

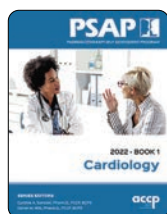
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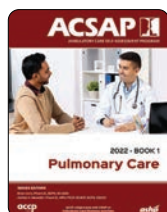
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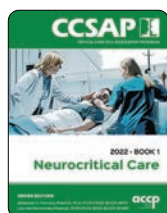
## 2022–2024 Self-Assessment Program Releases Coming Soon



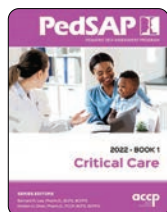
ACCP will launch the new 3-year series of Self-Assessment Programs on January 18 with the release of *Cardiology*, the first book in the 2022–2024 Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program (PSAP).



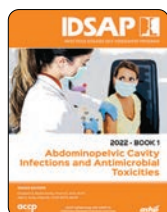
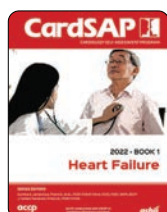
On March 15, ACCP will launch the 2022 Ambulatory Care Self-Assessment Program (ACSAP) with the release of *Pulmonary Care*; the 2022 Critical Care Self-Assessment Program (CCSAP) with *Neurocritical Care*; and the 2022 Pediatric Self-Assessment Program (PedSAP) with *Critical Care*.



The six 2022 SAP series launches will continue May 16 with *Heart Failure*, the first offering in the Cardiology Self-Assessment Program (CardSAP); and *Abdominopelvic Cavity Infections and Antimicrobial Toxicities* in the Infectious Diseases Self-Assessment Program (IDSAP).



New for all 2022–2024 SAP series, multibook discounts will enable individuals to design their own path to recertification or professional development. Learners who hold more than one board certification will now be able to mix and match releases from different series to more easily recertify through continuing education.



For more information on the 2022–2024 releases – and to purchase individual books or any of the full 3-year SAP series – go to [www.accp.com/store/index.aspx?cat=SR](http://www.accp.com/store/index.aspx?cat=SR).

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### Registration Now Open for ACCP/ASHP Live Review and Recertification Courses

Registration is now open for the upcoming ACCP/ASHP board review and recertification courses in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy, to be presented live March 3–5, 2022,

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SUBMISSIONS DUE JULY 15, 2022

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**POSTGRADUATE TRAINING IN  
CLINICAL PHARMACY**

**Guest Editors**  
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## Call for Nominations

All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. **For all awards and honors listed below, the College strongly urges nomination of qualified individuals who identify themselves as members of under-represented groups in ACCP.** The online nominations portal specifies the nominating materials required for each award and honor. This portal is available at [www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx](http://www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx).

### DEADLINES:

**Due February 1, 2022** – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the fall 2022 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards) and the 2023 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture.

**Due February 15, 2022** – Nominations for the 2022 Parker Medal, the 2022 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2022 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs).

**Due April 1, 2022** – Nominees' supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the 2022 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator) and 2023 elected offices.

### DESCRIPTIONS:

**2022 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Publications (PPI) Board of Directors, Credentials: Fellowship Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022.**

**2022 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. 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022.**

**2022 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 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 Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022.**

**2022 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 Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022.**

**2022 New Educator Award:** This award recognizes and honors a new educator for outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and 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 Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2022.**

# ACCP COMMENTARY

## Remote Experiential Education – A Silver Lining from the COVID-19 Pandemic



in Henderson, Nevada. These comprehensive 3-day courses taught by leading experts will use a highly interactive and engaging case-based instructional approach to present the domains, tasks, and knowledge statements developed by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) for the relevant specialty examination. The registration fee for each board certification 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 2022 Developing Effective Test-Taking Skills Webinar (to be presented in June 2022)
- Access to the online practice examination (for Geriatrics and Ambulatory Care)
- 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
- Opportunity to earn continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit for the course
- Access to the online recertification posttest

Registration for each course is now open. Course enrollment size is limited, so register as soon as possible to secure a spot. Discounted registration rates apply through January 28, 2022. Register today at [www.rxcertifications.org/live-review-and-recert-courses](http://www.rxcertifications.org/live-review-and-recert-courses).

