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The task force is focusing its initial work on implementing recommendations from the 2022 Task Force on DEI and the 2022 Member Relations Committee. Three subcommittees have been formed: (1) ACCP Awards, (2) DEI Toolkit/Publications Guide, and (3) Mentoring and Belonging. The ACCP Awards subcommittee will complete a thorough evaluation of current ACCP Awards Committee policies and procedures to identify and recommend revisions to address barriers to inclusion. To provide ACCP members with DEI-focused professional development relevant to their practice, research, and education, the DEI Toolkit/Publications Guide subcommittee will build on the 2022 Member Relations Committee recommendations to identify and/or develop essential DEI resources. To further decrease barriers to inclusion and support all members, the Mentoring and Belonging subcommittee will build on recommendations from the 2022 Member Relations Committee to evaluate existing ACCP mentoring programs and recommend revisions or additions. Overall, the task force will continue the ongoing work within ACCP to provide input to the BOR on issues relevant to DEI and to promote diversity of nominations for elected office, awards, and FCCP. To date, the full Task Force on DEI has had two meetings and is scheduled for a third in January. Task force leadership will work closely with ACCP staff to provide ongoing input to the BOR.

ACCP's 2023 Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As outlined in [ACCP's Strategic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) Plan](#), the 2023 Task Force on DEI has been impaneled and charged to provide input to the Board of Regents (BOR) on implementation of the DEI plan, including a review of the plan's interim DEI member assessment, which ended earlier this month. 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 Elizabeth Farrington appointed the following 14 member volunteers to ACCP's 2023 Task Force on DEI:

- Jimmi Hatton Kolpek, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM (Chair)
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FDA Expands Spanish Language Resources for Patient Care

The FDA has been working to expand multilingual communications for consumers, health professionals, and the pharmaceutical industry. Since 2019, the FDA has significantly increased the resources available for Spanish-speaking patients. The primary [FDA en español website](#) includes sections for health care professionals, patients/consumers, and industry professionals. Robust bilingual communications specific to [COVID-19](#) and [monkeypox](#) include press releases, fact sheets, consumer articles and videos, and toolkits for health professionals, including content for social media.

[Breves Informativos de la FDA](#) is a Spanish language newsletter with content for health care professionals and consumers/patients, including topics such as COVID-19 and monkeypox, as well as general health care resources and educational videos, product recalls, and reporting information. Review the content and sign up to receive the newsletter [here](#).

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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, the College strongly urges nomination of qualified individuals who identify themselves as members of underrepresented groups in 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, 2023 – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the fall 2023 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards) and the 2024 elected offices.

Due February 15, 2023 – Nominations for the 2023 Parker Medal, the 2024 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, the 2023 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2023 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs).

Due April 1, 2023 – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the 2023 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator) and the 2024 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture.

DESCRIPTIONS:

2023 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, 2023.**

2023 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, 2023, including supporting documents.**

2024 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award: Honors an internationally recognized scientist whose research is actively advancing the frontiers of pharmacotherapy. The recipient of this award is not required to be an ACCP member. Nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her sustained contributions to pharmacotherapy, 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. 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, 2023. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2023, as noted above.**

2023 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, 2023. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2023, as noted above.**

2023 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, 2023. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2023, as noted above.**

2023 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 Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2023. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2023, as noted above.**

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With growing concern about the role of medical misinformation in contributing to health inequities in Hispanic American communities, the FDA has launched a specific site for [combating misinformation](#). The site is available in both English and Spanish and includes fact sheets, a video gallery, additional resources, and a reporting tool through which health professionals or patients can inform the FDA of misinformation/rumors.

If you provide patient care for Spanish-speaking patients, consider downloading the FDA's [bilingual social media toolkit](#), signing up for Spanish language [email updates](#), [subscribing to podcasts and news feeds](#), and following FDA en español on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Returns in 2023: Online Registration Open Now



Clinical Research Challenge

ACCP's innovative and unique competition offers teams of three pharmacy students the chance to participate in an online journal club and submit a clinical research proposal. Team Registration Deadline: February

8, 2023.

