ACCP Serves as Founding Board Member of GTMRx Institute

The Get the Medications Right™ (GTMRx) Institute, launched last month, is dedicated to identifying methods that ensure the effective and appropriate use of medications. To further advance the promotion and implementation of comprehensive medication management (CMM), ACCP joins a group of founding board members that includes distinguished primary care physicians and health care leaders; J&J Health Care Services; Medecision, a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation; and Quest Diagnostics.

As stated by C. Edwin Webb, Pharm.D., MPH, FCCP, ACCP’s representative on the GTMRx Board of Directors,

This interdisciplinary, multi-stakeholder group of leaders in health care provides ACCP with expanded opportunities to advance CMM as an effective means of achieving medication optimization. Bringing together clinicians, payers, experts in technology/precision medicine, and innovators in health care who are focused collectively on “getting the medications right” is a logical and promising approach to addressing the problems and costs associated with the irrational and often suboptimal use of medications.

Read more here.

Sign Up for and Attend the ACCCP Virtual Poster Symposium – It’s Free!

Mark your calendar for the ninth annual ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium, scheduled for May 28–29, 2019. Two interactive sessions are scheduled for 7:00–9:00 p.m. (EDT) on May 28 and 29, when authors will be available for real-time online question-and-answer sessions alongside their virtual posters. Posters will be on display May 27–31 for asynchronous viewing and comment. An up-to-date web browser is the only technology required to participate in the interactive session. Attendance is free. All invited to attend – ACCP members, colleagues, friends, and family. To set up an account, review posters, create a personal schedule, and attend the Virtual Poster Symposium, visit https://accp.confex.com/accp/2019vp/schedule/index.cgi.

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.

Call for Abstracts
Due June 17, 2019

2019 ACCP Annual Meeting
October 26–29, 2019
New York Hilton Midtown
New York, New York
The National Resident Advisory Committee is a standing committee composed of residents, fellows, and graduate students 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 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.

**Critical Care Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Home Study Courses Released**

Do you plan to take the Critical Care Pharmacy or Pharmacotherapy specialty exam this fall, but find it difficult to start reviewing? Are you uncertain of your understanding of some of the key concepts that may be covered on the specialty exam? If so, take advantage of the 2019 home study version of the Critical Care Pharmacy or Pharmacotherapy preparatory review and recertification course to fully prepare! Both home study courses are designed to help pharmacists by offering a convenient, up-to-date, high-quality, case-based, inclusive curriculum with a strong focus on the thought processes needed to solve patient care problems in each therapeutic area. Instructional materials for both courses are available today at www.accp.com/store.

Advantages of purchasing an ACCP preparatory review course include:

- Access to a comprehensive (more than 700 pages), detailed workbook in a PDF file that covers key content areas.
- Access to more than 250 case-based questions and explained answers for effective learning and self-assessment.
- Access to streaming audio/slide synchronized presentations and downloadable/printable PDFs of presentation slides.
- Convenience of studying from your home, office, or anywhere you have Internet access or can listen to MP3 or MP4 audio files.
- Access to fast-paced, yet comprehensive reviews of the full scope of the specialty.
- Your ability to start studying immediately!

Packaged instructional materials include the content above and are priced at $425 for ACCP members. For those who want a printed copy, print workbooks are available at the ACCP member price of $165.

To receive continuing pharmacy education credit for any of the home study packages, you must successfully complete and submit the appropriate attestation statements by April 26, 2022. Learning objectives, faculty disclosures, target audience, program goals, and technical requirements are available at www.accp.com/store.

You may order these review and recertification courses online at www.accp.com/store or by telephone at (913) 492-3311.

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**Creating a Successful Original Research Abstract**

**Dr. Jimmi Hatton-Kolpeck**

Tuesday May 21st, 2:00 PM CST
Now Available: ACCP’s Suite of Specialty Recertification Options

Of the 12 specialty practice areas recognized by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, ACCP offers BPS-approved recertification programs in eight specialties: Pharmacotherapy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Cardiology Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, Infectious Diseases Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy. Recertification opportunities in each specialty are available year-round. Current opportunities for recertification credit are numerous:

Pharmacotherapy

- **PSAP 2019 Book 1: Cardiology** focuses on evidence-based management strategies for a wide range of common cardiovascular disorders. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 18.5 BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is July 15, 2019.

