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### University of Michigan College of Pharmacy Team Crowned 2024 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Champion



Competition in the 2025 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge (CRC) began in February with 79 teams vying for a spot in Round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. Teams achieving the top 40 scores after the initial

online Journal Club round submitted an LOI. Teams achieving the top 20 scores after round 2 were invited to compete in Round 3: Research Protocol Development. Teams were tasked with developing a research proposal designed to demonstrate the value of clinical pharmacy—led services and/or initiatives in an area of psychiatry/mental health services. Teams were provided with a specific research environment in which to formulate their proposals.

The proposals were reviewed by the CRC Review Panel, and submissions ranking in the top one-third were referred to the CRC Oversight Panel for evaluation. Please join ACCP in congratulating the finalist teams and the award winners.

### 2025 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Finalists Team:

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy

University of Iowa College of Pharmacy University of Michigan College of Pharmacy University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy

University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

### **2025 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Awards:**

**Championship Team: University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy** 

**Proposal Title:** Tapering Antidepressants with Pharmacist-Led Exponential Reduction (TAPER): A Pilot Pragmatic Randomized Controlled Trial Assessing Structured Proportional Tapering for SSRI Discontinuation

**Student Team:** Sami Gangji, team leader; J.T. Berard-Moore; Hailey Joo

Faculty Adviser: Nicole Asal, Pharm.D., BCPS

## Second-Place Team: University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy

**Proposal Title:** Evaluation of a Pharmacist-Led Meds-to-Beds Program in Patients with Psychiatric Disorders

Student Team: Ashley Klancko, team leader; Abigail

Serrano; Jenna-Lynn Kelley

Faculty Adviser: William Baker, Pharm.D., FCCP



# **Futures Grants Application**

Visit www.accpfoundation.org/futures for more details.

Application Due September 1, 2025



## Third Place: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

**Proposal Title:** Implementing Clinical Pharmacy Services with a Geriatric Psychiatry Team: Impact on Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia **Student Team:** Dakota Tucker, team leader; Madison

Trombley; Allison Sanders

Faculty Adviser: J. Mark Ruscin, Pharm.D.

## Fourth Place: University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

**Proposal Title:** The Impact of a Pharmacist-Led Psychotropic Stewardship Program on Cardiometabolic Risk in Patients with Severe Mental Illness

Student Team: Madison Tran, team leader; Ethan

Diks; Mih Nguyen

Faculty Adviser: Kristen Janzen, Pharm.D., BCPS

These teams are invited to present their research design during a poster session at the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition, each student member of these teams will receive a complimentary Annual Meeting registration. For complete competition information, <u>click here</u>.

Please join ACCP in recognizing and thanking the many members of ACCP for their contributions and service to the College in advancing this important program for our student members.

### **CRC Oversight Panel**

Sandra Benavides, Pharm.D., FCCP Doug Fish, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCCCP Anne Hume, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS Irene La-Beck, Pharm.D. Beth Phillips, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS Tiffany Pon, Pharm.D., BCPS

### **Journal Club Author Panel**

Carol Heunisch, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCP Pam Ku, Pharm.D., BCPS Dan Majerczyk, Pharm.D., BCPS, BC-ADM, CACP Dianne May, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

#### **Journal Club Review Panel**

Allison Bernknopf, Pharm.D., BCPS
Timothy Gladwell, Pharm.D., BCACP, BCCP, BCPS

#### **CRC Review Panel**

Jacob Brown, Pharm.D. Brooke Buffat, Pharm.D., BCPS Kyle Burghardt, Pharm.D. Daniel Crona, Pharm.D., PhD
Robert DiDomenico Jr, Pharm.D., FCCP
Abigail Elmes, Pharm.D., MHPE, BCPS
James Hoehns, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Kelly Lee, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP
Abbie Leino, Pharm.D., BCPS
Gregory Malat, Pharm.D., BCPS
Tien Ng, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Philip Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
James Stevenson, Pharm.D., MS, BCPP
Rebecca H. Stone, Pharm.D., BDDP, BCACP, BCPS
Chad VanDenBerg, Pharm.D., BCPP

For complete information on the Clinical Research Challenge, visit <a href="http://www.accp.com/stunet/crc/eligibility.aspx">http://www.accp.com/stunet/crc/eligibility.aspx</a>.