### **Additional Board Prep, Recertification Resources to Be Released**

In collaboration with ASHP, ACCP will release home study preparatory review and recertification products in six specialties – Ambulatory Care, Cardiology, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, Oncology, and Solid Organ Transplantation – later in 2022 and beyond. For more information on these resources as they become available, visit [www.rxcertifications.org/](http://www.rxcertifications.org/).

### **2022 Virtual Poster Symposium Call for Abstracts**

ACCP invites you to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 2022 ACCP Virtual Poster

Symposium (VPS), May 24 and 25. The VPS was launched in 2012 because travel, funding, and schedule conflicts often made it difficult for participants to attend a conference in person. With today's COVID-19 pandemic, meeting cancellations, and travel restrictions, an alternative means for individuals to present their research and scholarship to peers and to engage in dialogue with colleagues is needed more than ever.

All investigators in clinical pharmacy and clinical pharmacology, ACCP members and nonmembers alike, are invited to submit abstracts. The fee to submit an abstract is \$50.

The deadline to submit abstracts (**EXCLUDING** Research-in-Progress abstracts) is March 28, 2022. The deadline to submit abstracts in the Research-in-Progress category is April 25, 2022.

Posters will be on display May 23 through May 30 for asynchronous viewing and comment. In addition, two interactive sessions will be held May 24 and 25, when authors and their virtual posters will be available for online, real-time question-and-answer interactions. The technology required for presenters and the poster-viewing audience is minimal – a broadband internet connection and the current version of an internet browser.

### **What Is the ACCP VPS?**

The VPS involves the electronic submission of an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, a poster is created and saved in standard PDF format. The poster is made available for viewing by all attendees during the designated VPS dates. Virtual poster presenters will be present virtually (on either May 24 or May 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. [EST]) via an online, real-time chat feature. Presenters can also discuss their findings with students, residents, fellows, seasoned practitioners, and even family and friends during the symposium.

All abstracts accepted for presentation, except for “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” presentations, will have full-text abstracts published online in *JACCP*. Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published in *JACCP* for “Encore” presentations.

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

### **ACCP Oncology Genomics Certificate Program Registration Now Open Register Now, Begins March 1!**

Combining live (virtual) and self-study programming, this online practice-based certificate program will offer 20.0 contact hours (2.0 CEUs) across 3 months. This

ACPE-accredited program has been designed to enable clinical pharmacists to apply oncology genomics to practice. Participants will learn foundational content at their convenience using curated materials, guided exercises, and discussions. Face-to-face interactions (via Zoom) with expert faculty will enhance the learning experience and strengthen participants' confidence. Online access to selected advanced topics, practice cases, and interactive video chats will facilitate participants' command of contemporary and evidence-based oncology genomics.

Registrants will participate in a mock interprofessional molecular oncology team meeting to interpret molecular testing and develop therapeutic plans. In this one-of-a-kind program, experienced faculty will provide participants with the direct interaction and mentoring needed to implement a Molecular Tumor Board at their own institution.

[Click here](#) to obtain more certificate program information – including learning objectives, program faculty, and the complete schedule – and to register.

### Oncology Genomics Certificate Registration Rates

	Standard Rate
Members (ACCP or HOPA)	\$390 *There will also be a separate nominal fee registration for Canvas LMS.
Nonmembers	\$690* *There will also be a separate nominal fee registration for Canvas LMS.

## President's Column

### A New Year: Time to Reflect on the Past and Advocate for the Future



*Leigh Ann Ross, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, FAPhA, FNAP, BCPS*

Happy New Year! Ringing in 2022 provides the perfect opportunity to reflect and celebrate the many successes of the past year. Indeed, we have seen both peaks and valleys over the past year of the pandemic with the availability of vaccines and boosters, emergence of new variants, and concern for the mental and physical health of our families, friends, colleagues, and patients. Yet ACCP continues to demonstrate resiliency during this monumentally challenging time.

ACCP members, leadership, and staff are to be commended for excellence in driving the College's strategic initiatives and maintaining positive organizational performance even as the environment changes on an almost daily basis. ACCP has continued implementation of its 2020 Strategic Plan and remains on track in its pursuit of key initiatives. Meanwhile, development of the 2022 ACCP Foundation and Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI) strategic plans is well under way. There have been significant contributions from across the ACCP membership to the development of the ACCP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Plan, and we look forward to implementing the plan in the coming year. Two new Practice and Research Networks (PRNs) were formed in 2021 – the Health Equity PRN and the Community-Based PRN – each of which is already greatly advancing work in these areas. The 2021 ACCP Annual Meeting, held successfully in a virtual environment, provided opportunities to highlight the College's focus on DEI, discuss ideas for advancing clinical pharmacy, and celebrate with the deserving individuals who were honored with ACCP awards and ACCP fellowship status. Although the pandemic continues to present challenges, ACCP remains well positioned to persevere and continue to excel in advancing all mission areas in the coming year.