- **PSAP 2019 Book 2: Current Issues in Pharmacotherapy** focuses on evidence-based management strategies for a wide range of disorders, with a central theme for most of the program revolving around the management of the immunocompromised host, but also branching out into an assessment of other pertinent topics in pharmacy practice today. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 15.0 BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is November 15, 2019.

- The **2019 Updates in Therapeutics®: Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course** is ideal for pharmacy professionals who are preparing for the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Certification Examination administered by BPS and for those seeking a self-paced review and refresher of disease states and therapeutics. The course offers a total of 18.5 BCCCP recertification credits across five learning modules. The recertification test deadline is October 15, 2019.

Pediatric Pharmacy

- **PedSAP 2019 Book 1: Pulmonology** presents evidence-based updates for the management of several common pulmonary disorders in neonates and older pediatric patients. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 16.5 BCPPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is September 16, 2019.

- The **Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP)** offers members a possible 1.5 credits from the new **PSAP in JACCP** feature. This interactive case, developed for pharmacotherapy specialists and advanced-level clinical pharmacists caring for patients receiving treatment with factor products, is free to ACCP members. Click [here](#) to purchase the related posttest for BCPS credit. The recertification test deadline is August 15, 2019.

Critical Care Pharmacy

- **CCSAP 2019 Book 1: Infection Critical Care** provides evidence-based updates for pharmacists caring for patients with common infective disorders. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 16.5 BCCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is September 16, 2019.

  The **2019 Updates in Therapeutics®: Critical Care Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course** is ideal for pharmacy professionals who are preparing for the Critical Care Pharmacy Specialty Certification Examination administered by BPS and for those seeking a self-paced review and refresher of disease states and therapeutics. The course offers a total of 18.5 BCCCP recertification credits across five learning modules. The recertification test deadline is October 15, 2019.

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy

- **ACSAP 2019 Book 1: Pulmonary Care** presents evidence-based updates on the management of drug therapy for older adult and ambulatory care patients with pulmonary disease. Book modules cover treatment guidelines from a variety of organizations and publications, as well as nonpharmacologic remedies. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 13.5 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is September 16, 2019.

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1ACCP offers these programs in cooperation with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.
If you are interested in learning more about comprehensive medication management and its impact on practice management, the Practice Management Strategies to Deliver CMM webinar is an ideal resource. This on-demand webinar offers 2.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is May 31, 2019.

Cardiology Pharmacy

CardSAP 2019 Book 1: Heart Failure describes the pharmacotherapy that forms the cornerstone of treatment of this syndrome and its subsequent comorbidities, as well as the management of major cardiovascular conditions closely associated with this syndrome. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 13.0 BCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is November 15, 2019.

2019 Cardiology Pharmacy Specialty Recertification Literature Study provides immediate access to peer-selected, contemporary articles that are relevant to cardiology pharmacy practice. This release contains two learning modules, “Antithrombotics/Antiplatelets” and “Critical Care Cardiology and Endocarditis,” offering a total of 8.0 BCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is October 22, 2019.

Geriatric Pharmacy

The 2019 Geriatric Pharmacy Specialty Recertification Literature Study provides immediate access to peer-selected, contemporary articles that are relevant to geriatric pharmacy practice. This release contains three learning modules, “Immunizations in the Elderly,” “Anemia in Heart Failure,” and “Osteoporosis,” offering a total of 15.0 BCGP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is October 15, 2019.

Infectious Diseases Pharmacy

IDSAP 2019 Book 1: HIV and Hepatitis focuses on evidence-based management strategies for a wide range of common viral and opportunistic infections. This product contains three learning modules offering a total of 15.0 BCIDP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is October 22, 2019.

The 2019 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Specialty Recertification Literature Study provides immediate access to peer-selected, contemporary articles that are relevant to infectious diseases pharmacy practice. This release contains two learning modules, “Clostridium difficile Infection Guidelines” and “Infectious Diseases Potpourri,” offering a total of 8.0 BCIDP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is October 22, 2019.

Oncology Pharmacy

Offered twice a year, the 2019 Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification consists of a collection of journal articles that focus on advances across the four domains of oncology specialty practice. Volume 1 contains two learning modules offering a total of 9.0 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is July 30, 2019.

