

# ACCP Report

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## Premeeting Symposia in Louisville Include New Academy Offering



Plan now to arrive a day early in Louisville, Kentucky, for this year's ACCP Annual Meeting. Choose from six premeeting symposia on Saturday, October 18, including PRN-developed programs, programming specifically for students, and ACCP Academy programs. The newest unit of the Academy, the Research and Scholarship Development Certificate Program, will be introduced at this meeting beginning with a foundational presymposium, the *Research Primer*.

The *Research Primer* is a full-day program designed to provide participants with an introduction to fundamental research concepts. Faculty will discuss how to work within research teams, acquire the skills needed for scientific writing, develop a research question, and perform other practical aspects of pursuing research and scholarship. This program is the required prerequisite for the Certificate Program and will cultivate the development of a longitudinal research project idea by participants. You need not be enrolled in the Academy to attend any Academy programs. For more information on the Academy Certificate Programs, visit <http://academy.accp.com/>.

The ACCP Academy Teaching and Learning Certificate Program presents *Basic Training for New Clinical Faculty and Preceptors* from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This highly interactive workshop will introduce the essential principles and concepts of teaching that every new clinical faculty member and preceptor needs to know. Structured to engage participants in creating learning outcomes, designing teaching strategies, and using evidence-based assessment feedback to enhance student outcomes, this full-day symposium will provide a solid foundation to clarify and improve your own purposes and goals in teaching and learning.

The Critical Care PRN and Nephrology PRN have teamed up to present the full-day presymposium *Controversies in Critical Care Nephrology*. This presymposium examines the evidence for assessment of renal function and methods for preventing renal dysfunction and hepatorenal syndrome. Participants will understand the complex interactions between the renal system and other organ systems and how renal support affects these interactions. Faculty will construct evidence-based approaches for preventing and managing acute renal failure in critically ill patients. Lunch is provided with this presymposium.

Saturday afternoon, members of the Cardiology PRN and the Ambulatory Care PRN will present *Current Topics in Ambulatory Cardiology*. Faculty will demonstrate the electrocardiogram as a tool for identifying medication-associated abnormalities, identify methods that result in greater reductions in blood pressure, discuss current recommendations for anticoagulation based on the 2008 Chest Guidelines, and more. Current controversies and advances in therapeutics plans for heart failure, LDL and HDL cholesterol, diabetes mellitus, and coronary artery disease will also be discussed.

Students attending the meeting will want to check out the half-day presymposium *Off and Running to a Specialty Career*. Join other student pharmacists from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to explore the concept of specialization within clinical pharmacy and the variety of career opportunities available among the vast array of clinical pharmacy specialties and subspecialties. This program gives students the opportunity to interact with clinical pharmacists who are directly engaged in specialized practice careers. Included in the discussions will be the role of advanced degrees and board certification in specialty pharmacy practice and potential career paths available to those who pursue specialty practice. There is no additional charge for this session – the program is included with student meeting registration.

After the student program, first-time meeting attendees are invited to attend the Newcomers Orientation to the Annual Meeting. This informal session provides attendees with an overview of Annual Meeting activities, how to take advantage of the full schedule of programming, and how your participation in the meeting and in ACCP can work to advance your career. The Orientation will be followed by the Newcomers Reception, allowing participants the opportunity to network with other first-time attendees, as well as officers and leaders of the ACCP organization.

Separate registration is required for premeeting symposia and seating is limited, so reserve your spot today. For complete information on these premeeting symposia and the entire Annual Meeting schedule, visit the ACCP Web site at <http://www.accp.com/am>. Online registration for the meeting and for ACCP-selected hotels is open. Take advantage of special discounts on travel for ACCP meeting attendees and start planning your Louisville itinerary today!

## ACCP Announces Availability of New Pharm.D. Staff Position



*Pictured above is the ACCP headquarters location in suburban Kansas City.*

ACCP is pleased to announce the availability of a new Pharm.D. staff position that will direct specific domains of the College's professional development products and services. The position will involve extensive interface with ACCP executive staff, members, and the Board of Regents. Focused on oversight and innovation in the Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program and new educational initiatives, this position offers many opportunities to lend direction to ACCP's professional development activities. Please see the position description at <http://www.accp.com/report/rpt0608/art11.php#ad01>. Members interested in learning more about the position are invited to inquire confidentially by contacting Mr. Richard Collins, ACCP Operation Manager, by e-mail at [rcollins@accp.com](mailto:rcollins@accp.com) or by telephone at (913) 492-3311.

## Tuteja and Laizure Selected as 2008 Frontiers Fund Career Development Award Winners

This year's recipients of the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund Career Development Awards are **Sony Tuteja**, Pharm.D., BCPS, Associate Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Iowa, College of Pharmacy, for her proposal titled "Utilizing Pharmacogenomics to Predict Drug Interactions in Transplant Recipients," and **S. Casey Laizure**, Pharm.D., BCPS,



Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, Memphis, for his proposal titled "Synuclein NACP-Rep1 Allele-Length Polymorphisms in Drug Addiction."