In the November *ACCP Report*, I shared my presidential theme and focus for this year: "Advocacy to Advance Our Profession!" This time of reflection as we begin the new year provides an ideal opportunity to review ACCP's current advocacy platform and share its initiatives broadly with members. A heightened awareness of the accomplishments to date, ongoing collaborative efforts, and potential new opportunities sets the stage for ideas and dialogue that will expand our current work to advance clinical pharmacy.

The College is engaged in many intraprofessional collaborations important in guiding the future of pharmacy, including membership in the [Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners](#), which represents 13 associations in the field of pharmacy and develops consensus policy directives for the profession. In addition, ACCP is a member of the board of directors for the [Pharmacy Workforce Center](#), a coalition providing valuable information on the size, demography, and activities of the pharmacy workforce. ACCP also partners to develop consensus statements that guide practice – including recent collaborations with the National Community Pharmacists Association Innovation Center and the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Pharmacy Network (CPESN) USA – and provide a [framework for collaborations between clinic- and community-based pharmacists](#) to achieve medication optimization in line with

the College's strategic priorities in this area. In 2021, ACCP joined the [Academia-CPESN Transformation \(ACT\)](#) Pharmacy Collaborative Task Force, and Dr. Amie Brooks, Director of Strategic Initiatives, and I continue engagement with our colleagues in this area.

Another important example of ACCP's collaborative policy work began in March 2021 under the leadership of Immediate Past President Jimmi Hatton Kolpek, Pharm.D., and Kathy Pham, Pharm.D., ACCP Director of Policy and Professional Affairs, who spearheaded the introduction of a policy statement in the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) House of Delegates, "Increasing Awareness and Accountability to End Harassment, Intimidation, Abuse of Power, Position, or Authority in Pharmacy Practice," in response to related issues raised by ACCP members and change.org petitioners in fall 2020. Policy statements 1, 2, and 3 below were approved by the APhA House of Delegates at that time. With follow-up discussion and work in subsequent months, statement 4 as amended below was approved at the virtual APhA House of Delegates meeting in November 2021, providing a level of accountability in addressing these issues.

- 1) *APhA calls on all national and state pharmacy organizations, colleges/schools of pharmacy, and other stakeholders to support the development of a profession-wide effort to address harassment, intimidation, and abuse of power or position.*
- 2) *APhA supports the development of a profession-wide guideline on reporting harassment, intimidation, or abuse of power or position in their pharmacy education and training, professional practice, or volunteer service to pharmacy organizations.*
- 3) *APhA recommends all pharmacy organizations incorporate harassment, intimidation, and abuse training in their member professional development and education activities.*
- 4) *APhA recommends that all pharmacy organizations develop processes for attestation and*

*evaluation to determine eligibility of individuals considered for any award, recognition, or leadership position consistent with the organization's policy on harassment, intimidation, or abuse of power or position.*

I am proud of ACCP's proactive stance and willingness to take a leadership role in guiding the profession as we advocate for those affected and address these critically important concerns.

ACCP Professional and Government Affairs staff work tirelessly to advance clinical pharmacy through leadership roles in coalitions and organizations promoting health care reform and medication optimization. Much of this work is focused on comprehensive medication management (CMM) and other innovative practice models, including documentation, delivery, and payment for these services across the spectrum of health care payers. Key partnerships to promote this service integration and establish clinical pharmacists as an essential component of patient-centered, team-based practice include the Get the Medications Right (GTMRx) Institute and the Primary Care Collaborative. We continue to work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)/ Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to advance care delivery models that implement alternative payment regulations and incentives for providers and systems transitioning from fee-for-service to value-based reimbursement. These relationships with key stakeholders and organizations with shared goals facilitate support for the [ACCP Medicare Coverage Initiative](#), which remains the focus of ACCP's legislative advocacy at a national level. This initiative centers on redesign of the Medicare benefit to allow for integration of CMM services to achieve medication optimization within evolving payment models. Specific areas of interest include pharmacogenomics/precision medicine, substance use disorders and opioid prescribing, drug pricing policy, medication access and affordability, congressional funding for graduate medical education, and public health programs.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Early submission deadline is February 15, 2022