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- to 6-year or 0- to 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 may use as a basis for their local competition. This examination can be requested via email by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member. Please address the email request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at 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 is [February 8, 2023](#). To learn more about past winners of the competition, visit <https://www.accp.com/stunet/hof.aspx>.

For additional competition information, including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click [here](#).

ACCP WHITE PAPER

Clinical Practice Guideline Development



2023 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium: Call for Abstracts

Important Dates:

■ Submission Deadline

- March 27, 2023: Submission deadline for Original Research, Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses, Case Reports, Clinical Pharmacy Forum, and Advances in International Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Education, or Training abstracts
- April 10, 2023: Submission deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts (Student, Resident, and Fellow)

■ Notification of Acceptance

- April 28, 2023: Authors will be notified no later than this date

ACCP invites you to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 2023 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium (VPS), May 23 and 24, 2023. The VPS was launched in 2012 for those who found it difficult to attend a symposium in person because of travel, funding, and schedule conflicts. ACCP continues to host the VPS as an alternative means for individuals to present their research and scholarship to peers and engage in dialogue with colleagues.

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

The deadline to submit abstracts (EXCLUDING Research-in-Progress abstracts) is March 27, 2023. The deadline to submit Research-in-Progress abstracts is April 10, 2023.

Posters will be on display May 20–28 for asynchronous viewing and comment. In addition, two interactive sessions will be held on May 23 and May 24, when authors and their virtual posters will be available for real-time online question-and-answer interactions. The technology required for presenters and the poster-viewing audience is minimal – a broadband internet connection and a 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 virtually present (either May 23 or May 24 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. EST via an online, real-time chat feature. Presenters

also have the *option* to offer live Q&A via their preferred video/audio platform (e.g., Zoom, Teams, Hangouts Meet) during their assigned poster session. Presenters will be able to discuss their findings with students, residents, fellows, seasoned practitioners, and even family and friends during the symposium. Of importance, VPS attendance is free. All are invited to attend – ACCP members, colleagues, friends, and family.

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 <https://www.accp.com/abstracts/2023vps/>.

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 to participate in only one of the informational calls scheduled for each desired program. Contact Sheldon Holstad (sholstad@accp.com) for videoconference information.

MeRIT informational conference calls:

- Thursday, January 26, 2023: 4:00–4:30 p.m. (EST)
- Wednesday, February 22, 2023: 1:00–1:30 p.m. (EST)

FIT informational conference calls:

- Thursday, January 26, 2023: 5:00–5:30 p.m. (EST)
- Wednesday, February 22, 2023: 2:00–2:30 p.m. (EST)

The FIT and MeRIT programs will be held concurrently June 12–16, 2023, on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy, in Omaha, Nebraska. Letters of intent to attend either program are due by February 28, and full applications are due by March 31, 2023. For an informational brochure or program application, visit accpfoundation.org/investigator.

President's Column

Engaging the Next Generation of Clinical Pharmacists



Elizabeth Farrington, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, FPPA, BCPS, BCNSP

As we move into the new year, many of us have just finished writing letters of support for students and residents applying for PGY1 and PGY2 residency programs. As time-consuming as this can be, we will be rewarded by having contributed to the preparation of future clinical pharmacists.

One of ACCP's three strategic priorities is to develop clinical pharmacists. Fortunately, many ACCP members participate in this work naturally. We display a love of our roles as patient care providers who positively influence overall health. As preceptors, we work to inspire those who train with us and encourage them to continue their education and training. We must encourage the next generation of clinical pharmacists and continue to raise the bar with new and creative methods to optimize the pharmacotherapy and well-being of our patients.

As members of ACCP, we also need to ensure trainees are aware of the benefits of becoming engaged in professional societies and introduce them to the many ways to get involved. ACCP has both a National Student Network Advisory Committee (NSNAC) and a Resident Advisory Committee (RAC). These committees have created many programs and services for the College. They work on charges assigned to them by the Board of Regents and then collaborate with ACCP staff to produce final deliverables.

