Pharmacotherapy Releases International Consensus Guidelines for Optimal Use of the Polymyxins

Consensus Recommendations on Clinical Use of the Polymyxins as Salvage Therapy for Drug-Resistant Infections as Endorsed by ACCP, ESCMID, IDSA, ISAP, SCCM, and SIDP

Although the polymyxins became available in the 1950s, interest in these agents as salvage therapy for multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant gram-negative infections recently reemerged. However, the lack of standard drug development procedures in the 1950s resulted in significant confusion surrounding their use. To address this confusion and provide practitioners with a guide to optimal clinical use of the polymyxin antibiotics today, a diverse, international panel of 18 experts convened over a period of 24 months to reach a consensus on their optimal use, which was subsequently published in Pharmacotherapy (see www.doi.org/10.1002/Phar.2209).

The expert panel was led by American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) members Brian Tsuji, Pharm.D., and Jason Pogue, Pharm.D., together with physician-collaborator Keith Kaye, M.D. This panel included members of all six of the endorsing organizations: ACCP, European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), International Society of Anti-infective Pharmacology (ISAP), Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), and Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP).

As noted by Pharmacotherapy Editor-in-Chief C. Lindsay DeVane on the use of polymyxins and the new consensus on their optimal use,

Unfortunately, many clinicians encounter patients with infections caused by multidrug- and extensively drug-resistant microorganisms. Despite the polymyxins’ narrow therapeutic index, they can be an effective option. This practical framework for using the polymyxins should provide substantial guidance for drug therapy.
Take Advantage of ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 Early Registration Rates

Early registration pricing is available for ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019, April 27–28, at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri. More information is available at [www.updatesintherapeutics.com](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com).

Take advantage of your opportunity to attend three different sets of offerings at ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. Attendees can participate in (1) ACCP’s nationally recognized and proven preparatory review courses in Pharmacotherapy or Critical Care; (2) ACCP’s Academy programming, highlighting best practices in Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning; and (3) the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum, featuring workshops designed to allow participants to acquire tools they can take back and implement in their practices. Register before March 29 to receive the discounted registration rate.

Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses

Register now for ACCP’s preparatory review and recertification courses in Critical Care or Pharmacotherapy. These courses are designed for pharmacy professionals who plan to take 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. For more information, or to register for one of these courses, please [click here](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com).

ACCP Academy Programming

Also available are professional development sessions delivered by ACCP Academy faculty. The three ACCP Academy programs in Leadership Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning will deliver both required modules and electives, according to preestablished course schedules.

Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum

The 2019 ACCP Updates in Therapeutics®: [Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com) will take place over 2 days and offer a series of hands-on, interactive sessions to assist practitioners with developing and/or enhancing their clinical pharmacy services to deliver comprehensive medication management (CMM). This live forum will feature both plenary sessions and workshops, so attendees can be among the first to employ the evidence-based tools and resources developed through the ACCP-funded CMM Effectiveness and Implementation study.

Poster Sessions and Biostatistics Premeeting Workshop

In addition to the preparatory review courses, ACCP Academy sessions, and Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum, this meeting will feature a poster session and the Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Clinical Trial Design Premeeting Workshop. The poster session is open to any meeting registrant. The biostatistics premeeting workshop, to be held Friday, April 26, is designed to provide key preparation for the biostatistics sections of the BPS examinations and will also offer 5.0 hours of recertification credit in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, or Pharmacotherapy.

Location and Meeting Registration

ACCP Updates in Therapeutics 2019 will be held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri, in the Academic Research Building and the Recreation and Student Center. St. Louis College of Pharmacy sits adjacent to Forest Park. At 1371 acres, Forest Park is one of the largest urban parks in the country and is home to the Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis Science Center, Saint Louis Zoo, and more. The Central West End MetroLink Station is one block from Forest Park and on the St. Louis College of Pharmacy campus. For hotel and travel information, visit [www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx).

Early registration rates expire March 29. Please [register online](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com) today to take advantage of these savings.

