACCP’s 2018 class of fellows was introduced during the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy Awards and Recognition ceremony last October.

New fellows pictured are (back row from left) Darrel W. Hughes, Steven P. Dunn, Bryan L. Love, John Brock Harris, Christopher R. Ensor, G. Robert DeYoung, Melissa E. Badowski, Andrew J. Crannage, Marc H. Scheetz, and David T. Bearden; (middle row from left) Steven M. Smith, Chasity M. Shelton, Stephanie D. Nichols, Jeong Mi Park, Maya Campara, Joseph M. Swanson, Scott Bolesfa, Diana M. Sobieraj, Chris M. Herndon, Aaron Cook, and Lingtak-Neander Chan; (front row from left) Katy E. Trinkley, Warren Rose, Emily P. Peron, Patricia R. Wigle, Emily L. Knezevich, Jennifer E. Stark, Suzanne G. Bollmeier, Kira B. Harris, Ashley H. Meredith, Allison B. Blackmer, Molly G. Minze, Christina M. Madison, and C. Edwin Webb.

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 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.

Fellow candidates undergo a comprehensive evaluation of their service to the College and their practice and research accomplishments. They 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/ACCP Foundation; 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 and Recognition 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.

Nominations for FCCP are submitted online at www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15. For more information about nominating or becoming a Fellow of ACCP, please e-mail membership@accp.com.

President’s Column
A Year of Celebration!

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This year marks the 40th anniversary of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Forty years! Some might say we are now entering “middle age.” Milestones such as these provide an opportunity to reflect on where we have been as an organization and what directions we will chart for the future. For an organization, reflecting on the environment at the time of its inception, and its founding principles, is a worthwhile endeavor.

- Are our core values still guiding the organization?
- Are they relevant for the profession today and as we look forward to the next 40 years?
- What should our goals be in the next 40 years?

What was the health care and pharmacy practice landscape like in 1979? Donald Brodie’s 1961 article in the American Journal of Hospital Pharmacy (AJHP) suggested that hospital pharmacists should provide consultative services in therapeutics and pharmacology. Brodie used the term drug use control in hopes of defining the pharmacist’s responsibility in ensuring optimal medication distribution and safety. William Zellmer, as editor of AJHP, endorsed the concept that “the pharmacist holds ultimate responsibility for drug use control.” A decade later, in 1971, the National Center for Health Services Research and Development convened a task force to draft criteria for the clinical role of pharmacists in any health care setting. By 1977, there were 10 schools of pharmacy with fully accredited Pharm.D. programs.

With these elements in place, ACCP was founded in September 1979 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. There were 29 founding members, and Kim Kelly was elected as the first president. The other inaugural officers of the College were William Evans, Donald McLeod, and John Rodman. At its inception, ACCP...
defined clinical pharmacy as “a health science discipline that embodies the application, by pharmacists, of the scientific principles of pharmacology, toxicology, pharmacokinetics, and therapeutics to the care of the patients.” Although organizations such as the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP) may have embraced clinical pharmacy, they were focused on the larger landscape of pharmacy practice.

ACCP’s founding members were intent on forming an organization that would be the voice and home of clinical pharmacy. The newly formed College would work to advance high-quality professional education and practice. ACCP also became the leading voice promoting “clinical” residencies. Early on, most clinical pharmacists were practicing in teaching hospitals, and many were full-time pharmacy (or medical) faculty. ACCP embraced clinical practice, education, and research as its pillars. Early successes of the College and its members included petitioning the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS; now the Board of Pharmacy Specialties) to recognize clinical pharmacy as a specialty. After some debate regarding its name, that specialty was approved and called pharmacotherapy (the specialty of today’s BCPS designation). The College also spurred the FDA to affirm that those who held the Pharm.D. degree could be eligible to serve as principal investigators in clinical research studies. Pharmacotherapy, founded by Russell R. Miller (see the story, “Pharmacotherapy: 38 Years in Print,” elsewhere in this issue), later became ACCP’s official journal. Then, only 2 years after the College was founded, in 1981, the ACCP Research Institute was established to support clinical pharmacy research. Quite an auspicious beginning!