The 2019 Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification consists of a collection of journal articles that focus on advances across the four domains of oncology specialty practice. Volume 1 contains two learning modules offering a total of 9.0 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is July 30, 2019.

The recertification test deadline is November 12, 2019.

For statements of recertification credit, visit www.bpsweb.org. Questions regarding the number of hours required for recertification by continuing education should be directed to BPS at (202) 429-7591 or www.bpsweb.org.

The ACCP Recertification Dashboard is a free online tool that can track members’ recertification credits earned through ACCP as well as any upcoming products with credit availability. For more information on ACCP publications, visit www.accp.com/store.

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 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. Leadership of the commit-
tee 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 mem-
ber-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.

President’s Column
Patient Education: The Other Half of the Medication
Optimization Equation OR Back to the Future with
Founding Member Dorothy L. Smith

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While reflecting on ACCP’s found-
ing 40 years ago, I was struck to see
that one woman was among the list
of names. Dorothy L. Smith is the only
woman listed as a founding member
of the College. I was curious what cir-
cumstances brought her to be at the inception of the
College in 1979. This is even more impressive when con-
sidering that, according to Dr. Metta Lou Henderson
(one of my mentors from Ohio Northern University),
only 62 women had full-time faculty appointments in
1972 and women made up only 4% of the total practic-
ing pharmacist population at that time.1 What circum-
cstances led Smith to be at the AACP meeting when ACCP
was founded? And what trajectory has her career taken
since 1979?

A quick search revealed that Smith has devoted her
career to patient and consumer education. After receiv-
ing her pharmacy education, she completed a resi-
dency at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada,
where her research project was to take medication his-
tories on newly admitted patients and counsel patients
on their medications before discharge. This was quite
novel at the time. After practicing for a few years,
Smith attended the University of Cincinnati for her
Pharm.D. degree, where she came under the mentor-
ship of Donald Francke. He recognized her passion early
on and invited her to write a chapter on patient coun-
seling in Perspectives in Clinical Pharmacy. Her clin-
ical practice from the beginning was in the ambulatory
setting, where she established one of the first ambu-
latory patient counseling programs in Canada, with all
patients receiving counseling. She has written several
books on patient and consumer education and was an
editor of the Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs while
at APhA. In 1983, Smith founded the Consumer Health
Information Corporation, whose mission reflects her
passion: To serve the patient because:

The patient is the most important member of the
health team. The patient decides if, how, and when
to take medicine. Without enough information, con-
sumers will continue to make serious home media-
cation errors. With high-quality information, consum-
ers will be able to manage their medications safely.
(www.consumer-health.com)

Smith has focused her career on helping patients
since the early days of her clinical practice. At that time,
patients were experiencing unnecessary side effects
and dying because they did not know how to manage
their medications. In 2011, the cost to patients and
the health care system from adverse medication out-
comes was $177 billion (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.
gov/pubmed/11297331#). More recently, the cost of
non-optimized medications was estimated to be $528
Pharmacists can significantly influence these metrics
and, more importantly, improve patient outcomes by
providing patient counseling and optimizing patients’
medications.

To this end, ACCP recently announced that it had
joined the new GTMRx Institute as a founding member
on the GTMRx Board of Directors. The aim of the new
institute is to raise awareness of and champion a solu-
tion for the effective and appropriate use of medica-
tions – quite simply, to Get the Medications Right™. The
organization’s belief statements are:

■ A personalized, patient-centered, systematic and
coordinated approach to medication use will vastly
improve outcomes and reduce overall health care
costs.

■ Systems of care must be aligned to integrate
comprehensive medication management (CMM),
engaging patients to ensure that they are willing
and able to take the medications that are indicated,
effective, and safe to optimize their outcomes.

■ Immediate delivery system, payment, and policy
transformation is needed to streamline clinical
trials and reduce the costs of bringing drugs to
market while enabling successful, broad-scale
adoption of integrated CMM services.

■ Appropriate diagnosis and access to advanced
diagnostics with companion/complementary and
pharmacogenetics testing is essential to target
correct therapy.
Success requires team-based, patient-centered care models that recognize appropriately skilled clinical pharmacists as medication experts who work in collaborative practice with physicians and other providers.

By joining GTMRx, ACCP affirms its professional commitment to medication optimization, CMM, and a patient-centered, team-based system for health care delivery.