2022 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy

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In this congressional session, the Cures 2.0 legislation, recently introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. DeGette (D-CO) and Upton (R-MI), includes a provision that would cover pharmacogenomic consultations provided by qualified clinical pharmacists. Pharmacogenomic testing holds vast potential to personalize the treatment and care of individuals, increase patient satisfaction and physician confidence, decrease costs, and optimize medication therapy as part of the ongoing effort to achieve a more precise and personalized approach to health care. ACCP has formally endorsed Cures 2.0 and recently submitted a statement of support to its sponsors. This is a timely opportunity for ACCP members to actively engage in advocacy, and I encourage you to reach out and voice your support to congressional leaders to move this legislation forward. For more information, visit the [Pharmacogenomics Payment and Policy Taskforce](#) housed within the GTMRx Institute or contact the ACCP Director of Government Affairs, John McGlew ([mcglew@accp.com](mailto:mcglew@accp.com)).

The COVID-19 global pandemic has affected care delivery in countless ways, from increased demand for services to workforce shortages, access-to-care concerns, and rapid shifts to telehealth. The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) and waivers have expanded opportunities to advance clinical practice and allow pharmacists to provide enhanced patient care during this public health emergency. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) has afforded flexibilities for CMS to expand patient access to telehealth services, providing new

opportunities to accelerate pharmacist integration into care teams. These are only two examples of how pharmacist services have increased in response to the public health emergency. During this pandemic, ACCP has worked collaboratively with other national pharmacy organizations on several joint statements, comments, and letters of support for pharmacy initiatives:

- [March 2021: ACCP Joins National Pharmacy Organizations Welcoming Secretary Becerra](#)
- [September 2020: Joint Pharmacy Statement Supporting Utilization of Pharmacists in Administration of the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [September 2020: Statement from leaders of 12 U.S. pharmacy organizations celebrating the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) order that expands the role of pharmacists in providing vaccines to children](#)
- [July 2020: ACCP's Comments to HHS related to Authorization for Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [May 2020: ACCP Joins Professional Pharmacy Organizations Urging Rep. Maloney \(D-NY\) to Include Pharmacists in Student Loan Forgiveness Legislation](#)

It will be important that we continue to explore and advocate for legislative and regulatory changes during this time that will increase patients' access to clinical pharmacy services and positively influence patient outcomes.

## PHARMACOTHERAPY

The Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy



## Advances in Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy

As we begin the New Year, I am grateful for this time of reflection to highlight the many accomplishments of 2021 and to review ACCP's professional and legislative initiatives. I would also like to recognize two ACCP staff members who contributed to this success and retired at the end of 2021 – Nancy Perrin, Senior Director of Professional Development and Member Services; and Brent Akright, Senior Director of Operations. I want to thank them publicly for their leadership and invaluable service to ACCP.

In closing, I'm excited for the opportunities before us and look forward to working with you as we advocate for the future of clinical pharmacy in 2022!

## ACCP's Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As outlined in [ACCP's Strategic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) Plan](#), an ACCP DEI Task Force has been impaneled and charged to provide input to the Board of Regents (BOR) on implementation of the DEI plan, including addressing internal/external communications, exploring PRN engagement, and identifying and addressing barriers to inclusion. Interest in serving on the task force was solicited as part of ACCP's annual call for volunteers. In response to the many interested members, BOR President Leigh Ann Ross appointed 17 member-volunteers to ACCP's DEI Task Force, including student and resident representation. Members of the DEI Task Force include:

- Mary Wun-Len Lee, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS (Chair)
- Cori B. Cooper, Pharm.D., MPH, BCACP (Vice Chair)
- Tomefa Asempa, Pharm.D.
- Marie A. Chisholm-Burns, Pharm.D., FCCP
- Brian Erstad, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
- Corey Guidry, Pharm.D., BCPS
- Mary F. Hebert, Pharm.D., FCCP
- Caroline L. Ko, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP
- Shirly Ly (Student, 2023)
- Katie S. McClendon, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
- Erin R. McMahan, Pharm.D. (PGY2)
- William J. Moore, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCIDP
- Pilar Z. Murphy, Pharm.D., MPH, BCACP
- Lee H. Nguyen, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCIDP
- Adwoa Nyame, Pharm.D. (PGY1)
- Radhika S. Polisetty, Pharm.D., BCIDP, BCPS
- Andrew Schmelz, Pharm.D., BCACP