Through its Frontiers Fund Career Development Research Awards, the ACCP Research Institute supports:

- Research that helps pursue one or more of the priority areas outlined in the Research Agenda of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy;
- The career development of clinical pharmacy investigators;
- Health services research that assesses the impact of clinical pharmacy services on the use, costs, quality, accessibility, delivery, organization, financing, and outcomes of health care, including the development of payment models for clinical pharmacists' services; and
- Clinical and translational research, including areas that extend beyond those funded by other ACCP awards and grants.

The Research Institute congratulates Drs. Tuteja and Laizure on their outstanding proposals. The Board of Trustees extends a special word of thanks to all whose contributions to the Frontiers Fund made these grants possible. To make a donation to the Frontiers Fund, please go to <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/>.

## Student Meeting Travel Fund Gains Momentum

### *Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution to Support Increased Student Involvement in ACCP*

During the past year, the College has promoted student involvement in a variety of ACCP activities and services, including attendance at our national meetings. These opportunities provide students with a broad exposure to clinical pharmacy and the chance to participate in ACCP at the national level. However, encouraging student meeting attendance has been hampered by one major factor: limited student financial resources. To help alleviate some of the economic burden, the College has established the ACCP Student Meeting Travel Fund.

The Student Meeting Travel Fund provides financial assistance to students who wish to attend an ACCP meeting. Spurred in part by growth of the Best Student Poster competition, an increasing number of students now express interest in attending ACCP meetings. The number of student registrants, as well as the number of student abstract submissions, has increased steadily during the past year. In addition, there is an increasing range of opportunities for student pharmacists within ACCP, including the opportunity to serve on the National StuNet Advisory Committee. Nonetheless, students are still confronted with covering the costs of travel, hotel, and meeting registration. ACCP's Student Meeting Travel Awards help defer a portion of the costs associated with meeting attendance. Member response has been very positive to this new initiative. Almost 45 students received student travel awards during the past year to support attendance at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Denver and the 2008 Spring Forum in Phoenix.

ACCP members are encouraged to help support these future clinical pharmacists. Most individual members have

made contributions of \$25 to \$100, but any amount will be gratefully accepted! There are three ways members can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund:

- Contact ACCP Customer Service at (913) 492-3311 to use a credit or debit card to make a contribution.
- Mail a check, payable to “ACCP Student Meeting Travel Fund,” to ACCP, 13000 W. 87th St. Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215-4530.
- Make a contribution while registering for the 2008 Annual Meeting by indicating the amount you wish to contribute on the meeting registration form.

Remember, your financial support will benefit student pharmacists who might not otherwise be able to attend an ACCP meeting. All funds collected are allocated directly to student awards. Administrative costs of managing the awards process are covered by other College funds allocated by the Board of Regents to support student membership activities.

## Washington Report

*John McGlew  
Assistant Director,  
Government Affairs*



## Leadership for Medication Management: Pharmacists Providing Care, Empowering Patients

### Introducing the Leadership for Medication Management

ACCP’s long-standing advocacy priority is to secure coverage of and payment for pharmacists’ services under Part B of the Medicare program. With the November elections approaching and the second term of the Bush administration and final year of the 110th Congress coming to a close, Washington is gearing up for what promises to be the biggest debate over health care policy since “HillaryCare” in the early 1990s.

In anticipation of this heightened focus on health care, ACCP – together with six other national pharmacy organizations in a coalition called the *Leadership for Medication Management (LMM)* – has developed a set of legislative principles that would, if enacted, expand opportunities for pharmacists to provide patient care services under the Medicare program. With the baby boomer generation on the brink of retirement and federal spending on Medicare threatening to overwhelm our national budget, there is a renewed awareness in Congress that health care policy must focus on improving outcomes and reducing costs. It is clear that clinical pharmacists can contribute to improvements in both of these areas, and ACCP sees a real opportunity during the coming 111th Congress to move this issue forward in a meaningful way.

### History of Medicare Part B Coverage

The LMM is a rebranded and renewed incarnation of what was once known as the Pharmacist Provider Coalition (PPC). During the early 2000s, the PPC lobbied actively

for pharmacist provider status under Medicare Part B, culminating in the introduction of the *Medicare Pharmacists Services Coverage Act* (S.974/H.R. 2799) in 2001. These bills, introduced by Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) and Representatives Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Lynn Rivers (D-MI), generated support from both sides of the aisle and prompted some valuable discussion on Capitol Hill. However, the momentum behind this legislative effort was derailed by the emergence of a much larger health care reform bill – the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) – which included the Part D drug benefit.

