Early Registration Rates for ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 End March 29

Planning to attend the ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 meeting on April 27–28, 2019, at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri? Now is your chance to take advantage of the early registration rates available until March 29.

The April 27–28 meeting will feature ACCP’s proven courses in Pharmacotherapy or Critical Care, ACCP Academy programming, and the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum.

Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses
ACCP’s Critical Care Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses are designed for pharmacy professionals preparing for either the Critical Care Pharmacy or the Pharmacotherapy specialty certification examination administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS), for BCCCPs or BCPs seeking recertification through continuing education, and for pharmacists seeking a self-paced refresher of pharmacotherapeutic management and contemporary clinical practice topics. To register for one of these courses, please click here.

ACCP Academy Programming and the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum
Professional development sessions delivered by ACCP Academy faculty will also be available at the April 2019 meeting. The three ACCP Academy programs – Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning – will deliver required modules and electives according to preestablished course schedules (see www.updatesintherapeutics.com).

ACCP’s 2019 Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum will offer a series of hands-on, interactive programs to help practitioners develop and enhance their delivery of comprehensive medication management. Participants will take part in a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity for clinical pharmacists seeking to implement comprehensive medication management (CMM) services. The forum provides a first-hand opportunity to use the evidence-based tools and resources produced through the ACCP-funded CMM study. Sessions are hands-on and designed to help you create a customized implementation plan that is tailored to your unique practice environment.
ACCP will also offer the Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Clinical Trial Design Premeeting Workshop at the April 2019 meeting. This workshop, to be held Friday, April 26, will offer 5.0 hours of recertification credit in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, or Pharmacotherapy. In addition, the meeting’s scientific poster session will occur Saturday, April 27, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

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 is adjacent to Forest Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country and home to the Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis Science Center, Saint Louis Zoo, and more. The Central West End Metro Link Station is on the edge of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy campus and is only 1 block from Forest Park. Several hotel options in the area surround the campus. To see a list of conveniently located hotels, visit www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx.

We hope to see you in St. Louis on April 27–28. Secure your seat by registering before March 29 to take advantage of early-bird registration rates.

FIT/MeRIT Applications Accepted Through March 31

The ACCP Foundation’s 2019 Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) and Focused Investigator Training (FIT) programs will be held June 17–21, 2019, on the campus of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington, Kentucky. For more information about the 2019 FIT and MeRIT programs, or to download an application form, visit the Foundation’s Investigator Development page at www.accpfoundation.org/investigator.

Applications may be submitted through March 31, 2019, and prior submission of a Letter of Intent is not required to apply. All inquiries about these programs and completed applications should be sent by e-mail to Sheldon Holstad, ACCP associate executive director, at sholstad@accp.com.

Register Now for ACCP/ASHP Board Review and Recertification Courses

Discounted registration rates are now available for the upcoming live ACCP/ASHP Board Review & Recertification Courses. Three review and recertification courses will be offered May 2–4, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota: Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy. Discounted registration rates apply through March 22, 2019. For more information and to register, visit www.rxcertifications.org/Live-Review-and-Recert-Courses.

Developed jointly by ACCP and ASHP, these comprehensive 3-day courses 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 live 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 are available through March 22, 2019. The regular registration deadline is April 12, 2019.
Register Now for ACCP Academy’s Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 Programming

Are you interested in acquiring new knowledge, skills, and perspectives to advance your career? Would you like to improve your leadership, scholarship, or teaching acumen? Register now for Academy programming at the upcoming ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 meeting, to be held April 27–28, in St. Louis, Missouri. ACCP Academy programs employ a 1-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 tailored to both trainees and established practitioners looking to advance their careers. The following sessions will be offered at the upcoming meeting in St. Louis:

**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

Receiving Credit for Prior Academy Courses Attended
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 (jculley@accp.com), project coordinator, for more details.

**Hotel Accommodations**
All 2019 ACCP Academy sessions will be held at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. To see a list of hotels conveniently located near the campus, visit www.updatesintherapeutics.com/travel.aspx.

**For More Information**
For complete details about the 2019 ACCP Academy programs and to register for any of the sessions listed above, visit www.updatesintherapeutics.com/. Individuals with questions about any of the Academy’s programs should contact Jessie Culley at jculley@accp.com. **Register by March 29 to take advantage of the early-bird rates.**

**Request for Applications 2019 ACCP Foundation Futures Grants: Mentored Research Awards**

Online Applications Due May 15, 2019

The 2019 ACCP Foundation Futures Grants program invites student, trainee, and early-career ACCP members to apply for developmental research grants. Futures grants awards range from $5,000 to $40,000, depending on applicant eligibility and budget approval. Up to $100,000 in mentored, developmental research awards will be distributed through the Futures Grants program in 2019. To access detailed instructions about this grant award program, visit www.accpfoundation.org/futures.