Past deliverables from the NSNAC that many of you may recognize include:

- 2010 – Clinical Pharmacy Challenge
- 2012 – *Emerge from the Crowd* programming
- 2012–2013 – ACCP Student Chapters
- 2016 – Clinical Research Challenge

Work products first developed by the RAC include:

- 2011 – *Experts in Training* monthly newsletter
- 2012 – ACCP Mentoring Program
- 2018 – @ACCPpostgrads on social media
- 2019 – ACCP Podcast for Residents by Residents
- 2022 – Visual Abstract Challenge

RAC members also consistently serve as faculty for in-person and virtual *Emerge from the Crowd* programming.

The application portals for the 2023 NSNAC and RAC will open February 1 and close June 15. Start

thinking now of students or rising PGY2 residents you have worked with who would be an asset to one of these committees and encourage them to apply. PRN committee chairs, think of your student and resident committee members who have made significant contributions to your committee and encourage them to apply. Both committees meet in person during the ACCP Annual Meeting – thereafter, their work is completed virtually and submitted to the Board of Regents. Student and resident members appointed to the NSNAC and RAC receive complimentary registration to the ACCP Annual Meeting and are eligible to apply for an ACCP travel award to assist with travel costs.

I challenge our PRNs to consider creating a new travel award for student and resident members who are appointed to one of these two committees. Such an award would probably not be given every year, but only when a qualifying student or resident member of the PRN earns a place on the NSNAC/RAC. In addition, if your PRN does not currently have positions on its committees earmarked for students, residents, and fellows, ask that your PRN committees establish designated slots for students and trainees, when appropriate. It is important that we involve the next generation of clinical pharmacists in ACCP by encouraging them to contribute to our committee and PRN work.

Remember, the application portal will open February 1, 2023. Look for future ACCP member emails and announcements in the *ACCP Report* about these opportunities. Encouragement from a mentor will greatly influence a qualified student or trainee to apply. Help us continue to contribute to the optimization of medication outcomes through engaging and developing aspiring clinical pharmacists.

Happy New Year!

2022 Update to GTMRx CMM Evidence Document Now Available

The [Get the Medications Right \(GTMRx\) Institute](#) recently announced the release of the 2022 edition of its summary of published research from practice sites using comprehensive medication management (CMM). [The Outcomes of Implementing and Integrating CMM in Team-Based Care: A Review of the Evidence on Quality, Access and Costs](#), commonly called “the evidence document,” highlights studies showing the value of CMM in achieving all aspects of the quadruple aim of health care: improving patients’ health, reducing health care costs, improving the patient’s care experience, and improving health care team members’ experience.

The 2022 evidence document includes 21 studies, with four published in 2022. The new additions include

studies conducted in several patient care settings that demonstrate consistency in the ability of CMM to improve care and reduce costs. It also contains a summary of one of the largest surveys published to date of patient experience with clinical pharmacists providing CMM in the Veterans Health Administration system and highlights the results of an important paper demonstrating the benefit of a pharmacogenomics-enriched CMM program in reducing health care costs. As a resource for disseminating the value of CMM, the annual updates of the evidence document continue to reflect the maturation of research in this area and the increasing significance of the study results on larger patient populations. By sharing the evidence document with health care providers, administrators, and payers, GTMRx serves as an important partner for ACCP in driving the implementation of CMM in team-based patient care. In addition, it is hoped that this edition will stimulate new research demonstrating the value of CMM in the fifth element of the *new quintuple aim* of health care, improving health equity.

The evidence document is a product of the Evidence-Based Resources Subgroup of the GTMRx Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Workgroup. Authors include Shawn McFarland, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP; Marcia Buck, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA, BCPPS; Shannon W. Finks, Pharm.D., FCCP, FACC, BCPS, BCCP, AHSCP-CHC; Judith Jacobi, Pharm.D., FCCP, MCCM, BCCCP; and Mary Ann Kliethermes, Pharm.D., FAPhA, FCIOM, all of whom are ACCP members. The Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Workgroup, as well as the other GTMRx workgroups, continues to add new members. ACCP members who are interested in participating in GTMRx are encouraged to [become signing members](#) and indicate their interest in volunteering for a workgroup.