The task force is focusing its initial work on increasing the diversity of nominations for elected office, awards, and FCCP fellowship; providing guidance for PRNs on incorporating DEI principles into focus session programming, speaker selection, and nominations; exploring methods for routine demographic data collection from ACCP members; and proposing solutions to identified barriers to inclusion within ACCP. To date, the DEI Task Force has had two meetings, with a third scheduled in January. Task force leadership will be working closely with ACCP staff to provide ongoing input to the BOR.

## ACCP Members Serve as Contributors to GTMRx Medication Optimization Use Cases

To advance medication optimization and implementation of comprehensive medication management (CMM), the [Get the Medications Right \(GTMRx\) Institute](#) has enlisted the work of volunteers and staff of its member organizations, including ACCP, to develop a library of successful medication optimization use cases.

The [GTMRx use case library](#) includes examples of successful medication optimization practices in settings including accountable care organizations (ACOs), integrated health systems, federally qualified health centers, free clinics, private physician practices, health plan/managed care settings, and the VA. Each use case includes organization details, history, and size of the CMM program; a description of the team-based care strategy; patient referral criteria; success factors; and results/achievements (focused on the quadruple aim). Program outcomes are emphasized, and published results are referenced. Many use cases also include patient testimonials or success stories.

These varied use cases serve as brief, practical examples of success for practices considering CMM implementation or improvement. Because the use cases represent a wide variety of patient care settings, interested practitioners or clinical administrators will likely find an example that is similar to their practice. In addition, each use case includes contact information to facilitate professional networking between practitioners. ACCP members have served as use case authors and have contributed to use case development through serving on the GTMRx Best Practices and Innovative Solutions (BPIS) subgroup of the Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Workgroup. The BPIS subgroup created the use case template, solicited and vetted contributors, and reviewed and edited submissions. The GTMRx BPIS subgroup is currently expanding the use case library to include additional examples within ACOs as well as successful use cases of CMM delivered via telehealth and within the community pharmacy setting. In addition,

BPIS is creating stakeholder toolkits and change packages designed to serve as educational and marketing tools for employers, physicians, patients/consumers, and ACOs.

As noted by Christine A. Schumacher, GTMRx BPIS subgroup member, ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN chair, and author of the [Advocate Aurora Health/Advocate Medical Group ACO use case](#),

The GTMRx use cases are a great way for members to learn how other pharmacists are integrating CMM into clinical practice and [will] hopefully facilitate the growth of CMM into more practices around the country. The diverse library is designed to include examples from different geographic regions and practice settings and provide guidance to members looking to expand their practice regardless of the setting.

ACCP members serving on the GTMRx BPIS subgroup include:

- Amie Brooks, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP (Co-lead)
- Keri Hager, Pharm.D., BCACP (Co-lead)
- Gretchen Brummel, Pharm.D., BCPS
- Erica L. Dobson, Pharm.D., BCPS-AQ ID
- Brooke Griffin, Pharm.D., BCACP
- Kenneth E. Johnson, Pharm.D.
- Kim Kelly, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, CDTC, CPC, CDE
- Lara C. Kerwin, Pharm.D., BCACP
- Sarah McBane, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCPHA, BCPS, CDE, APh

- Nathan Painter, Pharm.D., FADCES, CDCES
- Michelle Patterson, Pharm.D., BCACP
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- Allyson Schlichte, Pharm.D., MBA, BCACP
- Christine A. Schumacher, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCACP, BCCP, BC-ADM, CDCES
- Terry Seaton, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

The Practice and Care Delivery Transformation BPIS subgroup is one component of GTMRx's strategy to disseminate the value of CMM to a wide range of stakeholders within health care. Other GTMRx workgroups include Payment and Policy Solutions, Precision Medicine Enablement via Advanced Diagnostics, Health IT to Support Optimized Medication Use, and Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Evidence-Based Resources. ACCP members who wish to be considered for participation in future GTMRx projects are encouraged to [become a signing member](#) and indicate their interest in volunteering for a workgroup.