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

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

For questions, please contact Jessie Culley, ACCP Foundation Project Coordinator, at jculley@accp.com.

**Supported by the ACCP Foundation Frontiers Fund.**

ACCP is pleased to announce that competition is under way in the third annual Clinical Research Challenge (CRC). Research and scholarship contributes to improved health outcomes for patients and advances in the profession of clinical pharmacy. 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 in the first 2 years of their professional degree program the opportunity to compete and advance through three rounds of competition. The 2019 competition began February 11 with a record 89 teams participating in round 1, Online Journal Club. This round was based on the following publication:


Teams achieving the top 40 scores in round 1 advanced to round 2, Letter of Intent (LOI) submission. The 2019 teams were given a clinically focused research question, for which they had 2½ weeks to develop and submit a letter of intent following the criteria outlined here. The 2019 LOI submissions, due March 1, 2019, are under evaluation by the CRC Review and Oversight panels. Teams advancing to round 3 will be announced March 25. To view a list of teams participating in each round of the competition, please click here.

Please join ACCP in recognizing and thanking the members of the 2019 CRC Review and Oversight panels for their contributions and service to the College in delivering this program for the College’s student members.

2019 CRC Oversight Panel
Sandra Benavides, Pharm.D., FCCP
Lori Dickerson, Pharm.D., FCCP
Doug Fish, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS-AQ ID
Anne Hume, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Irene La-Beck, Pharm.D.
Beth Phillips, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

2019 CRC Review Panel
Rita Alloway, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Scott Benken, Pharm.D., BCPS
Jeff Bishop, Pharm.D., FCCP, M.S., BCPP
Brooke Buffat, Pharm.D., BCPS

Kyle Burhardt, Pharm.D.
Robert DiDomenico Jr, Pharm.D., FCCP
Erika Ernst, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Michelle Fravel, Pharm.D., BCPS
Jennie Jarrett, Pharm.D., BCPS, MMEd
Craig Lee, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Rob MacLaren, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM
Ashley Meredith, Pharm.D., FCCP
Tien Ng, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Phillip Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
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President’s Column
Implementing CMM to Achieve Medication Optimization

Suzanne Amato Nesbit, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, CPE

While ACCP awaits the results of its $2.4 million comprehensive medication management (CMM) in primary care grant later this year, the College must begin planning for the dissemination and implementation of the study team’s findings. Indeed, ACCP is already engaged in this effort, as evidenced by the College’s strategic plan, its publications in JACCP, and its planned workshops during the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum at the April 26–28 Updates in Therapeutics® meeting in St. Louis.

To ensure desired patient outcomes, it is imperative that clinical pharmacists be viewed as the health care professional responsible for medication optimization within team-based settings. As such, clinical pharmacists must prepare to implement CMM in their own practice settings. Clinical pharmacists should avail themselves of the educational offerings and tools emerging from the CMM study team and ACCP while familiarizing themselves with key concepts of successful implementation strategies.

Moreover, clinical pharmacists should ensure that their health care colleagues have a common understanding of medication optimization. The Center for Medication Optimization at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy defines medication optimization as “a patient-centered, collaborative
approach to managing medication therapy that is applied consistently and holistically across care settings to improve patient care and reduce overall health care costs” (see https://pharmacy.unc.edu/research/centers/cmo/).

To achieve medication optimization, clinical teams must exercise coordination and collaboration. This needs to be combined with an understanding of the new, value-based payment models that reward quality and cost containment while focusing on health-related outcomes. Value-based payment models create incentives to manage population health with a goal of identifying and proactively treating patients with complex conditions across all care settings. The goal of these efforts is to lower overall health care costs while meeting clinical quality measures.¹

A potential setback to implementing medication optimization is the inability of teams to adopt new ways of viewing a patient’s care and recognizing that patient outcomes are a shared responsibility. Medication optimization should be a team-based effort, with the clinical pharmacist assuming primary responsibility. Health care professionals should work as a team instead of in the all-too-common siloed structures of individual disciplines. Moreover, clinical pharmacists must employ a consistent patient care process to achieve medication optimization. The Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners Pharmacists’ Patient Care Process combined with the ACCP CMM Process of Care allows for the delivery of CMM consistently and holistically. In addition, this process ensures that patients are receiving appropriate, safe, and effective medications and are taking them as intended.²