### Medicare Modernization Act

As the MMA became a political reality in 2003, the PPC focused its efforts on ensuring that the new benefit included a patient care component in addition to coverage for drugs. This patient care component developed into what we now refer to as Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services under Part D. Although MTM, as it is currently structured, was never believed to be a perfect outcome, the fact that pharmacists are now being paid through Medicare for their services can be considered an important, incremental step for the profession and is certainly a huge improvement on the likely alternative – a drug-only benefit with no patient care provisions at all.

However, the creation and implementation of Part D dominated health policy discussions in Washington for several years. Between the efforts to ensure that this ambitious drug benefit was delivered on time to America’s seniors and the partisan sniping over the design, delivery, and cost of the benefit, policy-makers were focused on Part D issues at the expense of other health care initiatives. With the Part D benefit now in its third year and amid generally positive reports from seniors on how the overall benefit is working, the time is now right to redouble our efforts to expand MTM under Part D and secure coverage for pharmacists’ services under Medicare Part B.

### Part D Early Experiences

Pharmacists, particularly those practicing in the community pharmacy setting, found themselves on the front lines at the launch of the Part D benefit. Confusion among seniors over the plans they had enrolled in and the benefits available to them, as well as the thorny issue of the coverage “donut hole,” meant that many retail pharmacists were overwhelmed in trying to ensure seamless continuity in drug coverage for seniors. A rocky start to the benefit was, of course, to be expected. The sheer scale of the Medicare population meant that even 99% accuracy in all areas would result in thousands of seniors facing short-term challenges accessing their medications.

But as the benefit matured, more positive reports emerged. Premiums paid by seniors proved lower than expected, and overall program costs were less than originally projected<sup>1</sup>; survey data suggested that 80% of seniors were satisfied with their Part D plan.<sup>2</sup>

1. Alliance for Health Reform Report. The facts – Medicare Part D and prescription drug prices. Available at [http://www.allhealth.org/BriefingMaterials/AEI\\_PartDandPricesfactsheet-970.pdf](http://www.allhealth.org/BriefingMaterials/AEI_PartDandPricesfactsheet-970.pdf). Accessed May 30, 2008.

2. AARP Research Report. Prescription drugs and Medicare Part D: a report on access, satisfaction, and cost. Available at [http://www.aarp.org/research/health/drugs/rx\\_medicare\\_d.html](http://www.aarp.org/research/health/drugs/rx_medicare_d.html). Accessed May 30, 2008.



## Leadership for Medication Management— Summary of Legislative Principles

The seven national pharmacy organizations that make up the LMM developed the following set of legislative principles aimed at expanding opportunities for pharmacists to provide patient care services to Medicare beneficiaries. (A full version of the principles and supporting documents is available online: <http://www.accp.com/advocacy.php>.)

### 1. Medicare Part D Yearly Medication

#### Therapy Review

Our legislative proposal would enhance the scope of current MTM programs by requiring plans to provide a once-yearly medication therapy review and assessment by a pharmacist, with documentation of the encounter and recommendations for improving the outcomes, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the beneficiary's medication regimen. The annual medication therapy review benefit is analogous to the "Welcome to Medicare" medical encounter and would be a covered benefit on an annual basis due to the dynamic nature of beneficiaries' medication therapy over time.

### 2. MTM Services Paid for Under Part B

Importantly, the proposal also requires that MTM services of pharmacists are authorized for payment under Medicare Part B. All Medicare beneficiaries, including those not enrolled in Part D, would have access to these services. For beneficiaries not enrolled in Part D, these MTM services could include the annual medication therapy review. In addition, Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in Medicare Part D but who do not meet the eligibility criteria for MTM services required under their Part D plan could be referred for MTM services under Part B by a licensed health care professional. Documentation and payment for MTM services provided by a pharmacist under this legislation would use the applicable CPT codes for pharmacist-provided MTM services.

### 2. Comparative Effectiveness Evaluation

Finally, the proposal also calls for a study of the effectiveness of MTM services provided to targeted beneficiaries under the provisions of Medicare Part D compared with MTM services provided under Medicare Part B to the broader Medicare population.

## Legislative Principles Discussion

These legislative principles were developed to enhance and improve the existing Medicare drug benefit and rectify what ACCP sees as some key missed opportunities by the Medicare program. Importantly, the proposal highlights data from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) indicating that less than 7% of Medicare Part D beneficiaries can receive MTM services under the eligibility requirements of their Part D plans. Our supporting materials also provide a compelling case, citing Institute of Medicine data on the Quality of Health Care in America and CMS's own expectation that, over time, MTM must evolve and become a cornerstone of the Medicare Prescription Drug benefit.

Considering examples from state Medicaid programs such as the **Iowa Medicaid Pharmaceutical Case Management Program** and evidence from initiatives such as the **Asheville Model** or the **Diabetes Ten City Challenge**, evidence supporting the effectiveness of meaningful MTM in improving outcomes and reducing costs is clearly overwhelming.