Register Now for ACCP Academy’s Updates in Therapeutics® Programming

Are you interested in learning new skills to advance your career? Would you like to improve your leadership, research, or teaching acumen? Register now for Academy programming at the upcoming ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 meeting, April 27–28, in St. Louis, Missouri. ACCP Academy programs consist of a 2-year curriculum of required and elective sessions designed to enhance participants’ understanding in one of three key areas: Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, or Teaching and Learning. Programming is geared toward fellow, resident, and seasoned pharmacists who are looking to advance their careers.
The following sessions will be offered at ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019:

**Leadership and Management**
- Interpersonal Leadership Development (Module 2) **April 27**
- Leadership, Accountability, and Personnel Evaluation (Elective) **April 27**
- How an Outward Mindset Improves Leadership Effectiveness (Elective) **April 27**
- Attributes of a Leader (Module 3) **April 28**
- Imposters, Negotiators, Mentors & Perfectionists: A Journey to Confident Leadership (Elective) **April 28**

**Research and Scholarship**
- Statistical Issues (Module 2) **April 27**
- Extending Your Research Tool Kit (Module 3) **April 27**
- Regulatory/Ethical Issues (Module 4) **April 28**

**Teaching and Learning**
- Implementing Teaching and Learning Strategies (Module 2) **April 27**
- Formative, Summative, and Effective Feedback (Elective) **April 27**
- Using Cases to Enhance Learning (Elective) **April 27**
- Assessing Student Learning (Module 3) **April 28**

For complete details and to register, visit [www.updatesintherapeutics.com](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com/). **Register by March 29, 2019, to take advantage of the early-bird rates.**

If you attended Academy programming at the 2018 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy and have not enrolled in the Academy but would like to, the sessions you attended can be added to your portfolio retroactively. Contact Jessie Culley, project coordinator, for more details.

**Hotel and Travel**
All 2019 ACCP Academy sessions will be held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. There are several hotel options in the area surrounding St. Louis College of Pharmacy. To see a list of conveniently located hotels and other travel information, visit [www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx](http://www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx).

If you are interested in enrolling in the Academy or have questions, please contact Jessie Culley at jculley@accp.com.

**Emerge from the Crowd: How to Become a Standout Pharmacy Resident**

On April 27 and 28, ACCP will conduct two 1-day Emerge from the Crowd workshops at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri. This unique program has been designed to help first-, second-, and third-year pharmacy students maximize their ability to secure a residency position upon graduation. Student participants will be given the opportunity to walk away with tangible results, including a revised curriculum vitae and a letter of intent – vital components of their residency application. They will also take part in interactive programming on attending the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, applying for a residency, and interviewing successfully. Registration is open at [www.accp.com/meetings/ec19/](http://www.accp.com/meetings/ec19/).
Register Now for ACCP/ASHP Board Review and Recertification Courses

ACCP is teaming up with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to present live courses for board certification preparation and recertification. Three courses will be offered at ACCP/ASHP Board Review & Recertification Courses, May 2–4, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota: Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy. Course registration is open now. For more information and to register, visit www.rxcertifications.org/Live-Review-and-Recert-Courses.

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 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 webinar Developing Effective Test-Taking Skills (to be presented in June 2019)
- The opportunity to earn Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE) credit for the course

Each course has been approved by BPS for credit toward recertification in the relevant specialty: Ambulatory Care Pharmacy (BCACP), Geriatric Pharmacy (BCGP), or Oncology Pharmacy (BCOP). 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 course is open now at www.accp.com/meetings/ashpaccp18/index.aspx. Course enrollment size is limited; register now to secure a spot. Discounted registration rates apply through March 22, 2019. The regular registration deadline is April 12, 2019.

2019 ACCP/ASHP Oncology Pharmacy Home Study Syllabus for Recertification Now Available in Online Format

Earn a Minimum of 16.0 BCOP Recertification Credits by Purchasing the 2019 Oncology Home Study Syllabus for Recertification

The two-volume ACCP/ASHP Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification is a collection of journal articles that focus on advances across the four domains of oncology specialty pharmacy practice. Approved for Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) recertification credit by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS), this home study syllabus is a series of current articles from the primary oncology literature, each with learning objectives, and a web-based posttest covering the full series of articles. Purchase the ACCP/ASHP Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification today at www.accp.com/store/product.aspx?pc=OPC19HSSRG.

The 2019 Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification is available in an online-only format. The first volume is available now, with the second volume to be released in July 2019. Each volume will offer at least 8.0 hours of BCOP recertification credit.