Introduction of a new approach does not guarantee consistency or effective implementation. However, the tenets of implementation science (IS) provide a framework for success. Done correctly, IS can accelerate the adoption of CMM. Consistent delivery of core components of the intervention/care process ensures a quality outcome. Of importance, implementation consists of three phases: pre-implementation, implementation, and stabilization, each of which is then supported by individual steps, activities, and supportive resources to ensure success.³

The goal of medication optimization within team-based care delivered by a clinical pharmacist can only be achieved through implementation that affords consistency of the process. This allows interventions such as CMM to provide effectiveness and sustainability. Teams embracing the goal of medication optimization in turn realize the added benefit of satisfying the quadruple aim:

- Improve population health through CMM for patients with complex, chronic conditions.
- Improve patient experience through patient-centered, targeted goals with patient engagement.
- Reduce costs through providing greater value (from improved outcomes and reaching target goals), decreasing the total cost of care, and improving efficiency.
- Improve the work life of health care providers through team-based, efficient patient care.

Therefore, CMM dissemination and implementation will remain an important ACCP strategic initiative in achieving medication optimization for patients.

References:
collaborative work with partner organizations as well as its continued efforts to accomplish ACCP’s mission and strategic plan. Each entry will provide a concise overview of the College’s activities in a given priority sector, including introductions to collaborating organizations and other stakeholders of interest to ACCP and its members.

Here’s a preview of future topics:

- About Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists (see below)
- About the ACCP strategic plan
- About ACCP’s collaboration with physician organizations
- About the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP)
- About the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy (CCP)
- About the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC)
- About the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- About PPI (Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc.)
- About the ACCP Foundation and ACCP’s research mission

Of course, as organizational opportunities and directions from the ACCP Board of Regents unfold, the College will add new, high-priority topics to the list. ACCP encourages members to follow this series to track the progress of the College’s strategic approach to the intra- and interprofessional issues relevant to clinical pharmacy’s future.

About the Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists

In 2014, ACCP established specific expectations for clinical pharmacists when it released the Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists, supporting board certification and residency training in order to ensure that practitioners possess the clinical competencies necessary to practice in team-based, direct patient care environments. The Standards also serve as a reference for those designing and assessing clinical pharmacy education and training programs. In addition to articulating the clinical pharmacist’s process of care and methods of documenting practice activities, the Standards articulate the clinical pharmacist’s expected involvement in collaborative, team-based practice and privileging; professional development and maintenance of competence; professionalism and ethics; research and scholarship; and other professional responsibilities. The Standards define what colleague health professionals, policy-makers, and the public can and should expect of clinical pharmacists.

Past ACCP Presidents Gary C. Yee and Curtis E. Haas comment on the need for such standards in their editorial Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists: The Time Has Come, in which they highlight the lack of a standardized and reproducible practice by which clinical pharmacists optimize patients’ medication-related outcomes. Moreover, they recognize that without a well-defined, consistent process of delivering collaborative patient care, other members of the health care team are uncertain what to expect from clinical pharmacists. This can be a barrier to ensuring health professional colleagues that clinical pharmacists can reliably contribute to improved patient outcomes in team-based care settings.

The Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists document is important to the future of clinical pharmacy. In addition to serving as a reference for those designing and assessing clinical pharmacy education and training programs, it is an important resource for policy-makers involved in evaluating the role of clinical pharmacists in current and emerging approaches to health care delivery toward optimizing medication therapy.

The Standards also drive many of ACCP’s professional affairs and advocacy activities, including its ongoing Medicare Benefit Initiative, engagement as a sponsoring organization of the ASHP Commission on Credentialing (COC), membership in the Council on Credentialing in Pharmacy (CCP), co-petitioner efforts with colleague pharmacy organizations to recognize new Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS)-approved specialties, and the funding of ACCP’s $2.4 million grant to study the implementation of comprehensive medication management (CMM) in primary care practices.

Stay tuned for future “About” features, including those focusing on ACCP’s involvement in COC, CCP, and the advancement of CMM.