To commemorate its 30th anniversary in 2009, ACCP published Clinical Pharmacy in the United States: Transformation of a Profession. The profession of pharmacy was transforming from a “product-focused profession to one that is patient focused.” In the introduction, authors Robert Elenbaas (ACCP’s first executive director) and Dennis Worthen challenged the profession to truly realize the 2004 JCPP Vision of Pharmacy Practice in 2015 (www.accp.com/docs/positions/misc/JCPPVisionStatement.pdf) developed by the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners, which stated that pharmacists will be the health care professionals responsible for providing patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes in the next 10–20 years (emphasis added). Moreover, the JCPP vision called for ALL pharmacists, regardless of practice setting, to be responsible for ensuring optimal patient outcomes.

In 2019, we continue our quest to ensure that all pharmacists across the care continuum assume responsibility for medication optimization (as evidenced by ACCP’s current strategic plan and this year’s committee charges). And if we examine the College’s core values
today, we see that the foundational principles espoused by those 29 founding members in 1979 still hold true. The core values that characterize ACCP are:

- Passion for extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy
- Dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education
- Commitment to challenge the status quo, state our beliefs, and act on them
- Integrity, honesty, reliability, and accountability
- Courage to lead while remaining responsive to our members

We are privileged to have our founding president, Kim Kelly, also a member of this year’s ACCP Presidential Task Force, help address the charge of casting a vision for ACCP’s next 40 years. Look for numerous activities over the coming months to commemorate ACCP’s 40th anniversary, culminating with the Annual Meeting in New York City, October 26–29. Let the celebration begin!

2019 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium: Call for Abstracts

If you are interested in sharing your research and presenting a poster from the comfort of your home, office, or favorite coffee establishment, ACCP invites you to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 9th Annual ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium, May 28–29, 2019. All investigators in the field of clinical pharmacy and clinical pharmacology, ACCP members and nonmembers alike, are invited to submit abstracts.

Posters will be on display May 27–31 for asynchronous viewing and comment. In addition, two interactive sessions will be scheduled on May 28 and May 29, when authors will be available for real-time online question-and-answer sessions alongside their virtual posters. The technology required for presenters and the poster-viewing audience is minimal – a broadband Internet connection, a current version of an Internet browser, and Skype (optional for those wishing to communicate by video conference).

What is the Virtual Poster Symposium?

Travel, funding, and work/family schedules sometimes make it difficult for participants to attend a conference in person. The ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium is designed so that no travel is needed, thereby supporting more inclusive author participation. The Virtual Poster Symposium enables participants to present their research to peers and to engage with colleagues from near and far.

The Virtual Poster Symposium starts with electronic submission of an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, the author is invited to create a poster and submit it in standard PDF format. The poster is then made available for viewing by all attendees during the designated dates of the Virtual Poster Symposium. Virtual poster presenters will be given an allotted time to be present online, using a built-in chat feature or optional Skype video conferencing. Attendees will be able to discuss their research with students, residents, fellows, seasoned practitioners, and even family and friends during the symposium.

All accepted abstracts presented during the symposium, excluding “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” posters, will have full-text abstracts published online in the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP) Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published for “Encore” presentations. All abstracts accepted in the Original Research category will automatically be entered in the Best Poster Award competitions.

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria or to submit an abstract, visit www.accp.com/meetings/abstracts.aspx.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES:

Original Research: Abstracts must summarize quantitative or qualitative findings from completed research. Basic, clinical, translational, dissemination/implementation, and educational research are examples of acceptable research. Topics should appeal to a clinical pharmacy audience and may include research in drug metabolism, education/pedagogy, health services, medication safety, patient/population outcomes, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, pharmacoconomics, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacogenomics, pharmacology, or pharmacotherapy. Abstracts reporting in vitro or animal research are welcome. Encore submissions are also welcome.

Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses: Abstracts must describe a systematic review adhering to the guidelines and definitions established by Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and include the 12 items published in the PRISMA for Abstracts checklist.
Case Reports: Abstracts of case reports must update and expand therapeutic insights and possibilities, or generate research hypotheses. Although narrative in nature, these abstracts must stress the “evidence” for the authors’ conclusions by describing the process followed to understand the findings and possible mechanisms involved in the patient’s case and how the patient was evaluated and treated and providing a specific description of the outcome.

Clinical Pharmacy Forum: Abstracts must describe the delivery of, justification or documentation for, and impact/significance of innovative clinical pharmacy services implemented. Abstracts that address components of the ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists and/or describe efforts to develop, advance, or position clinical pharmacists to optimize patient care are encouraged. Abstracts may be descriptive and need not contain an evaluative component.

Advances in International Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Education, or Training: Abstracts must describe the delivery of, justification or documentation for, and significance of clinical pharmacy practice, education, or training outside the United States. Abstracts may be descriptive and need not contain an evaluative component.

Residents and Fellows Research-in-Progress: Submission guidelines are the same as for an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission. The presenting author must be in a postgraduate training program (PGY1 or PGY2 residency, Ph.D./master’s graduate degree program, or fellowship training program).

Students Research-in-Progress: Submission guidelines are the same as for an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission. The presenting author must be a first professional degree (Pharm.D. or BSPharm) student.

Encore Presentation: Submission and evaluation criteria are the same as for the Original Research, Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses, or Case Reports category except that the same abstract was presented elsewhere or published in abstract form only before this meeting. Abstracts submitted for the Encore Presentation category must not be modified from the previously presented/published version. This includes the title, authors, and abstract body. The presenting author may change, but he or she must be an author on the original abstract.

Important Dates and Information:
- Original Research, Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses, Case Reports, Clinical Pharmacy Forum, and Advances in International Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Education, or Training abstracts are due by March 4, 2019.
- Research-in-Progress abstracts (Students, Residents, and Fellows) are due by April 15, 2019.
- Authors in all abstract categories will be notified of selection by April 30, 2019.
- To help defray the costs of hosting the Virtual Poster Symposium, a nominal $50 fee will be charged to submit an abstract. This is a submission fee and will not be refunded if an abstract is declined for presentation.

ACCP’s Self-Assessment Programs Change in 2019

Many board-certified clinical pharmacists find the ACCP Self-Assessment Programs (SAPs) a useful tool for recertification by continuing education. ACCP’s 2019 SAP releases will offer credit opportunities for six Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS)-approved specialties, including the new BCCP and BCIDP certifications. In addition, the 2019 releases will incorporate new learning formats, a longer test submission period, and other improvements to the recertification process.

Testing Period
Since the September 2018 SAP releases, the deadline to submit a required posttest for recertification credit has been extended from 4 months to 6 months after the date of release. In addition, any credits earned outright or from pass by adjustment processes will be reported immediately to BPS in real time.

Electronic Formats
Each SAP release will have continuing education activities that cover the most recent published data (past 3–5 years) on a specific therapeutic area or patient care problem. This content will be provided as an electronic book (interactive PDF) with high-level updates in three formats:
- Traditional review-style chapters
- Interactive cases (a series of webpages, each introduced by a sample case-based question)
- Recorded webcast (PowerPoint presentation; includes a PDF of the transcribed narrative)
Revised Release Schedule
For optimal availability, releases from the six programs will be staggered to spread credit availability throughout the year. The 2019 release schedule, by program, is as follows:

**Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program (PSAP):** Releases are scheduled for January, May, and September. PSAP 2019 Book 1 (*Cardiology*) releases January 15 and carries an available 18.5 BCPS recertification credits.