## Get Ready for the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting—Registration Is Now Open!



Mark your calendars for the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting, taking place October 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis in vibrant downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This 4-day event is your gateway to cutting-edge clinical pharmacy

education, meaningful professional/career connections, and insight into the future of health care. Whether you're a student, resident, fellow, or seasoned clinical pharmacist, the ACCP Annual Meeting offers something for everyone.

### Why You Should Attend

Immerse yourself in a dynamic lineup of sessions tailored to the evolving landscape of clinical pharmacy, including access to:

- BPS-approved recertification credit opportunities in Pharmacotherapy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy,\* Critical Care Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Pharmacy,\* Geriatric Pharmacy,\* Oncology Pharmacy,\* and Pediatric Pharmacy\*
- PRN Focus Sessions
- Student-centered programming, such as the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge and Emerge from the Crowd
- Resident/fellow-driven programming, such as scientific poster presentations and career path roundtable discussions
- ACCP Academy programming
- Recruitment opportunities

### **Registration Open**

Join your peers and mentors for this can't-miss event. Deepen your clinical expertise, expand your network, and engage in forward-thinking dialogue shaping the future of pharmacy practice. Registration is open at <a href="https://www.accp.com/meetings/am25/index.aspx">https://www.accp.com/meetings/am25/index.aspx</a>.

Early registration ends September 22!

### **Reserve Your Stay at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis**

Experience the best of Minneapolis at the Hyatt Regency, conveniently located on Nicollet Mall. Relax in one of the hotel's 645 modern rooms, and enjoy amenities like a 32,000–sq ft StayFit gym and Prairie Kitchen and Bar, offering locally sourced cuisine. From Loring Park and Target Field to world-class shopping and the city's arts scene, there's no shortage of experiences just steps from your room.

ACCP has secured a discounted room block. Booking within the group block supports the success of the meeting. Book your room now to lock in special rates.

\*ACCP collaborates with ASHP on Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Emergency Medicine Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, Oncology Pharmacy, and Pediatric Pharmacy activities.

## Celebrating 10 Years of Futures Grants with 2015 Awardee Kyle Burghardt, Pharm.D.

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In 2015, Dr. Kyle Burghardt had just completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan and was in his first year as an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Wayne State University. He applied for an ACCP Futures Grant to fund acquisition of pilot data for his larger project that he had previously developed in the ACCP Focused Investigator Training (FIT) program. He was studying insulin

resistance induced by antipsychotic medication in the absence of obesity, specifically the impact of DNA





Click or scan the QR code to hear how the Futures Grants Award has impacted Burghardt's clinical pharmacy career.

methylation and lipids in the skeletal muscle. Burghardt commented on why he applied for the Futures Grant in 2015:

It was a new opportunity, specifically for pharmacists. I was looking for junior-level grants that could make my larger grant (application) more successful.

He then went on to credit the Futures Grant as a major contributor to the success of his career as a researcher and tenured associate professor.

Now Burghardt is a tenured associate professor of pharmacy practice at Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. His research focuses on psychopharmacology and pharmacogenetics. He has received multiple awards for original research and highly cited manuscripts, including the ACCP New Investigator Award in 2020. He continues to contribute to ACCP and ACCP Foundation initiatives, primarily focused on mentoring and training researcher pharmacists. He is also an active member of the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Burghardt earned a Pharm.D. degree with distinction from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2011. He then completed a postdoctoral research fellowship with the Pharmacogenomics Lab at the University of Michigan under the mentorship of Dr. Vicki Ellingrod. During his fellowship, he attended the ACCP



FIT program, and his project was ultimately funded by a grant from the NIH. Burghardt has received over \$1 million in grant funding and conducted 2 NIH-funded studies on the mechanisms of antipsychotic medication—induced insulin resistance.

Futures Grants are supported through donations to the ACCP Foundation. <u>Donate here</u> to help the ACCP Foundation continue supporting the development of research skills among student, trainee, and early-career ACCP members.

## ACCP Member Participates in Webinar from the Primary Care Collaborative

On May 20, the Primary Care Collaborative (PCC) hosted a <u>webinar</u> to show how a team-based, whole-person approach to care could leverage the expertise of primary care, behavioral health, and clinical pharmacy to better support patients with chronic conditions.