IDSAP Series Debuts in May 2019

Pre-Order the 2019-2021 IDSAP Series Now!

For purchase information, visit www.accp.com/store

ACCP collaborates with ASHP on Infectious Diseases Pharmacy activities.
Topics in the two volumes will include:

Volume 1 – Available Now
- Cancer-Related Infectious Diseases
- Colon Cancer
- Oncology Drug Literature: Biostatistics and Study Design
- Ovarian Cancer
- Chronic Leukemia
- Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation
- Oncology Practice Management
- Sarcoma

Volume 2 – To be released in July 2019
- Acute Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Multiple Myeloma
- Prostate Cancer
- NTRK Therapy
- Pediatric Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Breast Cancer

The 2019 ACCP/ASHP Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification will include multiple web-based recertification tests. BCOPs who read each article included in the home study syllabus and successfully complete the web-based posttests on the articles’ content will earn oncology recertification credit.

The posttests for volume 1 of the home study syllabus must be submitted by July 30, 2019, to be eligible for recertification credit. The posttests for volume 2 of the home study syllabus must be submitted by January 28, 2020, to be eligible for recertification credit.

Don’t miss this opportunity to earn BCOP recertification credit – order one or both volumes of the Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification today!

Investigator Development LOIs Due

Are you planning to apply to the ACCP Foundation Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) or Focused Investigator Training (FIT) program? Letters of intent for either program are due February 28, and FIT and MeRIT program applications will close March 31, 2019. This year’s MeRIT and FIT programs will be held June 17–21, 2019, on the campus of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington, Kentucky.

The MeRIT Program seeks candidates who are pharmacy faculty or practitioners who would like assistance with developing the abilities necessary to conduct investigator-initiated research. The FIT Program’s ideal applicants are mid-career, fellowship-trained, tenure-track, or research-focused pharmacists who are ready to undergo intensive research proposal development work in preparation for a submission/resubmission to the National Institutes of Health or other major funding source.

For more information about the FIT and MeRIT programs, or to download an application form, visit the Foundation’s Investigator Development page at www.accpfoundation.org/investigator/. All inquiries about these programs, letters of intent, and completed applications should be e-mailed to Sheldon Holstad at sholstad@accp.com.

Washington Report

ACCP & PCPCC: Advancing Medication Optimization Across the Care Continuum

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

ACCP’s commitment to team-based comprehensive medication management (CMM) is built on the foundational principle that clinical pharmacists, as health care providers responsible for
high-quality patient care, will be accountable for medication optimization in the prevention and treatment of disease. This commitment was exemplified in the Board of Regents’ 2013 decision to launch a Medicare Initiative that focused on the “what” (coverage for CMM as part of broader Medicare fee-for-service payment reform) rather than the “who” (recognition for pharmacists as Medicare providers without specifying what they “provide”).

This decision represented a shift in ACCP’s strategic outlook, having learned from the overly pharmacist-centric efforts in the early 2000s to achieve Medicare Part B “provider status” built around now-outdated fee-for-service payment structures. Importantly, ACCP also recognized that any advocacy effort that seeks to advance a legislative agenda focused on team-based care must itself be collaborative in nature and secure the support of other health professions and stakeholders.

Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC)

Founded in 2006, the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) is a not-for-profit multi-stakeholder organization dedicated to advancing an efficient and effective health system built on a strong foundation of primary care and the patient-centered medical home (PCMH). PCPCC supports increased investment in primary care through alternative payment models that enable PCMHs and other primary care organizations to provide integrated, higher-value care that connects to the community.

Aligned with ACCP’s core values stating the College’s commitment to challenge the status quo and display the courage to lead, PCPCC’s mission is to be a “driver of change,” educating and advocating for ideas, concepts, policies, and programs that advance the goals of high-performing primary care as the foundation of all health care systems.

PCPCC represents over 1,000 members from across the entire health spectrum, including other health care practitioner groups, patient advocacy organizations, health insurers, employers, and a diverse range of stakeholders promoting policies and sharing best practices to achieve the “Quadruple Aim” of better care, better health, lower costs, and greater joy for clinicians and staff in delivery of care.