## Political Outlook

ACCP and our LMM partners are realistic about our chances for moving this proposal forward during the remainder of this Congress. All of our sources on the Hill indicate that there is a narrow window for health care legislation, and it is unlikely that Congress will take up any new measures during the next few months. In addition, although the political climate in Washington favors health care reform, the economic climate does not. Our proposal will undoubtedly provide substantial savings for the Medicare program over the long term but will require an "expansion" of services under Part B, which may result in an initial cost increase. Our challenge lies in emphasizing the long-term benefits of our proposal over any potential short-term cost increase to the Medicare program.

## How You Can Get Involved

ACCP is currently holding a series of meetings with key Capitol Hill offices to introduce the proposal and solicit input and feedback from congressional leaders. Based on the results of these meetings, we will then develop the proposal into a piece of legislation and work to secure congressional sponsors to introduce a bill. At this stage, we strongly encourage all ACCP members to review the legislative proposal and supporting materials (<http://www.accp.com/advocacy.php>). In addition, we have prepared a letter on our Legislative Action Center (<http://capwiz.com/accp/home/>) for all members to send to their federal lawmakers, introducing the legislative principles and offering opportunities for further discussion of the proposal.

We see the remaining months of the 110th Congress as an opportunity to educate lawmakers on these issues, generate support for our proposal, and lay the groundwork for a full legislative campaign beginning in 2009. Importantly, please also forward the link to the Legislative Action Center to friends, colleagues, and other clinical pharmacy stakeholders. The louder our voice on Capitol Hill, the greater our chances are for success. It is vital that members of Congress are made aware of the widespread support for this issue throughout the pharmacy profession and that they understand the benefits that pharmacists can bring to health care delivery and patient care.

Our chances for advancing our agenda depend on your active participation in the political process. As always, ACCP will provide all the support, background materials, and other assistance that you need to develop relationships with your lawmakers. **For more information on ACCP's work in Washington, DC, please contact John McGlew at [jmcglew@accp.com](mailto:jmcglew@accp.com) or (202) 756-2227.**

## ACCP Research Institute Recognizes 2008 Grants and Fellowship Committee Expert Reviewers



According to Susan Fagan, Pharm.D., BCPS, Chair of the ACCP Research Institute Board of Trustees, the grant and fellowship review process conducted through the Research Institute could not be accomplished without the generous services of many ACCP members. "The amount of time and expertise each team member brings to the table is

remarkable,” said Fagan. Often, these individuals are asked to review several hundred pages of proposals in preparation for committee meetings.

Almost 50 applications were received during this year’s call for proposals. Fagan noted, “Mark Munger, Research Institute Treasurer, was elected to chair this year’s grant selection effort and I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Mark and to each of the expert reviewers involved in the 2008–09 funding cycle.” This year’s expert reviewers were Kathleen Bungay, Henry Mann, Lee Vermeulen, Annie Cheang, Bill Dager, Vicki Ellingrod, Brien Neudeck, and James Tisdale. Led by Munger, they worked alongside Board of Trustee members John Cleary, Tom Dowling, Gary Matzke, Stuart Haines, Gary Yee, and Howard McLeod. As always, the Board of Trustees seeks input and feedback from the ACCP membership on how to better serve the needs of its members. “We welcome member comments and suggestions at any time on ways that we might continue to improve the application submission and selection process,” Fagan added. Members are invited communicate directly with the Research Institute’s leadership by contacting ACCP’s Director of Research, Jacque Marinac, at [jmarinac@accp.com](mailto:jmarinac@accp.com).

## Pharmacotherapy Pearls

### Facts and Comparisons

Wendy R. Cramer, B.S., FASCP  
Richard T. Scheife, Pharm.D., FCCP

With 2007 behind us, we would like to share with you some of *Pharmacotherapy*’s performance measures. As you will see, the performance of the journal has continued to move in a very positive direction.



### New Manuscript Submissions to *Pharmacotherapy*<sup>a</sup>

Year	No. of Submissions
1995	171
1996	205
1997	216
1998	228
1999	233
2000	309
2001	291
2002	308
2003	365
2004	395
2005	353
2006	473
2007	476

<sup>a</sup>Excludes supplements.

### Numbers of Articles and Pages Published<sup>a</sup>

Year	No. of Articles	No. of Pages
1995	106	832
1996	153	1224
1997	180	1351
1998	165	1380
1999	194	1462
2000	186	1515
2001	189	1578
2002	202	1635
2003	198	1666
2004	206	1807
2005	202	1820
2006	217	1811 <sup>b</sup>
2007	197	1762

<sup>a</sup>Excludes supplements and advertising pages.

<sup>b</sup>As of 2006, ACCP abstracts were no longer printed in the journal (available online only); number of pages published represents articles only.