The webinar explained the importance of coordinated care, explored strategies for improving and fostering stronger collaborations, and discussed potential solutions policymakers could put in place to foster teambased approaches to care management. The webinar featured the following speakers, including ACCP member Tom Bateman:

Kathleen Findlay, MD, MPH, MHCDS Medical Director, Lifestyle Medicine Program Western Wisconsin Health

Thomas Bateman, Pharm.D. Clinical Assistant Professor Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Bethany Franklin, MD Collaborative Care Psychiatrist University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Pinnacle



Thomas Bateman, Pharm.D., BCACP, is a clinical assistant professor with Rutgers, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. He currently serves as the lead clinical pharmacist of Henry J. Austin Health Center, a federally qualified health center in Trenton, New Jersey. He also serves as the res-

idency program director for the PGY2 ambulatory care residency program. Bateman's passion is working with urban communities that are medically underserved, and he has published multiple papers, mainly about chronic disease management in the outpatient setting.

ACCP has been an executive member of the PCC for more than 10 years and will continue to collaborate with this organization to advance comprehensive medication management in primary care. ACCP would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Bateman for his participation in this webinar.

### **ACCP Member Spotlight: Nicole Albanese**



Dr. Nicole Albanese is a clinical associate professor and the assistant dean for Student Success and Engagement at the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In this role, she provides leadership and support in student services, including recruitment, admis-

sions, academic advisement, career development, and event coordination. She collaborates with student organizations, develops new courses, and conducts educational research. Albanese has developed and maintains Professional Identity elements throughout the curriculum and co-curriculum, overseeing all professional and academic progression in the Pharm.D. program. Her instructional responsibilities are focused on endocrinology and ambulatory care, where she spends upwards of 50 hours per week teaching. Her research focuses on outcomes in diabetes as well as educational research. At her clinic site, a patient-centered medical home physician group practice, she trains around 20 APPE students annually and serves as the residency program director for a PGY2 ambulatory care resident. Albanese became a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist in 2009 and earned board certification as an ambulatory care pharmacist in 2011. She is an active member of the profession and an accomplished lecturer speaking on topics such as diabetes and obesity. She is currently serving as chair-elect of the ACCP Endocrine and Metabolism PRN and was previously the PRN's secretary/treasurer. She was named a Fellow of ACCP in 2024.

Albanese's path to pharmacy began unexpectedly during her first year of college. Initially studying business, she found herself working at a local grocery store chain. A chance assignment to the pharmacy department sparked her interest, and the more she interacted with pharmacists and technicians, the more she realized that pharmacy could be a fulfilling career. This realization led her to pursue a degree in pharmacy, with the initial goal of becoming a community pharmacist.

She graduated in 2001 from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy in Richmond, Virginia. However, during her P3 year at VCU, conversations with her adviser and mentor inspired her to undertake

a community residency. Thus, in June 2002, she completed a community care pharmacy practice residency at VCU under the direction of Dr. Ralph Small. This experience opened new doors and ignited a passion for teaching. Albanese's residency training, which focused on diabetes management, was particularly meaningful because of her personal connection to the disease. Her aunt had died of complications related to type 1 diabetes just before she started pharmacy school. Her aunt's struggle became Albanese's "why"—the driving force behind her dedication to diabetes education and management.

Reflecting on her career, Albanese emphasizes the importance of early involvement in professional organizations. Although she delayed her own involvement with ACCP until later in her career, once she joined, the benefits from the College were immediate and substantial. Her network expanded, and her national prominence grew, providing both professional and personal rewards. She encourages new graduates to get involved early, highlighting the value of relationships and the opportunities for growth and influence within the organization.

One surprising fact about her is that she was brought up in a holistic household: she did not receive childhood vaccinations and grew up with alternative physicians, no Western medications, and a diet free of sugar, processed foods, and white bread. As a child, she never ate boxed cereals or even a peanut butter and jelly sandwich! This unique upbringing has shaped her perspective and approach to health and wellness.

Advocacy is a cornerstone of Albanese's daily practice. She views advocacy as a multifaceted effort that includes ensuring patients receive safe, effective, and equitable care. She is particularly focused on optimizing medication regimens for vulnerable populations and prioritizing evidence-based pharmacotherapy within the health care team. Her advocacy efforts extend to addressing systemic barriers and proposing solutions to improve patient care.