**Ambulatory Care Self-Assessment Program (ACSAP):** Releases are scheduled for March, July, and November. ACSAP 2019 Book 1 (*Pulmonary Care*) releases March 15.

**Critical Care Self-Assessment Program (CCSAP):** Releases are scheduled for March and September. CCSAP 2019 Book 1 (*Infection Critical Care*) releases March 15.

**Pediatric Self-Assessment Program (PedSAP):** Releases are scheduled for March and September. PedSAP 2019 Book 1 (*Pulmonology*) releases March 15.

**Cardiology Self-Assessment Program (CardSAP):** Releases are scheduled for May and November. CardSAP 2019 Book 1 (*Heart Failure*) releases May 15.

**Infectious Diseases Self-Assessment Program (IDSAP):** Releases are scheduled for May and November. IDSAP 2019 Book 1 (*HIV and Hepatitis*) releases May 15.

For statements of recertification credit, visit [www.bpsweb.org](http://www.bpsweb.org). Questions regarding the number of hours required for recertification by continuing education should be directed to BPS at (202) 429-7591 or [www.bpsweb.org](http://www.bpsweb.org). The ACCP Recertification Dashboard is a free online tool that can track recertification credits as they are earned through ACCP, as well as any upcoming products with credit availability.

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**ACCP Updates in Therapeutics 2019**
St. Louis, Missouri  •  St. Louis College of Pharmacy
April 27–28, 2019
Submission deadline: January 21, 2019
Call for Nominations

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. This portal is available at www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx.

DEADLINES:
- **Due February 1, 2019** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded to the nominations portal for the fall 2019 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards), and the 2020 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award.
- **Due February 15, 2019** – Nominations for the 2019 Parker Medal, the 2019 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2019 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs) must be uploaded to the nominations portal.
- **Due April 1, 2019** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded to the nominations portal for the 2019 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator).

DESCRIPTIONS:
- **2019 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 ACCP Board of Regents. Current members of the ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI) Board of Directors, ACCP Credentials: FCCP Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.**
- **2019 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy**: This award 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. 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 ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.**
- **2019 New Investigator Award**: This award highlights the research program of a new investigator who has made a major impact on an aspect of clinical pharmaceutical science. Nominees must have been a Full Member of ACCP at the time of nomination and a member at any level for at least 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 within 6 years since completion of their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree, whichever is most recent. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her research program, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted.
Current members of the ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

2019 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 at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of selection by the Board of Regents. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

2019 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 at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of selection by the Board of Regents. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

FIT/MeRIT Investigator Development Informational Calls Scheduled

The ACCP Foundation will host informational conference calls for anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation’s programs for pharmacist-investigator development: Focused Investigator Training (FIT) and Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT). 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 desired program. Contact Sheldon Holstad (sholstad@accp.com or 913-492-3311) for dial-in information.

MeRIT informational conference calls:
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019: 4:00–4:30 p.m. (EST)
- Tuesday, February 5, 2019: 1:00–1:30 p.m. (EST)

FIT informational conference calls:
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019: 5:00–5:30 p.m. (EST)
- Tuesday, February 5, 2019: 2:00–2:30 p.m. (EST)

The FIT and MeRIT programs will be held concurrently June 17–21, 2019, on the campus of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington, Kentucky. Letters of intent to attend either program are due by February 28, and full applications are due by March 31, 2019. For an informational brochure or a program application, visit accpfoundation.org/investigator.
In the summer of 1981, Dr. Russell R. Miller published the first issue of *Pharmacotherapy*. At the time, only three journals in the United States were devoted to the publication of original research on the effects of drugs in humans. These journals could not accommodate the rise in clinical research and reviews on drug therapy.1 *Pharmacotherapy* met a need.