I had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Smith recently. I asked her to share her thoughts on medication optimization and ACCP’s efforts to “Get the Medications Right.” She reminded me that we need to think about the other half of the equation – the patient. “The patients hold the power,” she said. Indeed, if patients don’t understand how to take their medications, we won’t achieve the desired outcomes. Patients are part of the team, and we need to include them in shared decision-making and be aware that behavior modification can positively influence patient adherence and outcomes. If done correctly, good patient education together with behavior modification can positively affect patient adherence and outcomes. Smith also suggested that patient adherence should be measured in clinical trials to help inform pharmacists and physicians regarding how to improve patient education and medication adherence.

When I asked what ACCP should focus on as the College enters the next 40 years, her response was quick – patient education. We must ensure that pharmacists know how to interact with patients and that patients understand medications and adherence. We need to have empathy for our patients and understand their viewpoints so that we can positively influence their care. Pharmacists across all practice settings should work with patients and consumers to achieve medication optimization.

As we look forward to the next 40 years of ACCP, it is sometimes necessary and enlightening to reconnect with our past to chart the path forward. “It takes a lifetime to change the profession of pharmacy,” Francke told Smith at her graduation. Let’s continue the journey together with our patients as part of the team to realize medication optimization, and perhaps it won’t take a lifetime. I am looking forward to meeting Dorothy Smith and many other ACCP founding members at the Annual Meeting in New York City in October 2019. I hope to see you there as well.

Reference:

About the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

[Editor’s Note. ACCP’s “About…” series is intended to inform members of the College’s work in developing, advancing, and positioning clinical pharmacists within the health care environment. The series highlights the College’s collaborative work with partner organizations to address ACCP’s mission and strategic plan.]

Founded in 1970 as the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) is one of three academies that make up the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies or NASEM) with the mission of improving health for all by advancing science, accelerating health equity, and providing independent, authoritative, and trusted advice nationally and globally. Operating under the 1863 congressional charter of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academies provide independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation and conduct other activities to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions. The National Academies also encourage education and research, recognize outstanding contributions to knowledge, and increase public understanding in matters of science, engineering, and medicine.

NAM has more than 2,000 members elected by its peers in recognition of professional achievement and commitment to volunteer service in advancing the mission of the National Academies. NAM elects 70 U.S. members and 10 international members annually. For those at the top of their field, NAM membership reflects the height of professional accomplishment and dedication to serving others.
Through its commitment to science and knowledge, NAM’s program of activities aims to advance the evidence base by providing independent, objective, evidence-based advice on matters of medicine, health, biomedical sciences, and health policy. Information on current NAM programs can be found at https://nam.edu/programs/.

ACCP’s Professional Affairs Activities with NAM
ACCP has joined the Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic as a network organization. Together with the other 125+ network organizations, ACCP submitted a commitment statement that can be found here. The collaborative is a public-private partnership composed of government, health systems, payers, industry, nonprofits, academia, accreditors, consultants, community organizations, and professional societies. The collaborative is committed to sharing knowledge, aligning ongoing initiatives, and advancing collective, multisector solutions to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and communities affected by the opioid crisis. Future activities of the collaborative will span public meetings, expert publications, and the development of an information hub, among other efforts.

ACCP is also participating in the NAM Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. The Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies created the forum to provide a structured environment and neutral venue for discussing data, policies, practices, and systems that affect the diagnosis and provision of care for mental health and substance use disorders. Forum activities will emphasize potential opportunities for action and may include expert meetings, public workshops, and webinars; summary publications; and targeted communications and community engagement. Forum members and participants will include federal, state, and local government officials; representatives of consumer and family advocacy groups; service providers; payers; policy analysts; researchers; educators; and representatives of relevant professional associations and foundations.

Through an endowment from ACCP and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the NAM Fellowship in Pharmacy was established under the National Academy of Medicine Fellowship in Pharmacy program. This program enables talented, early-career health policy or health science clinicians and scholars to participate actively in the work of NAM and further their careers as future leaders in the field. During this 2-year fellowship, fellows are expected to continue working at their current institution while assigned to a health-and medicine-related board of the National Academies, attend its meetings, and actively participate in the work of an appropriate expert study committee or roundtable. The current 2018–2020 fellow is Dima Qato, Pharm.D., MPH, Ph.D., a nationally recognized pharmacist and pharmacoepidemiologist currently on faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes & Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. Nominations for the 2020–2022 NAM pharmacy fellow will open in March 2020. Additional information on the program and eligibility requirements can be found here on the NAM website.