### VA Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office Releases New Resources and Tools for Practice Expansion and Optimization

Members of the Veterans Health Administration Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office (CPPO) recently announced the release of a new [Resources and Tools](#) page on the PBM public website, [www.pbm.va.gov](http://www.pbm.va.gov). The release

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includes VA Clinical Pharmacy Fact Sheets focused on the role of clinical pharmacist practitioner (CPPs) in providing medication optimization services in a variety of settings, including acute care, antimicrobial stewardship programs, management in transitions of care, mental health, oncology, opioid safety, and substance use disorders. An additional fact sheet highlights the role of CPPs in optimizing patient access. Evidence bibliographies (brief summaries highlighting the findings of significant papers in the field) are available for clinical pharmacy practice in emergency medicine, mental health, pain management, and substance use disorder. These documents were created by CPPO staff to support the expansion of clinical pharmacy practice in the VA and to facilitate medication optimization across the care continuum. They represent the work of experienced CPPs and have undergone extensive review by pharmacy and non-pharmacy subject matter experts in the relevant practice areas.

The CPPO is committed to optimizing clinical pharmacy practice across all VA patient care settings, improving patient access, and providing safe, cost-effective quality care while maintaining a positive veteran experience. Although the initial audience for these resources and tools was almost 10,000 VA clinical pharmacists, the new webpage was developed in hopes of further dissemination to clinical pharmacists and stakeholders outside the VA system. The CPPO's vision is not only to transform VA clinical pharmacy practice to provide the highest standard of care for veterans, but also to position the VA as a model of clinical pharmacy practice for diffusion and innovation. When asked about the decision to share these resources, M. Shawn McFarland, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP, National Program Manager, Clinical Practice Integration & Model Advancement, stated:

The VA has been a leader in clinical pharmacy for over four decades. We are excited to be able to share some of that progress in a more formal manner with the new public website. We hope this helps promote diffusion of strong clinical pharmacy practices that have been proven to improve access and the quality of care for the veterans we serve.

In addition to McFarland, a former ACCP regent, ACCP members within the CPPO leadership include Veldana Alliu, Pharm.D., BCPS, National Program Manager, Clinical Practice Integration & Model Advancement; Julie A. Groppi, Pharm.D., FASHP, Assistant Chief Consultant, Clinical Pharmacy Practice & Policy; Terri Jorgenson, RPh, BCPS, National Program Manager, Clinical Practice Integration & Model Advancement; and Heather L. Ourth, Pharm.D., FASHP, BCPS, BCGP, FASHP,

Assistant Chief Consultant, Clinical Pharmacy Program & Outcomes Assessment. ACCP extends its congratulations to CPPO members on their successful development of these resources, its appreciation for sharing this new website, and its appreciation to all VA clinical pharmacists for the care they provide to America's veterans.

## Washington Report

### Clinical Pharmacists on Capitol Hill: Update from the 2021–2022 ACCP-ASHP-VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow

*John McGlew*  
*Director of Government Affairs*



Since September 2021, Tatiana Bujnoch, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, has been working in a congressional office on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., as the 2021–2022 [American College of Clinical Pharmacy-American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Virginia Commonwealth University Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow](#).

Launched in 2006, this prestigious program offers a unique, yearlong health care policy learning experience in the U.S. Congress and the government affairs offices of ACCP and ASHP. This experience provides pharmacists with an opportunity to gain insight into health care policy analysis and development through immersion in the congressional environment. Fellows are mentored in legislative evaluation, policy development, and research and writing.

Bujnoch earned her Pharm.D. degree from Northeastern University in Boston and her M.S. degree in pharmacy administration and leadership from the University of Houston. Her postgraduate training was in health-system pharmacy administration and leadership at Memorial Hermann Health System in Houston, Texas.

The fellow program begins in July with 1 week at the Brookings Institution and 3 weeks each at ACCP's and ASHP's government affairs offices, followed by 12 months on Capitol Hill. Midway through her year, Bujnoch sat down with ACCP staff to discuss her experience so far.