When Miller, founding editor-in-chief, died in 1985, Dr. Richard T. Scheife became editor-in-chief. Scheife served as editor-in-chief for 27 years. Under his leadership, *Pharmacotherapy* increased from 6 to 12 issues per year, benefited from an expanded editorial board, and reached an impact factor of 2.9. Scheife worked with the *Pharmacotherapy* board of directors to transfer the ownership of *Pharmacotherapy* to ACCP in 1994 (it had become the first official journal of ACCP in 1988, even before its transfer to the College). *Pharmacotherapy* continues to meet the needs of ACCP members.

In 2013, Dr. C. Lindsay DeVane succeeded Scheife as *Pharmacotherapy* editor-in-chief. Under DeVane’s leadership, *Pharmacotherapy* recently reached its highest impact factor of 3.196.

After 38 years of print publications, December 2018 marked the last print issue of *Pharmacotherapy*. The decision to discontinue the print version was made after thorough research and contemplation. The Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI) board of directors considered that some readers will miss the feel of the journal in their hands. However, the allocation of resources allows the board of directors to meet the needs of ACCP members and other health care providers by efficiently disseminating pharmacotherapeutic scholarship.

In 2018, the board added the dissemination of clinical pharmacy practice scholarship to its mission by publishing a second official journal of ACCP, the *Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP)*. ACCP members now receive full-text access to both journals as part of their membership benefits.

*Pharmacotherapy*, and now *JACCP*, will continue to operate in accordance with what Miller said in his opening editorial in 1981: “A journal is only as good as its readers judge it to be.”1 Any questions about either of ACCP’s official journals can be directed to the PPI Board of Directors through Dr. Keri Sims at ksims@accp.com.

Reference:

**ACCP Report Spotlight: Alex Flannery**

Alexander Flannery, Pharm.D., BCCCP, BCPS, graduated from the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Pharmacy in 2011. After completing his PGY1 residency at the Medical University of South Carolina, he returned to UK HealthCare to complete his PGY2 residency in critical care. Flannery is board certified in pharmacotherapy and critical care. He has completed the ACCP Research and Scholarship Certificate Program and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in clinical and translational science at the University of Kentucky.

Flannery’s primary appointment is currently as a critical care pharmacist in the medical intensive care unit (MICU) at UK HealthCare, where he routinely precepts pharmacy residents and students. He is also program director for the PGY2 critical care residency at UK HealthCare. Flannery’s academic appointment is as an assistant adjunct professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science in the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. He maintains an active research practice, working with residents, students, and his own investigator-initiated research on pharmacotherapy issues in critically ill patients. According to Flannery:

While I may have had no idea what a clinical pharmacist did when I entered pharmacy school, once I started the second semester of the curriculum, I began to see the thousands of ways that a pharmacist could optimize drug therapy in patients across the spectrum of care. As I progressed through clinical rotations, I loved the privilege and the challenge of communicating about ways to optimize drug therapy to patients, physicians, and other health care providers. Being torn between critical care, infectious diseases, and internal medicine, I fittingly found my home in medical critical care in the MICU practice setting. I love the challenge of having to use every tool in my tool kit, whether it’s antibiotic stewardship, pharmacokinetic monitoring, anticoagulation, toxicology, or whatever happens to arise in the MICU on any given day. I am constantly learning and being humbled at what all I have yet to learn and at the power of advanced medical care provided by interdisciplinary teams. I embrace the chance of having...
some evidence to base many pharmacotherapy decisions on, and the challenge of having to rely on physiologic and pharmacologic rationale and monitoring for others.

Faculty and colleagues at the University of Kentucky have had a tremendous influence on my career. From my formative days as a student, Joe Fink modeled and coached my leadership development. Kelly Smith taught me the power of professional organizations and networking. Several mentors during my residency training, Aaron Cook and Jeremy Flynn, have lent an ear and advised on no less than hundreds of matters in the past 7 years. My MICU physician colleagues have taught me how to reason clinically, prioritize, and advocate for patients. My Ph.D. mentor and MICU Division Chief Pete Morris has been a champion for my research and my overall career. I always tell people that Kentucky is a great place to start your career, and that is in no small part to the people like those above, with a vested interest in seeing you achieve your full potential.