ACCP and PCPCC

Since the early days of PCPCC, ACCP has been a leader in CMM, and the College is proud to sit alongside other organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, National Committee for Quality Assurance, and IBM as the only pharmacist practitioner group ever to serve on the PCPCC Executive Committee. Early on, the College’s strategic positioning within PCPCC served as the catalyst for establishment of PCPCC’s Medication Management Task Force and publication of the CMM resource guide “Integrating Comprehensive Medication Management to Optimize Patient Outcomes.” It is impossible to overstate the importance of this resource guide in ACCP’s advocacy efforts and the impact of bringing together leaders from organizations such as the American College of Physicians, Geisinger Health Plan, Pfizer, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and Kaiser Permanente to endorse a formal definition of CMM. ACCP’s leadership in this effort was also instrumental in developing future initiatives such as the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners Pharmacists’ Patient Care Process, which saw the pharmacy profession come together in a similar manner to endorse a team-based, patient-centered, consistent process of care.
Next Steps

More recently, ACCP collaborated with PCPCC to develop the popular and highly rated webinar Optimizing Value and Patient Outcomes Through Comprehensive Medication Management. The College continues to be active in a variety of PCPCC initiatives and considers PCPCC and its members a vital resource in its dissemination strategy for the findings of the ACCP-funded CMM Effectiveness and Implementation study. Looking ahead, ACCP envisions additional collaborative advocacy efforts with a variety of groups and organizations based on alliances formed through joint participation in PCPCC.

ACCP Joins Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose

ACCP has joined the fight to stop opioid overdose by becoming a member of the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO), as announced in a recent press release. Founded in 2016, CSOO brings together a diverse range of mental health, substance use disorder, and health care professional organizations united around common policy goals to reduce opioid overdose deaths. The coalition aims to elevate the national conversation around opioid overdose and works to enact meaningful and comprehensive policy change that supports prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

The coalition brings together leading mental health, substance use disorder, and health care professional organizations to exchange ideas and collaborate. CSOO engages with policy-makers by hosting congressional briefings to educate policy-makers on issues related to opioid overdose and by writing letters detailing its position on legislation and offering suggestions on ways to improve these laws. The CSOO membership includes more than 30 organizations dedicated to stopping opioid overdose, with the addition of ACCP as the leading voice in advocating team-based, patient-centered, and patient-engaged policies that improve medication-related care and manage overall health-system costs. In enthusiastic support of ACCP’s having joined the coalition, the chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s Legislative Advocacy Committee, Dr. Corey Waller, says:

We are thrilled to have the American College of Clinical Pharmacy as a new member of the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose. Effective medication management is a critical component to reducing opioid-related overdose deaths. We look forward to working with ACCP to increase medication optimization and expand access to high-quality patient care for all who need it.

For more information on CSOO’s advocacy, visit the coalition’s advocacy page here.

2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Underway

ACCP is pleased to announce that competition is underway in the fourth annual Clinical Research Challenge. Research and scholarship contribute to improved health outcomes for patients and advances in the profession of clinical pharmacy. In addition, critically evaluating and applying primary literature is an essential skill for students pursuing a career in clinical pharmacy.

This innovative and unique competition offers teams of three students (those in the first two professional years of their degree program) the opportunity to compete in round 1: The Online Journal Club. Teams achieving the top 40 scores advance to round 2: Letter of Intent Submission. Teams with the top 20 scores following...
round 2 advance to the third and final round: Research Protocol Development.

The 2019 competition began February 11 with a record 89 teams. Round 1, The Online Journal Club examination, was based on the following literature:


Teams advancing to round 2 will be given a clinically focused research question and will have 2½ weeks to develop and submit a letter of intent following the criteria outlined here. Teams advancing to round 3 will be announced March 25.


ACCP Launches On-Demand Letter of Intent Review Service

ACCP is pleased to announce that it will offer a new service beginning this month – the Letter of Intent (LOI) Review Service – as a member benefit to student and trainee members. For more than 10 years, ACCP has offered the On-Demand CV Review Service as a member benefit. Using this service, participants have had their CVs reviewed by volunteer members of ACCP. Reviewers identify strengths and weaknesses and offer participants suggestions to optimize their CV in preparation for their next career steps. This service has been an overwhelming success. At the same time, as students and trainees continue to look for ways to distinguish themselves from other residency or job applicants, many have asked for a service like the CV review service that focuses on letters of intent. With this new service, ACCP hopes to fill this unmet need.