### Manuscript Turnaround Time

Turnaround times (median times in months) from time of manuscript receipt to accept/reject judgment, time for author to complete all revisions, and time from acceptance of final revision to publication are as follows:

Year	Median Time (mo)			Total Turnaround Time
	Manuscript Receipt to Judgment	Revision Time	Revision Receipt to Publication	
1995	2.3	1.8	6.5	10.6
1996	2.3	1.9	7.9	12.1
1997	2.1	1.8	5.2	9.1
1998	2.1	1.9	4.8	8.8
1999	1.9	1.8	4.5	8.2
2000	1.9	1.9	3.8	7.6
2001	2.0	2.0	3.2	7.2
2002	2.0	2.1	3.0	7.1
2003	2.1	1.9	3.3	7.3
2004	1.8	1.2	5.1	8.1
2005	1.6	1.7	5.3	8.6
2006	1.5	1.6	5.3	8.4
2007	1.9	1.1	5.2	8.2

## Research Institute Heart Failure Training Program



### Applications Still Being Accepted

The ACCP Research Institute’s Heart Failure Training Program, funded by an educational grant from Scios, Inc., is a 2- to 4-week intensive training program available at six training sites. Consider how this experience could benefit you or your colleagues, fellows, residents, and students. Applications are currently being accepted for the Heart Failure Training Program.

**NOTE: The application deadline for this training program has been extended to September 1, 2008.** For additional information and [application materials](#), visit <http://www.accp.com/>.

## Awards, Promotions, Grants, etc.

**Tricia Berry**, Pharm.D., BCPS, has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy....**Michael Crouch**, Pharm.D., BCPS, was recently named Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at South University School of Pharmacy....**Brian Erstad**, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, has been awarded the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Shubin-Weil Master Clinician/Teacher: Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award....**Melissa Jones**, Pharm.D., BCPS, has been appointed Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at South University....**Amy Lugo**, Pharm.D., BCPS, was recently appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at South University....**Anne Lin**, Pharm.D., has been appointed an external examiner to the Master of Science in Clinical Pharmacy Program at Chinese University of Hong Kong....**Eugene Morse**, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, has been appointed Chair of the Hepatitis Function Working Group of the Hepatitis Research Committee for the NIH/NIAID AIDS Clinical Trials Group....**Julie Murphy**, Pharm.D., BCPS, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy....**Michael Newton**, Pharm.D., BCOP, has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy....**Julie Rafferty**, Pharm.D., was recently named Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Belmont University School of Pharmacy....**Zachary Stacy**, Pharm.D., BCPS, has been appointed to the rank of Associate Professor at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy....**Cathy Turner**, Pharm.D., has been appointed Director, Drug Information, at Belmont University School of Pharmacy.

## New Members

Christy Anderson	Erin Minter
Jennifer Baggs	Harish Nair
Sean Barclay	Raeanna Nerpel
Tiffany Boehland	Priscilla Onyenike-Okpuzor
Regine Caruthers	Rachana Patel
Ganesh Cherala	Danielle Patrick
Amanda Christman	Frank Pignataro
Jennifer Collier	Steven Plogsted
Jeffrey Costello	Matthew Ramsey
Chad Friece	Rachel Reiner
Junko Gibson	Sara Rietsch
Meagan Godwin	Marcelline Rudebusch
Leigh Anne Gravatt	Joshua Sawyer
Rhonda Hammerquist	Joanna Sroka
Joanna Harper-Chapek	Brock Taylor
Lauren Healy	Robin Terry
Chau Hong	Angela Torres
Cory Huot	Lan Tran
Stephanie Hutchinson	Andrea Tuma
To-nga Ngoc Huynh	Greg Upham
Luenetta Jackson	Amy Van Gorp
Michelle Jacobs	Deanna Visser
Delila Katz	Glenn Wachter
Brett Krautstrunk	Yow-Ming Wang
Phillip Lai	Rachel Weaver
Steven Ludlow	Dustin Wilson
Nisha Mathew	Yee May Wong
Cherie Miller	

## The Following Members Recently Advanced from Associate to Full Member:

Maria Claudio-Saez  
Jasmine Gonzalvo  
Jennifer Hagerman  
Yi Liu  
Ewan McNicol

## New Member Recruiters

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

Jill Burkiewicz  
Lindsey Hoyer  
Thomas Johnson  
Carolyn Johnston  
Sarah Linder-Stenzel  
Joel Marrs  
Lisa McDevitt  
Steven Morgan  
Eric Mueller  
John Murphy  
Shrinivas Nayak  
Jennifer Nguyen  
Ruth Pinney  
Jill Rebuck  
Kelly Rogers  
Kimberly Schnacky  
Michelle Schymik  
Jennifer Smith  
Joyce Thomas  
Stacy Voils



**Assistant/Associate Director of Professional Development  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy**

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) is seeking candidates for a newly created staff position at the Assistant or Associate Director level in Professional Development. The position will be based at ACCP's national headquarters in suburban Kansas City.