Washington Report
ACCP Washington, D.C.-Area Chapter Sixth Annual Capitol Hill Advocacy Day

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

On April 16, 2019, over 30 ACCP members joined with ACCP’s Government and Professional Affairs team for the Sixth Annual DC-CCP Capitol Hill Advocacy Day. The group was led by Lisa Peters, Pharm.D., clinical specialist pharmacist at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, and included several student pharmacists from the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy - Shenandoah University.

The DC-CCP represents members from across the Washington metropolitan area, including the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Participation in the annual event continues to grow, with 2019 being the year of the largest group ever to have participated in Advocacy Day.

The 2019 group met at ACCP’s Washington, D.C., offices for an overview of ACCP’s advocacy platform, the current legislative environment, and the congressional lobbying process. On Capitol Hill, the House and Senate office buildings sit on opposite sides of the Capitol building itself, so the group split up as they made their way up Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Members from Virginia proceeded to the House side to meet with Rep. Jennifer
Wexton (D-VA), while those from Maryland headed to the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for their meeting with the staff of Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD). From there, the groups undertook a full schedule of afternoon meetings with elected officials from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Although most of these offices are already familiar with ACCP and its advocacy priorities, the importance of the direct engagement of these active ACCP members in the political process cannot be overstated, whether in Washington, D.C., or back home during congressional recesses or “district work periods.” In particular, student pharmacists bring a particularly compelling story to the advocacy process, highlighting their passion for patient care and the goal of team-based medication optimization.

Consistent with ACCP’s advocacy priorities, the groups’ lobbying visits focused on the College’s efforts to establish Medicare coverage for comprehensive medication management (CMM) services delivered by qualified clinical pharmacists as part of the overall evolution of Medicare payment policy. In addition, with Congress focused on developing policy solutions to address the opioid crisis, the groups took the opportunity to urge the full integration of clinical pharmacists into patient-centered health care teams to help ensure the safe, rational prescribing and use of opioids.

Overall, the 2019 Annual DC-CCP Capitol Hill Advocacy Day was successful and enjoyable. ACCP would like to recognize Lisa Peters for her hard work and commitment to ACCP’s advocacy agenda. Peters received her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and completed her pharmacy practice residency at the Richmond Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She is a former president of the D.C. chapter of the College of Clinical Pharmacy and has been a tireless leader in organizing the DC-CCP Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill as well as a passionate advocate for patients and the profession.

Any ACCP chapter or individual member interested in visiting Washington to lobby on Capitol Hill should contact ACCP’s Washington office, where staff can help facilitate and support their advocacy efforts.

For more information on any of ACCP’s advocacy efforts, please contact:

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ACCP-PAC Contributions Support our Goal of Medication Optimization for America’s Seniors

ACCP’s Political Action Committee (PAC) was formed to help advance our goal of achieving medication optimization for the Medicare population. The 116th Congress is moving ahead with important healthcare initiatives related to drug pricing and the opioid crisis. Looking ahead, it is clear that the upcoming election cycle promises to be the most contentious, and hard-fought, in history.

ACCP-PAC is committed to working to build and develop relationships with healthcare leaders from both parties who are willing to work to enact bipartisan healthcare legislation focused on team-based, patient-centered care that measures and rewards quality and outcomes.

A well-funded Political Action Committee (PAC) provides ACCP the resources it needs to support our friends on Capitol Hill. ACCP-PAC is the only political action committee dedicated to electing Members of Congress who are committed to advancing our Medicare Initiative to include comprehensive medication management (CMM) as a covered benefit. Contributions from ACCP-PAC to members of Congress will raise our profile on Capitol Hill, improve our standing among key lawmakers, and provide unique opportunities to discuss CMM with potential Congressional champions. The PAC also helps ensure that elected officials who support our initiative remain in office to advance CMM in the future.