Albanese believes that the most important form of advocacy for pharmacists is to champion the recognition and use of pharmacists as essential members of the health care team. She advises her learners to start small but be consistent in their advocacy efforts, stay informed about relevant policies, build networks, and incorporate advocacy into their clinical roles. Albanese's journey is a testament to the impact of passion, dedication, and early involvement in professional organizations. Her work in diabetes management, commitment to education, and advocacy for patient care continue to inspire and influence the pharmacy community.

## **ACCP Supports Pharmacy Residents to Attend Primary Care Conference**

On June 4 and 5, the Primary Care Collaborative (PCC) hosted its annual conference, <u>Scaling What Works for Better Health</u>, convening leaders from across the health care landscape for compelling conversations exploring how innovative new approaches to primary care delivery and payment can successfully be scaled. This event offered opportunities to gain educational experience, network with health care community leaders, and uncover key insights within the industry. Through



Pictured Left to Right: Amanda Murray and Amy Hu at the PCC Annual Conference.

# 2025 Clinical Pharmacy Challenge



Registration Deadline: September 1, 2025



the Supporting Scholarship Sponsorship, ACCP supported the next generation of clinicians by sponsoring the attendance of 2 primary care clinicians in training, Amy Hu, Pharm.D., and Amanda Murray, Pharm.D.

Hu earned her Pharm.D. degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey. She completed a PGY1 managed care residency at Humana, where she developed population health initiatives through the lens of an integrated pharmacy benefit manager. After residency, she worked on the Pharmacy Stars Innovation team designing clinical programs to improve Medicare Star Ratings. She is currently completing a PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy residency at the University of Maryland to learn more about the clinical and operational nuances of patient care and work toward her mission in improving the health care experience.

Murray is a 2024 graduate of St. John's University in Queens, New York, with interests in ambulatory care and community advocacy. Murray recently completed a PGY1 community-based pharmacy residency with Riverside Health and will be continuing postgraduate training at VCU School of Pharmacy as a PGY2 ambulatory care pharmacy resident. Murray has experience working with patients in both primary and memory care settings and has previously supported remote patient monitoring initiatives for chronic disease states such as hypertension, heart failure, diabetes, and COPD.

We asked Hu and Murray about their experience when attending the PCC conference, and they had this to share:

What new learnings or perspectives did you gain from the conference?

Hu: Attending the Primary Care Collaborative conference was a unique and enriching experience that deepened my understanding of the collective effort required to advance primary care. With representation from providers, payers, health tech companies, and advocacy groups, the conference offered a well-rounded perspective on the theme of *scaling what works for better health*. My biggest takeaway was the urgent need to accelerate payment reform in primary care. This insight left me inspired to further explore how policy and advocacy can support sustainable, value-based primary care.

Murray: As I reflect on the incredible time at the 2025 Primary Care Collaborative conference, some perspectives that continued to shine throughout the conference were the idea of "grass roots" advocacy and that "no one cares how much you know until

they know how much you care." As clinical pharmacists, we are positioned well to be integrated into every primary care practice across the nation through the focus on team-based care. As more and more patients begin to see their pharmacist alongside their primary care provider in the community, we have high potential to influence positive change on the model of care for family medicine and beyond.

How has this experience influenced your goals or approach to your residency training and future work?

Hu: This experience has significantly influenced my goals and approach to post-residency by reinforcing my commitment to bridging the gap between payers and providers. Having worked in both patient care and managed care, I've gained a unique perspective on the challenges faced by each group—from time constraints and reimbursement hurdles on the provider side to data reporting and scalability concerns on the payer side. As I move forward in my career, I am driven to leverage my background to advance population health initiatives in ambulatory care, particularly through sustainable reimbursement models. Additionally, I aim to support the expansion of medical billing for pharmacist services to ensure the longevity and integration of pharmacy in team-based care.

Murray: This experience has strengthened my goal to continue working within primary care in addition to influencing my approach to collaboration. Yes, it is important to work with other pharmacists to promote the work we do, but this conference exemplified the importance of pharmacy presence amongst primary care and other providers. As I move into this next residency year and continue my professional journey, a primary focus of mine will be on building relationships outside of the pharmacy world to expand advocacy efforts for clinical pharmacy at large.