Flannery notes that three pieces of advice have been instrumental in his early career. First, he describes seeking additional research training, whether in programs like those offered through ACCP or classes through universities, as the single best career move he has made since his residency. He says, “Whether or not you have an interest in being an investigator yourself, additional training in research gives you as a clinician the skills that you need in this day and age to read and critically evaluate the literature, subsequently optimizing care decisions for your patients.” Second, Flannery advises individuals very early in their career to almost never say “no” in the first few years when it comes to professional opportunities. “Whether it’s an opportunity within your institution or professional organization, saying ‘yes’ early on, even for something that you’re not entirely thrilled about, opens doors for you and introduces you to a host of colleagues and future opportunities.” Flannery’s last piece of advice stems from one of his favorite quotes in Randy Pausch’s The Last Lecture: “Experience is what you get when you didn’t get what you wanted.”

For every successful leadership position appointed to and manuscript accepted, there are always an equal or greater number of less successful moments where the result wasn’t what we wanted. Those are great chances not only for us to reflect and take something away from the experience, but [also] for us to share with our mentees how to be open about failure, the lessons learned from it, and the importance of resilience in our careers.
The ACCP Foundation Futures Grants program invites student, trainee, and early-career ACCP members to apply for developmental research grants. The dollar amount of Futures Grants may range from $5000 to $40,000, depending on applicant eligibility and the proposal’s requisite budget. Up to $100,000 in mentored, developmental research awards will be granted through the Futures Grants program in 2019. To access detailed application instructions, please visit www.accpfoundation.org/futures.

All applicants are required to complete a set of online eligibility questions before submitting an application. Applicant responses will provide an immediate determination of eligibility for the student/resident or junior investigator awards and will display the appropriate online application form. Responses to the eligibility questions and partly completed applications may be saved and continued later by retaining the return access code provided.

To determine eligibility and submit an application, visit redcap.accpfoundation.org/surveys/?s=YAEH77FHNY.

For questions, please contact Jessie Culley at jculley@accp.com.

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ACCP Report

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Grassroots Action Alert: Welcome Your Elected Officials to the 116th Congress!

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

As the new Congress gets under way, ACCP remains fully committed to its initiative to seek Medicare coverage for the direct patient care services of qualified clinical pharmacists practicing as fully integrated members of interprofessional patient care teams.

But the College needs your help. As part of this comprehensive advocacy effort, members of Congress need to hear from clinical pharmacists helping to “get the medications right” on behalf of patients in their state or district.

Contacting the offices of your elected officials is simple. On the College’s revamped Legislative Action Center, ACCP has prepared a letter for you to review and edit. Simply follow the instructions to send this message to Capitol Hill.
Please take the time to personalize the letter by providing additional information about your practice and the patients you care for, and remember to let ACCP know about any responses you receive from your elected officials.

Please also consider inviting your senators and representative to visit your practice setting to learn first-hand about the value that clinical pharmacists bring to the health care delivery team. Thank you for participating in this important advocacy effort! Click here to take action today!

**ACCP Members Appointed by Board of Pharmacy Specialties to the Solid Organ Transplantation Pharmacy Specialty Council**

Eight ACCP members have been selected to serve on the inaugural Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) Solid Organ Transplantation (SOT) Pharmacy Specialty Council. BPS announced the appointment of these members in its December 11 press release. These appointments are effective January 1, 2019.

Because the inaugural SOT Pharmacy Specialty Council members will not initially be board certified, the council will replace the nine original appointees with newly board-certified SOT pharmacists over a 3-year period, after the first examination that is planned for fall 2020. The Solid Organ Transplantation Pharmacy petition was submitted jointly by ACCP and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and approved by BPS in August 2018.

**ACCP would like to recognize the following members appointed to the specialty council:**

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