The Assistant/Associate Director of Professional Development will oversee the planning, enhancement, and delivery of key components of ACCP's professional development products and services, including the *Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program* (PSAP) and selected curricular tracks within the ACCP Academy. The position is based at ACCP Headquarters in suburban Kansas City. In carrying out his/her primary responsibilities, the Assistant/Associate Director will provide professional perspectives and guidance to project managers and collaborate closely with management and executive staff to evaluate the professional development needs of ACCP members. The Assistant/Associate Director will play a major role in identifying and implementing new professional development programs, services, and delivery methods.

Candidates must have earned a Pharm.D. degree and completed a residency or fellowship, or gained equivalent experience. Board certification is required. The successful candidate will have experience as a contributing editor or reviewer, or comparable position with a scholarly publication, as well as a significant record of publishing and reviewing in pharmacy, medicine, or a related discipline. Preference will be given to those with 5 or more years' experience as a clinical practitioner or educator.

The College offers a competitive salary and benefits program. Title and salary will be commensurate with experience. Although recruitment will continue until the position is filled, candidates should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae by August 1, 2008, to:

**Richard Collins**  
**Operations Manager**  
**American College of Clinical Pharmacy**  
**13000 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway**  
**Lenexa, KS 66215**  
**E-mail: [rcollins@accp.com](mailto:rcollins@accp.com)**

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**Clinical Assistant Professor  
Psychiatric Pharmacy**

The College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin is seeking applications for a psychiatric pharmacist for a nontenure-track faculty position at the rank of clinical assistant professor within the Pharmacy Practice Division. The successful candidate must have an earned Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, be licensed or eligible for licensure in the state of Texas, have successfully completed a psychiatric pharmacy residency or have gained equivalent experience, and be able to demonstrate teaching ability. The successful applicant will be expected to teach in the Pharm.D. program, provide instruction in the graduate program in Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Administration, and teach residents specializing in psychiatry and psychiatric pharmacy. Most organized coursework is team-taught. Clinical service that supports resident and Pharm.D. student education is expected. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with tenured and tenure-track faculty on research and scholarship.

We welcome qualified applicants to submit their application materials by July 1, 2008. Review of applications will begin immediately upon receipt and will continue until the finalists are named. Letters of application from interested candidates should be submitted electronically (only), together with a curriculum vitae and the names of three references, to the following e-mail address: [s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu).

All inquiries should be sent to:

**Sherrie Bendele**  
**Program Coordinator**  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
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**<http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/>**

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**College of Pharmacy**

**Tenure-track Associate Professor  
Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research**

The College of Pharmacy at Oregon State University invites applications for a 12-month tenure-track position in pharmaceuticals at the assistant or associate professor level. The successful candidate will join a dynamic group devoted to using molecular techniques, micro/nanotechnology, cell culture, genetically modified rodent models, and other novel approaches to optimize drug delivery and drug absorption. Candidates should possess research experience in pharmaceuticals or biopharmaceuticals and will be expected to establish a vigorous, extramurally funded research program training graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in their area of expertise. Teaching responsibilities include participation in pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals courses within the Pharm.D. program and graduate courses in the candidate's research specialty.

A Ph.D. degree is required in pharmaceuticals, biopharmaceuticals, or a related field. Candidates with innovative postdoctoral experience, evidence of securing research funding, and potential for teaching in pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals will be given preference.

A complete job description and an online application form can be found at <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs>. Applicants should, in addition, send a personal letter describing their research plans and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, and the names and complete contact information of at least three references to:

**J. Mark Christensen, Ph.D.**  
**Chair, Faculty Search Committee**  
**Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences**  
**Oregon State University**  
**203 Pharmacy Building**  
**Corvallis, OR 97331-3507**  
**Telephone: (541) 737-5788**  
**E-mail: [jmark.christensen@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jmark.christensen@oregonstate.edu)**

The position becomes available after September 15, 2008, and will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

*OSU is an AA/EO Employer and has a policy of being responsive to the needs of dual-career couples.*



**Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor  
Emphasis in Psychiatric Pharmacy Research**

The College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin is seeking applications for a psychiatric pharmacist for a research-intensive tenure-track assistant professor or a tenured associate or full professor. The qualified individual must have research training (fellowship, M.S., or Ph.D.) in an area that is conducive to conducting research in psychiatric pharmacy. Current research programs focus on mental health outcomes and health services research. Qualified candidates must have an earned Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, be licensed or eligible for licensure in the state of Texas, and be able to demonstrate teaching ability. Appointment as associate professor or full professor requires demonstrated and sustained extramural grant support and research and scholarship achievements consistent with appointment to that rank at a research-intensive university. In addition to performing cutting-edge research, the successful applicant will be expected to teach in the Pharm.D. program, provide instruction in the graduate program in Pharmacy Practice and Pharmacy Administration, and teach residents specializing in psychiatry and psychiatric pharmacy. Most organized coursework is team-taught.