2019 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge: Are You Ready?
Online Team Registration Open; Local Competition Exam Available

ACCP’s novel national pharmacy student team competition returns for its 10th season. The 2019 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge will offer eligible teams the opportunity to compete in up to four online rounds, with the top eight teams advancing to the live quarterfinal competition at ACCP’s Annual Meeting in New York, New York, October 26–29, 2019. Team registration is now available online.
Students are encouraged to plan now to participate this fall.
The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is a team-based competition in which teams of three students compete against teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a “quiz bowl”-type format. Only one team per institution may enter the competition. Institutions with branch campuses, distance satellites, and/or several interested teams are encouraged to conduct a local competition. ACCP provides a local competition exam that institutions may use in selecting their team. Faculty members interested in using the exam may send an e-mail request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

Preliminary rounds of the 2019 national competition will be conducted virtually in August and September. The quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds will be held live at the ACCP Annual Meeting in New York, New York, October 26–28, 2019.

Each round will consist of questions offered in the three distinct segments indicated below. Item content used in each segment has been developed and reviewed by an expert panel of clinical pharmacy practitioners and educators.

- Trivia/Lightning
- Clinical Case
- Jeopardy-style

Each team advancing to the quarterfinal round held at the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting will receive three complimentary student full-meeting registrations. Each team member will receive an ACCP gift certificate for $125 and a certificate of recognition. In addition, semifinal teams not advancing to the final round will receive a semifinal team plaque for display at their institution. The second-place team will receive a $750 cash award ($250 to each member) and a commemorative team plaque. The winning team will receive a $1,500 cash award ($500 to each member), and each team member will receive a commemorative plaque. A team trophy will be awarded to the winning institution.

Students are not required to be members of ACCP to participate. Team registration may 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. If no ACCP faculty liaison has been identified, any faculty member from the institution may initiate the registration process. The registering faculty member must confirm the eligibility of all team members and/or alternates online before a team will be permitted to compete in the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2019 Challenge is September 3, 2019.

For more information on the ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, including the competition schedule, sample items, and FAQ section, please click here.

Washington Report
After the Shutdown ... Introducing the 116th Congress

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

Under the cloud of the government shutdown brought about by a dispute over funding for a proposed wall to protect America’s southern border, the 116th Congress welcomed the most racially diverse class in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives and the most women ever elected to Congress. Presiding over events, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) reclaimed the position of Speaker of the House – the first woman in history to hold that office – as her fellow Democrats took control of the House of Representatives for the second time in 8 years.

The stalemate lingered until January 25, when lawmakers finally reached an agreement with the White House to reopen the federal government, ending the unprecedented 35-day shutdown. Yet Capitol Hill remains in the grip of legislative gridlock, and after 4 years of bicameral Republican control of Congress,
there is little optimism for bipartisan compromise, with eyes already looking ahead to the hyper-politicized 2020 presidential elections.

Key Players for Clinical Pharmacy
On the House side, the incoming Democratic majority meant a shakeup in the control over committees, including those with jurisdiction over health policy and the Medicare program. In the new Congress, Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone (D-NJ) is well respected in Washington as a shrewd health care policy leader dating back to his work in navigating the passage of what became known as the Affordable Care Act. Congressman Richard Neal (D-MA) chairs the powerful House Ways and Means Committee and brings with him a proven record of working in a bipartisan manner to advance incremental improvements to strengthen Medicare payment and care delivery structures. Although comprehensive Medicare reform seems uncertain in the current political climate, ACCP is encouraged by the new House committee leadership’s willingness to take a pragmatic approach to legislating.

On the Senate side, Iowa icon Chuck Grassley (R-IA) took over the gavel for the Senate Finance Committee with jurisdiction over Medicare payment policy. Grassley is widely known as a leading champion on Capitol Hill for the pharmacy profession at large. ACCP has an excellent longstanding working relationship with Grassley’s office: Mary Abdelmalak, Pharm.D., spent a year as a health policy adviser through her role as an ACCP Congressional Health Policy Fellow.

Legislative Outlook
Despite (or perhaps in a calculated effort to deflect attention from!) the government shutdown, Congress hit the ground running with a series of high-profile hearings into the contentious issue of prescription drug pricing and possible policy and oversight solutions to lower costs for American patients. ACCP’s position statement Optimizing Specialty Drug Use urges the integration of patient-centered, team-based, and evidence-driven comprehensive medication management (CMM) into emerging value-based pricing approaches to better ensure the optimization of rational and economical use of specialty drugs for both patients and the health care system.