ACCP looks forward to providing this sponsorship opportunity again if PCC continues to offer it in the coming years. Invitations are extended to pharmacy residents according to their area of interest (ambulatory or primary care), current ACCP membership status (resident or residency program director), and ability to travel to Washington, D.C., for the 2-day conference. We would like to thank Drs. Hu and Murray for taking the time away from the last month of their busy residency programs to participate in this unique opportunity with the PCC.

## Attention Students and Trainees: Apply for 2025 Annual Meeting Travel Awards

Have you thought about attending an ACCP meeting, but have limited financial resources available to cover your travel and registration costs? ACCP and its members want to help!

ACCP student and resident/fellow travel awards enable students and postgraduate trainees to attend ACCP meetings by awarding travel stipends and/or complimentary meeting registrations. Apply online now for an award to attend the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting.

### **How to Apply**

### **Students:**

Student members of ACCP who are full-time pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree are invited to apply for a travel award. Applicants are asked to submit a completed application, which includes a CV or resume, 2 letters of reference, and an essay detailing the applicant's objectives for attending an ACCP meeting.

New in 2025, the Dr. Kimberly B. Tallian Memorial Endowed Student Travel Award will also be available through the same application. This award honors the legacy of Kimberly B. Tallian, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, FCSHP, BCPP, APH—a passionate neuropsychiatric pharmacist and longtime ACCP member. Tallian made lasting contributions to the College through her leadership in the Central Nervous System PRN, service on ACCP

committees, and support of student and resident development. Her generous bequest to the ACCP Foundation now supports this annual student travel award.

In addition to the standard application materials, students who wish to be considered for the Tallian Award should submit an essay that, together with outlining their objectives for attending an ACCP meeting, describes their interest in clinical pharmacy as a career, their involvement or curiosity in psychiatric or neurologic clinical pharmacy practice or research, and their overall interest in ACCP as a professional home. Applicants without a specific interest in psychiatric or neurologic pharmacy will also be considered for this award.

All application materials for student travel awards should be <u>submitted online here</u>. The application deadline is August 29.

### Residents/Fellows:

To qualify, applicants must be current members of ACCP who are enrolled in a residency or fellowship/full-time graduate studies program at the time of the meeting. Applicants must submit a CV, an essay detailing their objectives for attending an ACCP meeting, and a personal reference from the residency or fellowship program director or their designee.

All application materials for resident/fellow travel awards should be <u>submitted online here</u>. The application deadline is August 29.

For more information on ACCP travel awards, contact <a href="mailto:membership@accp.com">membership@accp.com</a>.

# ACCP WHITE PAPER

Pharmacists' Contributions to the Management of Opioid Use Disorder





## 2025 ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee Applications Due July 15

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.

This standing committee is composed of resident, fellow, and graduate student members appointed each year by the ACCP president-elect. Members serve a 1-year term, and the committee typically has 8 to 12 members. Appointed leadership positions include the chair (1-year term) and 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 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting in October and communicates via conference calls and email to complete its assigned charges. Appointees to the National Resident Advisory Committee will receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the ACCP Annual Meeting. Click here for additional information on the application process or to enter your application. The deadline for applications is July 15.

# **Learn About Successful Billing and Contracting Strategies in Ambulatory Care**

Looking to generate revenue from your ambulatory care clinical services? Learn from ACCP member experts in our session titled <u>Successful Billing and Contracting Strategies in Ambulatory Care</u>. This program provides a summary of 3 distinct, successful approaches to billing and contracting within ambulatory care. Learn about sustainability strategies within an FQHC with a 340B pharmacy, billing and contracting in a mixed fee-for-service/

value-based model, and a unique chronic care management billing model using collaboration between community- and clinic-based pharmacists. With a total of 1.5 hours of CPE credit, this program is ideal for pharmacists seeking an understanding of successful strategies to explore. This session is also available as part of ACCP's Billing and Contracting for Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services Academy.

We invite you to browse the array of ACCP's individual and bundled continuing education programs. Available in an on-demand format and presented by leaders in clinical pharmacy, these sessions offer depth of expertise together with practical implementation tips.