We welcome qualified applicants to submit application materials by July 1, 2008. Review of applications will begin immediately upon receipt and will continue until the finalists are named. Letters of application from interested candidates should be submitted electronically (only), together with a curriculum vitae and the names of three references, to the following e-mail address: [s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu).

All inquiries should be sent to:

**Sherrie Bendele**  
**Program Coordinator**  
**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**1 University Station, A1910**  
**Austin, TX 78712-0124**  
**E-mail: [s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:s.bendele@mail.utexas.edu)**  
**<http://www.utexas.edu/pharmacy/>**

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**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
School of Pharmacy  
Nontenure-track Faculty Positions**

The Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy announces a pediatric faculty position at its Abilene campus, where the first class of 40 students started coursework in the fall of 2007. The faculty member will have multiple opportunities to develop practices in collaboration with pediatricians to care for patients in a continuity of care, inpatient-to-outpatient model. Further opportunities for collaboration exist with outreach physicians from Cook Children's Medical Center, particularly with the hematology and oncology group.

Join a growing faculty (including our regional dean; three clinicians in adult medicine, two in primary care, one in geriatrics, and one in community practice; and three pharmaceutical sciences faculty) at our newest campus, which includes a state-of-the-art, 40,000-square-foot building adjacent to Hendrick Regional Medical Center.

**Applicant Requirements:** Pharm.D. with specialty residency or fellowship training. Candidates should send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to:

**Mark Haase, Pharm.D., BCPS**  
**Search Committee Chair for Pediatrics, Pharmacy Practice**  
**1300 South Coulter**  
**Amarillo, TX 79106**  
**Telephone: (806) 356-4000, ext. 292**  
**Fax: (806) 356-4018**  
**E-mail: [mark.haase@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:mark.haase@ttuhsc.edu)**

All interested applicants must apply online at <https://jobs.texastech.edu>, position #62112.

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### Pharmacist Specialist Drug Information

Consider joining our progressive Clinical Decision Support Services section of Pharmacy & Pathology Services as a Drug Information Pharmacist Specialist at The Nebraska Medical Center. Duties of this full-time position include coordinating the provision of comprehensive drug information services to health care providers affiliated with a large academic medical center and working with appropriate Medical Staff Committees, including the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, and the Pharmacy Clinical Teams to improve clinical care and therapeutic outcomes. Additional activities include both didactic and precepting responsibilities for pharmacy students.

Successful applicants will have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, be eligible for Nebraska pharmacy licensure, and have completed a pharmacy practice residency and a specialty residency in drug information.

The Nebraska Medical Center offers competitive compensation and an excellent, flexible benefits package. If you are interested in becoming part of a progressive, dynamic organization, please visit our Web site at [www.nebraskamed.com](http://www.nebraskamed.com) and apply online.

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**Faculty Position**  
**Center for Pharmacoeconomics Research**  
**Department of Pharmacy Practice**  
**University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy**  
**Tenure-track Associate Professor**  
**Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research**

The University of Illinois at Chicago is seeking a full-time or part-time tenure-track faculty member at the associate professor level in the areas of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmaceutical outcomes research. Duties include research and teaching. Candidates should have an existing pharmacoepidemiology research program and demonstrated ability to obtain extramural funding. Completion of a Ph.D., or a Pharm.D. with fellowship training, is required.

For full consideration, send a cover letter and curriculum vitae no later than June 30, 2008, to:

**Glen Schumock, Pharm.D.**  
**Director of the Center for Pharmacoeconomics Research**  
**833 South Wood Street (M/C 886)**  
**Room 164**  
**Chicago, IL 60612**  
**E-mail: [schumock@uic.edu](mailto:schumock@uic.edu)**

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**University of Illinois at Chicago  
Drug Information Group  
Assistant Director – Prior Authorization**

The Prior Authorization Group at the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Pharmacy Practice is an academic and consultative unit of the College of Pharmacy. The Prior Authorization Group is responsible for all requests for prior approval for Illinois Medicaid. The goals of the Prior Approval Group are to provide clinically appropriate decisions on requests for medication prior approval in an efficient manner and to serve as a resource for health care professionals involved in Medicaid patient care. The Prior Approval group is seeking curricula vitae/resumes from qualified individuals for the position of Assistant Director – Prior Authorization.

This individual will be responsible for managing the provision of prior authorization services to Illinois Medicaid. Duties will include developing strategies and clinical criteria; ensuring that the criteria and program are clinically sound and consistent with business objectives; coordinating the processing and administration of PAs, as well as issue resolution; developing policies and procedures as appropriate; participating in internal committees; and assisting with other projects as needed.

This position includes a college appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor. Teaching opportunities are also available if desired.