The On-Demand LOI Review Service will use a portal system similar to the CV review service, allowing reviewers and participants to communicate with each other online. Participants will initiate the process by submitting their LOI online as a PDF document. The PDF will be assigned to a volunteer reviewer, who will provide suggestions. Participants will then receive an e-mail containing feedback from the reviewer within 14 business days.

The On-Demand LOI Review Service will be open year-round, allowing participants to upload their LOI for review any time they choose. Participants can also receive input from a second reviewer, if they wish. This option will automatically appear when student or trainee members sign in to their ACCP account after receiving feedback from the initial reviewer. ACCP also provides other LOI web-based resources, including tips for developing and formatting an LOI, LOI do’s and don’ts, and several sample LOIs for participants to look at.

For more information regarding the On-Demand LOI Review Service or to submit your LOI for review, click here.

Guidelines for Author Inquiries

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Editor-in-Chief, Pharmacotherapy

Journal editors often answer inquiries from prospective authors regarding proposed manuscripts. Pharmacotherapy receives numerous e-mails each year with questions about the journal’s interest in a particular topic, usually one designated for a review of therapeutics. The quality and specificity of these requests varies widely. They are sometimes as brief as “Would you be interested in a review of ... drug X used for disease Y, or, an update on the ... <enzyme> inhibitors?” It is difficult to reply properly to such inquiries containing minimal information. A simple response of “no” is unsatisfactory.
and unhelpful to a future author. To avoid these quandaries, *Pharmacotherapy* includes in its masthead, under Scope and Purpose, four questions for authors to address when e-mailing the editorial office about possible review articles. Readers of the ACCP Report may also find additional comments on these four questions helpful when preparing inquiries for *Pharmacotherapy* or other journals.

The first item for authors to address is, **Describe how broadly the topic will appeal to the readership.** Although a journal masthead contains a description of the types of articles considered appropriate, this information is usually not very specific. Authors who describe the content of their proposed manuscript to the editor in evaluating whether it falls into areas the readership would find valuable. Journal editors can be expected to have a broad knowledge of their field, but authors writing on a specialized topic that appeals to only a small proportion of the readership may assist editors by providing comments about its broader value. *Pharmacotherapy* has a substantial readership outside the United States, so potential authors should note, when appropriate, the value of their topic to an international audience. Submitting an abstract with an inquiry can evaluate the fit of the proposed article for the specific journal.

The next item asks the inquirer to **provide a brief bibliography of any similar reviews published in *Pharmacotherapy* or the biomedical literature in the past 2 years.** Most journals try to minimize or avoid duplication of content that has been published recently in that journal or that is readily available in other journals. It is rarely convincing for the inquirer to state that “journal X has published a review on this topic, so wouldn’t your journal like to publish my review of the same therapeutic issue?” Journal editors are busy, like all professionals, and an inquiry is likely to be viewed more favorably when it contains relevant references, minimizing any need for the editor to search the literature for similar publications. Thus, specific references to this effect from the inquirer are helpful, such as “It has been 5 years since *Pharmacotherapy* has published a review on this topic, and no similar reviews have been published in other journals during this time, despite multiple advances in the field.”

Third, if the proposed review is drug related, **Will the review focus on one agent or compare drugs within a class?** Reviews of therapeutics focused on a single drug are less useful in providing new insight into pharmacotherapy than are reviews that place a drug in the context of available alternative therapies. A new drug that is the first in its class would be an exception. Even for a new drug, however, reviews should provide content beyond what is available in the product labeling and more than a summary of the results of pivotal trials. Manuscripts that identify gaps in the literature when a new drug is marketed, provide detailed critiques of existing data, or discuss unique aspects of how patient needs will be met are most likely to receive an editor’s encouragement for submission.

The fourth question to address is, **What research or clinical experience do the authors have with the topic?** *Pharmacotherapy*’s mission is to improve human health through the dissemination of pharmacotherapeutic scholarship. The journal does not exclude any category of authors. Students and residents routinely submit manuscripts for consideration, some of which are published. However, the logic behind this fourth question is that manuscripts that include coauthors who have the perspective of direct experience with the subject matter are most likely to provide authoritative reviews that are highly effective to a sophisticated readership.