ACCP’s Washington office also recently responded to a Senate HELP Committee request to expert stakeholders for ideas to address rising health care costs. This statement calls for coverage of CMM as part of improvements to health care delivery that help ensure medication optimization, enhance patient safety, promote value-based rather than volume-based care to patients, and contribute to greater affordability and sustainability for the Medicare program.

Please contact us if you practice in Tennessee and have compelling case studies, best practices, or outcomes/savings data to share with HELP Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN).

In light of the challenging political environment on Capitol Hill, ACCP is increasingly focusing its advocacy resources on advancing clinical pharmacy and CMM through regulatory opportunities. ACCP’s efforts have yielded some important developments in conversations with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout this process, however, ACCP has remained engaged and active on Capitol Hill, where the College continues to pursue the integration of CMM into evolving Medicare payment structures.
Call for Abstracts
2019 ACCP Annual Meeting – October 26–29, New York, NY

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline
  - June 17, 2019: 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
  - July 15, 2019: Submission deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts (Students and Residents and Fellows)
- Notification of Acceptance
  - August 15, 2019: Authors will be notified of acceptance or declination no later than this date

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit www.accp.com/abstracts/2019abstracts on the ACCP website.

All abstracts accepted and presented by the designated presenting author, except for “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” presentations, will have full-text abstracts published online in JACCP, an official journal of ACCP. Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published for “Encore” presentations. All accepted abstracts will be published full-text in the ACCP Meeting app.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES:

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

Clinical Pharmacy Forum: Abstracts must describe the delivery, justification, documentation, adaptability, and impact/significance of innovative clinical pharmacy services. Abstracts that address comprehensive medication management (CMM) implementation (see www.accp.com/cmm), address components of the ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists, and/or describe efforts to develop, advance, or position clinical pharmacists to optimize patient care are encouraged. Abstracts may be descriptive and need not contain an evaluative component.

Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses: Abstracts must describe a systematic review adhering to the guidelines and definitions established by Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and include the 12 items published in the PRISMA for Abstracts checklist. Encore submissions are also welcome.

Case Reports: Abstracts of case reports must update and expand therapeutic insights and possibilities, or generate research hypotheses. Although narrative in nature, these abstracts must stress the “evidence” for the authors’ conclusions by describing the process followed to understand the findings and possible mechanisms involved in the patient’s case, how the patient was evaluated and treated, and a specific description of the outcome. Encore submissions are also welcome.

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

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

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

Encore Presentation: Submission and evaluation criteria are the same as for the Original Research, Systematic Review/Meta-Analysis, and Case Report category, except that the same abstract was presented elsewhere or
An Update on JACCP

Jerry L. Bauman, Pharm.D., FCCP
Editor-in-Chief, JACCP

Well, it's certainly clear that JACCP, as a forum for papers that selectively target clinical pharmacy practice, has filled an unmet need. To the College’s delight, submissions from the United States and abroad and from both ACCP members and others have been vibrant. Even though only two issues were published in 2018, 202 manuscripts were received. As for 2019, 70 papers have been submitted to date (as of March 1). ACCP will continue to publish bimonthly in 2019 and increase the frequency in 2020. This is exactly what was hoped for when JACCP was imagined as a complement to Pharmacotherapy, but with a different intent and scope. Thank you to all who have submitted manuscripts to JACCP.

With this quantity of submissions, I also need to thank our dedicated editorial board members, associate editors, and reviewers. As we build our reviewer pool, we have relied immensely on our editorial board. To this end, we have added four new members: Nicole M. Acquisto, Pharm.D., FCCP (University of Rochester Medical Center), P. Brandon Bookstaver, Pharm.D., FCCP (University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy), Tina Penick Brock, EdD (Monash University, Melbourne Australia), and Kelly E. Caudle, Pharm.D., Ph.D. (St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital). In addition, we have added an associate editor: Stuart T. Haines, Pharm.D., FCCP (University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy).

The response to our first themed issue, “Clinical Pharmacy Practice in the Community Setting” with Guest Editor Melissa Somma McGivney, Pharm.D., FCCP, has likewise been impressive. This issue is scheduled to be published this summer. The Board of Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. has approved a second themed issue, scheduled for 2020, titled “Clinical Pharmacy Practice Around the World.” Guest editors will be Sonak Pastakia, Pharm.D., MPH (Purdue University) and Alan Lau, Pharm.D., FCCP (University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy).