Among other available sessions, you will find:

- Developing a CMM Implementation and Measurement Plan
- Making the Business Case for CMM Bundle
- The 340B Drug Pricing Program: Leveraging to Build Clinical Pharmacy Services
- Broadening Your Scope: Transitioning from Disease-Focused Service to Comprehensive Medication Management
- Telling Your Performance Story Bundle

<u>Click here</u> to learn more.

### ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge for Postgraduate Trainees

ACCP is pleased to announce the 2025 ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge for postgraduate trainees. This competition is open to current residents and fellows as of July 2025. It combines skills to evaluate the primary literature with the ability to creatively communicate key components of published research. In today's digital environment, authors can increase the impact of their research through graphical representation of their work in visual abstracts. This innovative and unique competition offers individuals an opportunity to build their visual abstract creation skills for prepublished work in preparation for their own future publications. Prizes and



complimentary registration for the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting will be awarded to the top 5 participants. Submissions are due by August 15.

More information is available at <a href="www.accp.com/">www.accp.com/</a> resfel/vac/.

# Washington Report Protect Federal Funding for Pharmacy Residency Programs: Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act

John McGlew Director of Government Affairs

On Capitol Hill, Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Reps. Darrin LaHood (R-IL) and Michelle Fischbach (R-MN) are lead-



ing an effort to protect CMS funding for pharmacy residency programs. These leaders in Congress have introduced the Rebuilding America's Health Care Schools Act of 2025 (S. 1087, H.R. 1708).

We need your help. ACCP has developed a letter that you can send automatically to your elected leaders in Washington, D.C.; hence, it should take less than 2 minutes for you to make a real impact! ACCP members have already sent almost 2500 messages to Congress, but we need full participation for maximum impact!

#### State-by-State Advocacy Analysis

ACCP members in North Carolina have already sent an impressive 360 messages to Capitol Hill!

Advocacy Activity by State	
Jurisdiction	Messages
North Carolina	360
Tennessee	237
California	201
Illinoise	192
Ohio	153

Act now to ask your senators and representative to co-sponsor the Rebuilding America's Health Care Schools Act of 2025!

### **Background**

Since 2019, CMS has implemented changes to its auditing procedures for clinical pharmacy residency programs, but without updating its regulations or providing guidance on how residency programs can stay in compliance with these auditing procedures.

Medicare pass-through funding for postgraduate pharmacy residency programs is critical to ensuring the sustainability of the clinical pharmacy profession. However, under these burdensome Medicare auditing procedures, many pharmacy residency programs have been stripped of funding. Thanks to clinical pharmacy's advocacy efforts, our friends in Congress recognize this problem and have introduced legislation that would prevent unnecessary funding clawbacks jeopardizing pharmacy residency training.

### **How You Can Help**

<u>Take action now</u> to send messages asking your senators and representative to co-sponsor this bill and pass it into law.

Keep ACCP informed! Many ACCP members have already received responses from their members of Congress. Please send any responses you receive to ACCP's team in Washington, D.C., at <a href="mailto:jmcglew@accp.com">jmcglew@accp.com</a>.

## Visit the New Professional Resources Page on the ACCP Website

The ACCP <u>Professional Resources</u> page has undergone a significant refresh! This page, located on both the Policy, Practice, and Government Affairs tab and the About tab, will take users to links for resources containing over 200 tools, videos, and articles divided into 3 major categories: Clinical Resources, Practice Management Resources, and Education and Training Resources for Faculty, Preceptors, Students, and Residents. A brief summary is provided for each resource together with the source and frequency of updates. The resource links are open access except for the ACCP papers that require logging in to the journals through your ACCP or institutional account.