Washington Report

Identifying Opportunities to Advance Coverage for Clinical Pharmacy Services in the 118th Congress

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

The 118th Congress convened January 3, 2023, with a new Republican majority in the House of Representatives, the first female president pro tempore (Patty Murray) in the Senate, the first Black party leader (Hakeem Jeffries) in congressional history, and the longest-serving party leader (Mitch McConnell) in Senate history.

ACCP approaches the new Congress with an assertive agenda aimed at targeting key leaders on congressional



committees with jurisdiction over health care issues. In the House of Representatives, ACCP will reach out to members of the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee. In the Senate, ACCP will primarily focus on members of the Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee.

ACCP's Washington, D.C. team has identified the following strategic policy areas in which to advance opportunities for clinical pharmacists:

- Establishing coverage for medication optimization services for chronically ill patients
- Integrating clinical pharmacists into substance use disorder and mental health care teams
- Addressing prescription drug reform by getting the medications right on behalf of patients
- Establishing Medicare coverage for pharmacogenomic consultations provided by clinical pharmacists

Establishing Medicare Coverage for Medication Optimization Services for Patients with Complex Conditions

It is estimated that \$528 billion a year,¹ equivalent to 16% of total health care spending, is consumed because of inappropriate or otherwise ineffective medication use. Despite the central role that medications play in the care and treatment of chronic conditions and the growing understanding of the genetic and physiologic differences in how people respond to medications, the nation's health care system consistently fails to deliver on the full promise medications can offer.

ACCP's top advocacy priority in the new Congress is thus focused on advancing coverage for pharmacists' clinical services delivered under collaborative, patient-centered payment and delivery structures, aimed at optimizing medications on behalf of chronically ill older adults with complex conditions.

"Getting the medications right" through a team-based approach to medication optimization also contributes to enhanced productivity for the entire health care team, allowing all team members to more fully focus on their own patient care responsibilities. By fully using the clinical pharmacist's skills and training to coordinate the medication use process as an interdependent team member, physicians and other team members can maintain focus on the patient care activities that align with their respective expertise and scope of practice.

Clinical pharmacists are also uniquely positioned to address health equity by improving access to a standardized process for optimizing medications that facilitates collaboration with other members of the interdisciplinary team to ensure each medication has an

appropriate indication, is effective for the condition, can help achieve clinical goals, is safe, and has a regimen the patient can adhere to.

ACCP's goal for the coming Congress is to facilitate the full integration of clinical pharmacists into the Medicare program by amending the Social Security Act to authorize clinical pharmacists to serve in Medicare-eligible patient care teams, helping to optimize medications for chronically ill patients with complex conditions.

Ensuring Coverage for Clinical Pharmacists as Essential Members of Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Care Teams

Lawmakers across both political parties remain firmly committed to addressing America's ongoing mental health and substance use disorder crises by facilitating the full integration of mental health care with physical health care services and expanding access to crisis care and follow-up services to get Americans the longer-term care they need. Proposed legislation in Congress would increase payment rates to help providers integrate behavioral health and primary care and create a Medicare bundled payment for crisis stabilization services, including observation care, screening for suicide risk, screening for violence risk, and assessment of immediate physical health needs.

- ACCP recently submitted a [1-page statement](#) that calls on Congress to formally recognize and pay for services in evolving payment models that optimize medications on behalf of patients with complex conditions.

Prescription Drug Reform – Addressing Cost and Coverage Issues by Getting the Medications Right on Behalf of Patients

The inexorable rise in health care inflation is a perennial bipartisan priority issue for lawmakers on Capitol Hill. As Congress grapples with how to limit drug prices in order to slash the federal deficit and reduce out-of-pocket spending by Medicare beneficiaries, ACCP believes there is an opportunity to advance a comprehensive medication management benefit.