All ACCP members are asked to make a donation of at least $25 to ACCP-PAC. CLICK HERE to support your PAC today!
New Edition of Ambulatory Care Pharmacist’s Survival Guide Supports Full Range of Practice

The latest edition of the ACCP Ambulatory Care Pharmacist’s Survival Guide provides useful information for practicing ambulatory care pharmacists. Published under the direction of Lead Editor Gregory Castelli, Pharm.D., BCPS, BC-ADM, the fourth edition is a joint project between ACCP and the Ambulatory Care Practice and Research Network.

This updated version supports pharmacists across a range of experience and settings.

“Whether you are in a new practice or have been engaged in direct patient care for years, the fourth edition of the Ambulatory Care Pharmacist’s Survival Guide can be an important resource,” Castelli said. “The Survival Guide is applicable for those in a wide variety of care settings including primary care, specialty clinics, and geriatric care centers.”

The book covers ambulatory care basics, such as billing and reimbursement for clinical pharmacist services, as well as scholarship in clinical practice and practice management.

In addition, clinical services topics covered in the book include:

- Cardiovascular/vascular
- Controlled substance harm reduction
- Endocrine
- Gastroenterology
- Medication therapy management
- Preventive/public health
- Psychiatry
- Respiratory
- Rheumatology

Education topics covered include:

- Pharmacy students
- Pharmacy and medical residents
- Multi-learner activities


Member Recruiters

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

- Benjamin Chavez
- William Eggleston
- Amy Fabian
- Charlotte Farris
- Maria Foreman
- Khaaemat George
- Jimmy Gonzalez
- Leslie Hamilton
- Jacqueline Hartford
- Ashley Jackson
- Julie Kissack
- Donald Miller
- Emily Moore
- Zoon Park
- Kerilyn Petrucci
- Kevin Rynn
- Kathryn Samai
- Pamela Stamm
- Jodi Taylor
- Anne Thorndyke
- Jing-Ting Tung
- Gregory Wickwire

NEW FROM ACCP’s SELF-ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS

PSAP 2019 | Book 2

Current Issues in Pharmacotherapy

Offers 15.0 BCPS Recertification Credits

CardSAP 2019 | Book 1

Heart Failure

Offers 13.0 BCCP Recertification Credits

IDSAP 2019 | Book 1

HIV and Hepatitis

Offers 15.0 BCIDP Recertification Credits
Position Responsibilities
The director of clinical practice advancement is responsible for leading the work of the College in developing and promoting the professional resources, guidelines, and standards of practice for clinical pharmacists which advance the type of team-based, patient-centered care delivery that improves patient outcomes.

This full-time position reports to the Executive Director and is based in ACCP’s Washington, D.C., office.

Principal activities will include:
- Identification, development, and promotion of effective programs, products, and services that support the patient care and practice/business operational needs of clinical pharmacists in practice.
- Communication, analysis, and tracking of the status and developments of clinical pharmacist practice regulation, innovation, credentialing, and privileging at the national and state levels. Collaboration and communication with medical, pharmacy, other health professional organizations, and patient advocacy groups to promote improved medication use quality and safety by clinical pharmacists as accountable and responsible members of health care teams. Communication and collaboration with the ACCP Foundation.
- Preparation of appropriate reports, issue briefs, and related informational documents that inform and support the analysis and decision-making activities of the ACCP senior staff and Board of Regents related to practice advancement and professional affairs.

- Supervision and mentoring of the ACCP/ASHP/VCU health policy fellow jointly with other ACCP professional affairs and government affairs staff.
- Preparation of regular updates, reports, and other pieces for the ACCP Report, ACCP website, and other communications media.
- Performance of other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Qualifications
The successful candidate will have an earned Pharm.D. degree, will have completed residency training (PGY1 required, PGY2 preferred), and will be certified by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) in a recognized pharmacy practice specialty (or eligible for certification in a specialty currently in development by BPS). A minimum of 5 years’ experience in direct patient care (beyond postgraduate training) as a member of interprofessional health care teams in either ambulatory or inpatient settings is expected.

Preference will be given to candidates with a demonstrated record of achievement in clinical practice innovation and implementation. A fundamental working knowledge of credentialing, privileging, major health care reform issues, practice design, payment policy, health care coding and billing, and postgraduate health professional education and training is desirable.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. A competitive benefits package is provided, including relocation expenses, employee health and life insurance, a 401(k) retirement program, flexible annual leave policies, and support for professional development. Recruitment will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to:

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