#### **What is your position on Capitol Hill?**

I am currently a Healthcare Policy Fellow with the Committee on Ways and Means in the House of Representatives. More specifically, I work with the staff for the Subcommittee on Health. The Committee on Ways and Means is the oldest committee in the U.S. Congress and is the chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives. It has jurisdiction over all

taxation, tariffs, and revenue-raising measures. The Health Subcommittee focuses on policies affecting Medicare and private health insurance, particularly as they pertain to provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

**What is it like working for Congress under COVID conditions? How do you engage with your colleagues, external constituents, etc.?**

COVID has definitely affected my working conditions. I primarily work remotely but have the option and availability to go to our office. I try to go in a couple of days a week (pre-Omicron at least) so that I can truly experience working in the Capitol Building. I enjoy unique experiences such as exploring the building, passing in the hallways many of the U.S. representatives you see on the news, or getting stopped by the President's motorcade as he is coming to the Capitol to meet with the Speaker of the House.

However, most of my team works remotely and mainly comes to the office on an as-needed basis. Most mornings, we have check-in meetings, where we get to discuss all that is going on. We also consistently chat with one another and can quickly reach out with questions. Meetings with external constituents are all virtual, allowing for more flexibility.

**What are some of the policy priorities you are working on?**

Our committee overall has many priorities in, and has made several contributions to, the current Build Back Better Act, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate. I was able to sit in on some conversations surrounding these provisions – in particular, drug price negotiations. This has been a primary focus since I joined the committee.

Outside this, I have personally been working to help lay the foundation for future efforts in quality metrics, reporting, and incentive bonuses for health care payers. I have also contributed to our work around mental health and disabilities, particularly as they intersect with racial equity issues.

**What are some things that surprised you about life and work in Congress?**

There is so much! I would say the biggest thing is understanding the complexity involved in moving legislation, especially major legislation, through Congress. From working on committees for budget scoring, to working with the agencies in the other branches of government, to bringing in outside experts, to negotiating across parties and across the House and the Senate – it is a difficult process to ensure the best laws are being created for the American people.

It makes sense to ensure plenty of checks and balances along the way, but it was so much more than I ever anticipated before working in Congress.

**What advice would you give potential applicants?**

My biggest piece of advice for potential applicants is to take the chance and apply for the program, even if you don't feel qualified. This is a unique opportunity for pharmacists to perform hands-on work in Congress and is worth taking a chance on if you have a passion for policy work. You do not have to be a law or congressional expert to apply – you just need passion and an openness to learn and grow.

**Alumni Fellows**

After serving in the program, past fellows have gone on to engage in a variety of important roles in health care policy and government:

- The 2020–2021 fellow, Nimit Jindal, Pharm.D., is serving as Health and Labor Legislative Assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives, working for Congressman [Joseph Morelle \(D-NY\)](#).
- Rita A. Habib, Pharm.D., MPH, is currently a full-time staff member in the office of Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO).
- Nilofar Jafari, Pharm.D., MPH, currently serves as a Pharmacy Benefits Management Clinical Informatics Pharmacist Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Daniel Nam, RPh, JD, is now the Associate Principal, Pharmacy Policy at Avalere Health.
- Tracy Rupp, Pharm.D., MPH, is currently a Consumer Safety Officer, CDER Office of Compliance at the FDA.

**Applications for the 2022–2023 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program**

The application deadline is January 31, 2022. Interested candidates should visit the [pharmacy Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow program website](#) for more information and instruction on submitting an application.

**FCCP Nominations Due February 15**

Do you plan 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 have demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

To be considered for ACCP 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 neither required nor 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 email 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 subsequently submitted to the ACCP Board of Regents for approval.

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 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 Ceremony and recognized at the Annual Fellows Dinner. Fellows may be recognized by the initials "FCCP" as part of their title as long as they are ACCP members in good standing.

Nominations for FCCP fellowship are submitted online at [www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx](http://www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx). The deadline for submitting 2022 nominations is February 15. For more information on nominating or becoming a Fellow of ACCP, email [membership@accp.com](mailto:membership@accp.com).

## ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Team Registration Deadline: February 9, 2022



### Clinical Research Challenge

ACCP's innovative and unique competition offers teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and the chance to submit a clinical research proposal. Plan now to [participate](#) in 2022. **Team Registration Deadline: February 9, 2022.**

The competition is only open to pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree from an accredited institution or individuals who have 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 can 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 can use as a basis for their local competition, if they wish. This examination may be requested by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member via email. Please address your email request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at [mkucera@accp.com](mailto:mkucera@accp.com).

Students are not required to be members of ACCP 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 for the 2022 competition is **February 9, 2022**. For additional competition information, including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click [here](#).

### Member Recruiters

Many thanks to the following individuals for recruiting colleagues to join them as ACCP members:

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