As far back as 2003, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) stated that its medication therapy management (MTM) program would be a “cornerstone of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.” MTM was intended to be a “patient-centric and comprehensive approach to improve medication use, reduce the risk of adverse events, and improve medication adherence.” However, CMS has acknowledged that it has not been possible to fully demonstrate the value and success of the Part D MTM program. To address this, ACCP has been engaged through the “Buy Right Strategy” of

the Get the Medications Right Institute to develop a dialogue with America's major employers, who collectively sponsor health benefits for more than 160 million Americans and pay billions of dollars for prescription drug coverage yet typically have limited insight into the effectiveness of their drug benefit programs and the resulting outcomes on behalf of patients.

Moreover, in recognition of Congress's growing understanding of the value of clinical pharmacists in therapeutically managing complex conditions, ACCP is dedicated to advancing a quality-focused, patient-centered, team-based improvement in health care delivery that (1) helps ensure medication optimization, (2) enhances patient safety, (3) promotes value-based rather than volume-based care, and (4) contributes to greater affordability and sustainability for the Medicare program.

- ACCP recently [released a statement](#) to the Senate Finance Committee recommending that, to modernize access to and coverage of innovative therapies, the Medicare program should use the unique contributions of clinical pharmacists in the area of medication optimization.

Establishing Medicare Coverage for Pharmacogenomic Consultations by Clinical Pharmacists

ACCP's legislative strategy recognizes that health policy often evolves incrementally. The Cures 2.0 legislation aimed at modernizing access to and coverage for innovative therapies generated bipartisan support in the last Congress. Of importance, the bill included *Section 408: Medicare Coverage for Consultations*, which would establish a program to cover pharmacogenomic consultations delivered by qualified clinical pharmacists. ACCP has been working collaboratively with its partner organizations to advance this potentially impactful provision.

- [Click here](#) to send a letter to Congress calling for reintroduction of legislative language that would cover pharmacogenomic consultations by qualified clinical pharmacists.

Get Involved!

ACCP's Political Action Committee (PAC) allows the College to participate in political campaign activities that strengthen its relationships with key policy-makers on Capitol Hill. Providing financial support to influential leaders helps raise the profile of clinical pharmacy and demonstrates ACCP's ideological commitment to its core mission.

To maximize its impact, ACCP must be strategic in targeting its limited resources on the health policy leaders best placed to advance its agenda. The text that follows

explains how ACCP's leaders decide who should receive financial support.

Consistent with all of ACCP's initiatives, ACCP-PAC is member driven and managed by a [Governing Council](#), which is responsible for decisions related to how PAC funds are spent.

- ACCP-PAC is nonpartisan and committed to working with health policy leaders across all political parties and ideologies.
- ACCP-PAC supports candidates on the basis of their alignment with ACCP's mission to advance the profession and improve human health through research, training, and education.
- ACCP-PAC strategically targets members of Congress who sit on committees with jurisdiction over health care. In the Senate, ACCP-PAC primarily supports members on the Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. In the House, it focuses on those who sit on the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee.
- ACCP-PAC is committed to transparency – all contributions are reported to the [Federal Election Commission](#), and the information is available to the public.

PAC contributions are a constitutionally protected part of the U.S. political system under the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. ACCP-PAC is the only means through which the College can provide financial support for candidates for Congress.

With its almost 18,000 members, ACCP is in a position to become one of the most prominent pharmacy PACs in Washington. To do this, ACCP needs the widespread support of its membership. If each ACCP member contributed just \$25, ACCP-PAC would raise over \$400,000. All ACCP members should consider contributing at least \$25 to ACCP-PAC.

[CLICK HERE](#) to support your PAC today.

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ACCP Oncology Genomics Certificate Program Registration Open!

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This unique certificate program blends interactive live online learning (via Zoom) with self-study programming to equip clinical pharmacists with the necessary skills to apply oncology genomics to practice. From February 28 through May 15, participants will acquire skills to interpret genomic reports, develop treatment plans on the basis of genomic data, interact with an interprofessional molecular oncology team, and learn strategies for implementing a Molecular Tumor Board at their own institutions.

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[Click here](#) to learn more about learning objectives, program faculty, and scheduled activities and to register.

	Standard Rate
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FCCP Nominations Due February 15

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 demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

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

Once the nomination period closes, eligible nominees receive 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 then 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 Fellowship should be 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, email membership@accp.com.

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

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