The Clinical Resources section includes links for clinical practice guidelines, stewardship programs, and comprehensive medication management (CMM) tools. Opening the Clinical Practice Guidelines will lead you to the repository from Guideline Central of over 2500 medical guidelines from governmental agencies or medical associations; a link to the website from the McMaster GRADE Center and the Guidelines International Network (GIN), which offers an extensive library of presentations, publications, and tools for initiating, writing, and publishing guidelines; and a white paper from the 2022 ACCP Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines providing an overview of guideline development and application. The Stewardship section provides links to the National Quality Partners playbooks, including the anticoagulation stewardship playbook developed in conjunction with members of the Anticoagulation Forum, in addition to the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship from the CDC. CMM Tools highlights 2 websites providing extensive resources for implementing, assessing, and improving a CMM practice. The Optimizing Medications for Better Health platform from the University of North Carolina introduces users to CMM and guides them through implementing and maintaining a high-quality CMM practice site. Users can access resources like the CMM practice management assessment tool (PMAT) to assess fidelity to the process and track improvement. Some tools, like the PMAT, require users to register so that they can follow their progress over time. The site also includes a large resource library. The second link takes users to the Get the Medications Right Institute (GTMRx) webpage. This site provides more than 400 resources created by GTMRx members, including the CMM use cases from a wide range of practice settings as well as publications, including the annual summary of research demonstrating the value of CMM in achieving improved quality of care, improving the patient and care team experience, reducing costs, and achieving health equity.

The Practice Management section provides an additional link to the ACCP Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Toolkit as well as links to the National Collaborative for Improving the Clinical Learning Environment (NCICLE) Pathways to Excellence document and the first 2 resource compendia based on the Teaming and Well-being pathways. Additional resources from NCICLE will be added each year for the remaining 4 pathways. This section also includes a selection of ACCP papers on optimal pharmacist-to-patient ratios.

The Education and Training Resources section includes links to the 2023 update to the ACCP Didactic Curriculum Toolkit and a new toolkit from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties to introduce students to the value of board certification. This section also provides a collection of ACCP papers on best practices and guidance on student and residency research. Development of the Professional Resources page is an ongoing process to incorporate more readily accessible tools for clinical pharmacists. If you have suggestions for other resources, please send them to <a href="mailto:accp@accp.com">accp@accp.com</a>.

## PRNs Invited to Present a Poster at the Annual Meeting

ACCP PRNs are invited to submit abstracts for posters to be presented at the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Abstracts with a maximum of 300 words are welcome; they can be descriptive in nature and do not necessarily need to contain an evaluative component. The PRN Contributed Posters category offers an opportunity to present various PRN member development events; grants, scholarships, or awards; position paper development efforts; or other

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:**

ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee
Applications Due

July 15, 2025

ACCP DEIA Travel Awards Application Deadline August 1, 2025

ACCP Annual Meeting Abstract Research-in-Progress Submissions Due

August 15, 2025

ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge Submission
Deadline

August 15, 2025

ACCP Resident/Fellow Travel Awards Application
Deadline

August 29, 2025

ACCP Student Travel Awards Application
Deadline

August 29, 2025

ACCP Annual Meeting PRN Abstract
Submission Due

September 1, 2025

ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Team

**Registration Due** 

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October 18-21, 2025

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

PRN activities of interest to other PRNs or ACCP members in general.

Abstracts will not be peer reviewed. One submission per PRN is allowed, and the deadline for abstract submission is September 1. Click here to submit an abstract.

## 2024 National Pharmacist Workforce Study Released

The <u>Pharmacy Workforce Center</u> (PWC) recently released the <u>2024 National Pharmacist Workforce Study</u> (NPWS). This study provides an update on the pharmacist workforce and examines changes since previous studies conducted in 2019 and 2014, as well as an interim study in 2022 evaluating the effect of COVID-19 on pharmacists'

work activities. In addition, the 2024 NPWS examines newer topics affecting pharmacists including organizational factors and worker well-being, expanding pharmacist roles and activities, employment status changes, unemployment, retirement, and pharmacists' career perceptions and professional involvement.

The <u>PWC</u> is a coalition of nonprofit corporations whose mission is to serve the pharmacy profession and the public by actively researching, analyzing, and monitoring the size, demography, and activities of the pharmacy workforce. ACCP is one of 9 supporting pharmacy organizations in the PWC. In addition to sponsoring the NPWS, the PWC periodically releases the <u>Pharmacy Demand Report (PDR)</u>, which measures the demand of the pharmacist workforce in the United States. The information in the PDR is intended to be used by the pharmacy profession and other stakeholders to assess and follow the trends for various career opportunities for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians on individual state, regional, and metropolitan-area levels.

A summary of the recent NPWS can be found <u>here</u>, and the full report can be accessed through <u>this link</u>.

# Applications Open for DEIA Travel Awards for Residents, Fellows, Graduate Students, and New Practitioners

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