**Qualifications**

Pharm.D. and residency experience required. Retail pharmacy and managed care experience preferred. Must be eligible for licensure in Illinois. Highly preferred qualities include a strong clinical knowledge base; analytic and problem-solving skills; strong verbal and written communication skills; the ability to consistently meet deadlines; demonstrated flexibility and ability to work independently and adapt to a changing work environment; excellent planning, time management, and organizational skills; and experience managing personnel.

For full consideration, please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae no later than June 30, 2008. The search will remain open until the position is filled. For further information, please contact:

**Michael P. Gabay, Pharm.D., J.D., BCPS  
Director, Drug Information Group and Prior Authorization Services  
UIC Department of Pharmacy Practice  
833 South Wood (M/C 886)  
Chicago, IL 60612-7230  
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E-mail: [mgabay@uic.edu](mailto:mgabay@uic.edu)**

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**University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy  
Critical Care Faculty Position**

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy invites applications from highly motivated academically oriented individuals who have expertise in the field of critical care pharmacy practice. Pharmacists on the critical care pharmacy services team provide care to patients in the cardiology, surgery, trauma, neurovascular, transplant, cardiothoracic, and medical intensive care units. The successful applicant will actively contribute to the care of critically ill patients primarily in the medical intensive care units at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian. Responsibilities to the hospital include participation in daily ICU work rounds and the development of evidence-based practice guidelines/ protocols related to drug therapy and disease management in the critically ill patient population.

The incumbent will be expected to teach in the professional curriculum, including large classroom and active learning environments; precept Pharm.D. students in introductory and advanced professional experiences; and precept residents and graduate students in the School of Pharmacy Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Achievement in the area of scholarship is an expectation for promotion.

The ideal candidate will have earned a Pharm.D. degree, completed a critical care residency, and obtained a minimum of 3 years' experience in critical care pharmacy practice. Other qualifications and experiences will be considered. This is a full-time faculty appointment outside the tenure stream at a rank and salary commensurate with qualifications and experiences.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy is nationally known for excellence in education, service, and research. The school is at the forefront of educating pharmacy's future practitioners and scientists, with a total enrollment of 400 students in the Pharm.D. program. Applicants must be licensed or eligible for licensure in Pennsylvania. Applications will be received until August 31, 2008. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to:

**Sandra Kane Gill, Pharm.D., M.S., FCCM**  
**Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy and Therapeutics**  
**University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy**  
**918 Salk Hall**  
**3501 Terrace Street**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15261**  
**Telephone: (412) 624-5150**  
**E-mail: [slk54@pitt.edu](mailto:slk54@pitt.edu)**

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**Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center, a technologically advanced 401-bed acute care facility, was voted the South Bay's Best Hospital by *Daily Breeze* readers in 2007. We are located in the beautiful South Bay area of Los Angeles County, minutes away from the beach. We are seeking a full-time Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator responsible for establishing, building, and maintaining a clinical program. A California pharmacist license and BCLS certification are required. Clinical coordinator experience or experience in an established clinical program is preferred.

Torrance Memorial offers a competitive salary with annual increases; generous medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits; generous paid time off program; significant longevity bonus; hospital-funded defined benefit pension plan; and many training programs. Apply online or visit our Web site for other opportunities at [www.TorranceMemorial.org](http://www.TorranceMemorial.org) or apply in person at:

**Human Resources Department**  
**3330 Lomita Boulevard**  
**Torrance, CA 90505**

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**Assistant/Associate Professor of Adult Medicine  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center – Dallas Campus  
School of Pharmacy**

The School of Pharmacy is seeking one 12-month, full-time, nontenure-track faculty member at the assistant/associate professor level to be based at its Dallas, Texas, campus. The successful candidate will join a dynamic Adult Medicine Division with 12 faculty members across four other campuses. Responsibilities will include providing inpatient clinical pharmacy services and experiential teaching at the Dallas VA Medical Center. The Dallas VA Medical Center is an outstanding practice site and school of pharmacy partner. It was selected as a recipient of the 2007 and 2008 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Crystal APPLE (Academic-Practice Partnerships for Learning Excellence) Award. In addition to clinical practice and experiential teaching, the successful candidate will be responsible for didactic teaching, research/scholarship, and school service. Individuals with an interest in general adult medicine/ pharmacotherapy are preferred. Strong opportunities for scholarly collaboration are available in multiple subspecialties. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, official transcripts of pharmacy education, and three letters of reference to:

**Monica Mathys, Pharm.D., BCPP  
Search Committee Chair  
Adult Medicine Division  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
School of Pharmacy – Dallas/Fort Worth  
4500 South Lancaster Building 7-R# 119A  
Dallas, TX 75216  
E-mail: [monica.mathys@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:monica.mathys@ttuhsc.edu)  
Telephone: (214) 372-5300, ext. 238**

Applicants must also access <https://jobs.texastech.edu>, job code #75974, to complete the online application.

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