Our intent, as a new journal, is to have JACCP fully indexed through Clarivate, Scopus, and Medline/PubMed. We have worked with our publisher, Wiley, to determine and map a clear process and timeline for accomplishing this. This journey will take several years, but our first step is to apply to Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) this June. In the interim, we have discovered that all JACCP papers are currently searchable and indexed through Google Scholar (in addition to the Wiley website, https://accpjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com). Consider searching Google Scholar to cite or find papers published in JACCP or other journals that aren’t yet fully indexed.

JACCP and its sister journal, Pharmacotherapy, receive a lot of retrospective chart reviews. I refer you to our recent editorial on suggestions for these types of studies titled “On the Methodology of Retrospective Chart Reviews” published in the February 2019 issue. This editorial should serve as an aid for both authors and reviewers so that we can continue to publish impactful work that influences and advances the practice of clinical pharmacy.
ACCP Member Spotlight: Elizabeth Cook

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Cook, Pharm.D., AE-C, BCACP, CDE, is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Texas at Tyler, Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy. Cook received her Pharm.D. degree from Wilkes University in Pennsylvania, in addition to completing a PGY1 pharmacy residency at Ascension Via Christi Hospitals in Kansas and a PGY2 ambulatory care residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.

Cook first became aware of clinical pharmacy after her mother, a psychiatric nurse, mentioned how much she enjoyed having a clinical pharmacist on her unit. As a student, Cook’s professional interests bounced between specialty areas, but her ambulatory care APPE solidified her decision to pursue this career.

I was so inspired by the way [my] preceptor was able to interact with patients and their family members. [My preceptor was able] to elicit the minutest details from them [and] formulate an individualized therapeutic regimen.

As a social person, ambulatory care has provided Cook with the outlet to establish longitudinal relationships with her patients and motivate them to achieve health-related goals. “I enjoy that the growing demand for ambulatory care services has offered many opportunities for pharmacists to develop novel practice models [which makes] it an exciting time for me to practice in this particular field.”

The passion and drive of both faculty members at her alma mater and preceptors during her residency were extremely influential in shaping the trajectory of Cook’s pharmacy career. In particular, she recognizes Drs. Jonathan Ference and Jennifer Malinowski of Wilkes University as well as PGY2 Residency Program Director Katherine O’Neal for providing personal and professional guidance throughout her training. The contributions of these individuals instilled in Cook the drive to go above and beyond to serve patients, providers, and learners.

Cook balances service, scholarship, and teaching in her current academic position. Her clinical practice site is located at the Bethesda Health Clinic, a community-funded adult internal medicine facility for the uninsured and working poor. As a member of the clinic interdisciplinary team, Cook performs both consultative and pharmacist-driven clinical services. In both didactic and experiential settings, she enjoys promoting patient empowerment as the cornerstone to exceptional chronic disease management. Cook serves as a referee for several reputed journals and is an advisory board member for iForumRx, a website whose goal is to propagate evidence-based medicine among ambulatory care pharmacists. Her research interests include quality improvement in cardiovascular risk reduction, diabetes, and asthma, and she is currently completing the ACCP Research and Scholarship certificate.

In her spare time, Cook loves to travel and hike, and one of her life goals is to visit all the U.S. National Parks. She would most like to visit Denali National Park in Alaska, but so far, her favorite location has been Zion National Park in Utah.

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 a clinical pharmacy career are encouraged to apply for appointment to the ACCP National Student Network Advisory Committee.

The National Student Network Advisory Committee is an ACCP committee 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 ACCP president also appoints the leadership of the committee.
Leadership positions include chair (1-year term), vice chair (2-year term; serves first year as the vice chair and then assumes the chair position during the second year), and 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 applications is June 14, 2019.

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 composed of residents, fellows, and 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 then communicate by conference calls and e-mails to complete its assigned charges. Appointees to the committee receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the ACCP 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-PAC Contributions Support Bipartisan Health Care Leaders in Congress

The 116th Congress got under way with a flurry of high-profile hearings into the issue of prescription drug costs, and key policy-makers from both sides of the aisle have expressed their willingness to focus on other top health care priorities, including efforts to address the opioid crisis.

As part of ACCP’s efforts to strategically advance the profession through these ongoing health policy debates, the College must provide support for clinical pharmacy’s friends on Capitol Hill to ensure that these leaders remain in Washington and continue to advance policies that meaningfully address the nation’s current health care issues.

The ACCP-PAC is the only means through which the College can provide financial support for candidates for Congress. With its more than 17,000 ACCP 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.

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