A final issue is, when to send an inquiry to an editorial office. The answer is, whenever an author is uncertain about a review’s suitability. When the above four questions are addressed in an inquiry, a journal editor can evaluate the fit of the proposed article for the specific journal. *Pharmacotherapy* and other journals are increasingly moving to invite more submissions of reviews, rather than relying on unsolicited submissions. Information from these four questions allows an editor to determine whether, and where, similar reviews may have recently been published and therefore whether the proposed content is already available to the readership. A properly written inquiry may allow an author to avoid days or weeks of delay after submitting a manuscript only to have the review rejected. Alternatively, a properly written inquiry may yield an editor’s assurance that the submission will be welcomed by the journal and considered for publication. The well-written inquiry is likely to result in a prompt and specific reply.

**ACCP Partners with ASHP to Seek Specialty Recognition for Emergency Medicine Pharmacy**

ACCP and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) have partnered to develop a petition to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) seeking recognition of Emergency Medicine (EM) Pharmacy as a specialty, in response to a call for petition in Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Practice issued by BPS in November 2018. Six members will serve on the advisory panel for petition development, including one staff member and two member representatives from each organization. ACCP members Nicole M. Acquisto, Pharm.D., BCPS, and Megan E. Musselman, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, will serve as two of the experts involved in the petition development process.
Acquisto is the EM clinical pharmacy specialist and an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York. She is involved in educating EM faculty, residents, and staff; participates in emergency department (ED) and hospital-wide simulation; manages an ED antimicrobial stewardship program; is a member of several institutional committees and task forces; and focuses on systems issues related to EM pharmacotherapy in a growing health care system. Musselman is an EM/critical care clinical pharmacy specialist at North Kansas City Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Kansas and University of Missouri-Kansas City schools of pharmacy. In addition, she serves as the PGY1 residency and advanced practice pharmacy student coordinator for North Kansas City Hospital. In her current position, Musselman has been responsible for establishing clinical pharmacy services in the ED and best practices in the ICU at North Kansas City Hospital.

The petition development process was launched last month. Typically, the process for petition development and submission can take up to 6 months. ACCP members may seek further information on this petition process by contacting staff representative Kathy Pham at kpham@accp.com.

**ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee Applications Due June 14**

Are you a resident or fellow who is interested in becoming more involved in ACCP? The American College of Clinical Pharmacy encourages postgraduate trainees who want to enhance their leadership skills, network with colleagues across the country, and interact with clinical pharmacy leaders to apply for appointment to the ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee.

The National Resident Advisory Committee is a standing committee composed of resident, fellow, or graduate student members appointed each year by the ACCP president-elect. Members serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8–12 members. Appointed leadership positions include the chair (1-year term) and the vice chair (1-year term).

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the ACCP Board of Regents and staff, providing feedback and assistance in developing new programs and services for resident members consistent with the College’s vision of clinical pharmacy practice, research, and education. The committee will meet in person at the ACCP Annual Meeting in October and communicates by conference calls and e-mail to complete its assigned charges. Appointees to the National Resident Advisory Committee will receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the Annual Meeting. For additional information on the application process or to enter your application, please visit www.accp.com/membership/rac.aspx. The deadline for applications is June 14, 2019.

**ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee Applications Due June 14**

Attention student pharmacists: Would you like to become more involved with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy? ACCP student members who want to develop leadership skills, expand opportunities for student pharmacists within ACCP, and introduce other students to the many facets of clinical pharmacy are encouraged to apply for appointment to the ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee.

The ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee is composed of student members appointed each year by the ACCP president. Members generally serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8–12 members. The leadership of the committee is also appointed by the ACCP president.

Leadership positions include the chair (1-year term), the vice chair (2-year term; serves first year as the vice chair and then assumes the chair position during the second year), and the secretary (1-year term). If you are a student interested in serving on the ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee, either as a member-at-large or in a leadership role, please visit www.accp.com/stunet/advisoryCommittee.aspx for more information about the committee and how to apply. The deadline for receipt of applications is June 14, 2019.

**Member Recruiters**

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

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