Ross Is Chosen ACCP President-Elect

Leigh Ann Ross, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, FAPhA, FNAP, BCPS, was chosen as ACCP president-elect in the annual elections held last spring. Ross is currently an associate dean for clinical affairs, director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, professor of pharmacy practice, and research professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Mississippi (UM) School of Pharmacy. She also serves as professor of population health science in the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMMC) John D. Bower School of Population Health. Ross received a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a Pharm.D. degree from UM before completing a primary care residency at UMMMC. She subsequently served as a congressional fellow in the office of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran. During her career at UM, Ross rose to the position of chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and director of Pharmaceutical Care Services. Today, she is the UM pharmacy school’s liaison with UMMMC, the current director of the UM Community-Based Research Program, and oversees clinical partnerships for practice advancement. Ross has served as chair of the Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc., Board of Directors since 2017 and previously served on the ACCP Board of Regents and as chair of the ACCP-PAC Governing Council. Ross is also past chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Pharmacy Practice Section and a graduate of the AACP Academic Leadership Fellows Program. More recently, she chaired the AACP Strategic Engagement Committee.

In other election results, Jennifer Clements, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCACP, CDE, was elected as secretary, and Mary Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, BCPS, BCCCP, and Sharon See, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, were selected as regents. Clements is a clinical pharmacy specialist in diabetes transitions at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Parker is a clinical pharmacy specialist in ambulatory care and a clinic coordinator at the Durham VA Health Care System in Durham, North Carolina. See is a clinical professor and assistant chair in the Department of Clinical Health Professions at St. John’s University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in New York, New York. In conjunction with her full-time appointment at St. John’s University, See serves as a clinical faculty member in the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, where she is the geriatrics pharmacist on the Mobile Acute Care of the Elderly (MACE) service.

In addition, Julie Wright Banderas, Pharm.D., FCCP, and Jeffrey Bishop, Pharm.D., M.S., FCCP, BCPP, were each elected to 3-year terms as ACCP Foundation trustees. Banderas is a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine, where she is also assistant dean for graduate programs and chair of the Department of Graduate Health Professions. Bishop is an associate professor of pharmacy and psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.

Ross will begin her term as president-elect after the 2020 ACCP Annual Meeting in October and will assume the presidency the following year. As president, she will serve as chair of the Board of Regents and guide College programs and activities. In a recent interview with the ACCP Report, she commented:

I am thankful to the members of ACCP for the trust you have placed in me to serve as a presidential officer of our organization. This is a critical time in health care, as our profession is in transition, health care delivery models are evolving, and the current pandemic is impacting many aspects of our lives. This transformation provides opportunities for clinical
pharmacists to contribute in ways we have not before. We must advocate for clinical pharmacists as full participants in new delivery models by engaging in legislative and regulatory development, building working relationships with policy collaborators, and clearly communicating the professional abilities of pharmacists. The future of clinical pharmacy is bright! I thank you for your support and I look forward to working together to shape a unified agenda and build strategic partnerships to positively transform practice.

Each incoming member of the College’s Board of Regents and Board of Trustees will be installed during the 2020 ACCP Annual Meeting for 3-year terms. Other candidates for office in the 2020 elections were Scott Bolesta, Christopher Ensor, Bruce Mueller, Brian Overholser, Brent Reed, and Steven Smith.

Members of the 2019 Nominations Committee were James Tisdale (chair), Joanna Hudson, William Kehoe, John Murphy, Edith Nutescu, Jo Ellen Rodgers (vice chair), and Kayla Stover.

2020 ACCP Annual Meeting to Be Conducted Virtually

ACCP’s 2020 Annual Meeting, originally planned for Dallas, Texas, will now be presented virtually. All meeting-related activities will be delivered online, including:

- Educational programming as well as opportunities to earn recertification credit
- Scientific poster presentations
- Presentation of national awards, presidential addresses, and induction of new ACCP Fellows
- Clinical Pharmacy Challenge national student competition
- PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums
- Committee meetings
- Professional Placement Forum
- ACCP Academy programming
- ACCP Foundation fundraising events

Some activities will be presented during the original meeting dates, October 24–27, while others may be scheduled before and after these dates. Registration for the Annual Meeting is expected to open in August.

The decision to move the 2020 ACCP Annual Meeting to a virtual meeting format was spurred by concern for the health and safety of ACCP’s members, meeting registrants, speakers, and staff and their families and patients. Virtual delivery will ensure that participants affected by travel restrictions or safety concerns can participate fully in all Annual Meeting activities. Stay tuned over the next several weeks, as ACCP will release more information regarding the schedule and mode of delivery for 2020 Annual Meeting activities.

Information about the 2020 Annual Meeting will be updated on a regular basis at www.accp.com/am. Questions can be directed to accp@accp.com.

Pharmacotherapy’s Impact Factor Increases to 3.473!

Impact factors are published each year by Clarivate Analytics, which provides multiple products related to scientific research insights. Impact factors reflect a journal’s performance and status through a record of how often its articles are cited in other biomedical journals. Each year, publishers and editorial teams eagerly await the release of IF data. The data released June 29 ranked journals with respect to citations during 2019 of articles published in 2017–2018.

The June 29 data reflect that the IF for Pharmacotherapy has increased to 3.473. The increase from last year’s value of 3.045 maintains Pharmacotherapy’s IF over an important threshold of 3.0 and reaches an all-time high. In addition, this increase can be placed in yet another perspective by understanding how Pharmacotherapy is ranked within its designated journal category, Pharmacy and Pharmacology. Last year, Pharmacotherapy ranked 97th out of 267 journals. This year, Pharmacotherapy improved to a ranking of 83rd out of 270 journals.

Although IF should not be the sole measure of journal quality, it remains a vital measure in biomedical publishing of a journal’s impact on its field. A journal’s citation metrics alongside data on downloads, international readership, and comparisons with other journals are all measures of its success.

Publication of Pharmacotherapy is made possible through the combined effort of many individuals, including publication staff, editors, editorial board members, and reviewers. Most important are the authors who choose to submit their best work to the journal.

The top 10 articles published in 2017–2018 with the most citations in 2019 are as follows:

Factors in the Primary Literature.

4. Stanton BE, Barasch NS, Tellor KB. Comparison of the Safety and Effectiveness of Apixaban versus Warfarin in Patients with Severe Renal Impairment.


New Leadership for Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc.

Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI), which oversees the publication of ACCP's official journals, journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP) and Pharmacotherapy, will undergo a change in leadership after the 2020 ACCP Annual Meeting. Leigh Ann Ross, Pharm.D., current chair of the PPI Board of Directors (BOD), will begin her term as ACCP president-elect and pass the PPI leadership to James E. Tisdale, Pharm.D., past president of the ACCP Board of Regents and current Pharmacotherapy scientific editor.

Over the past 3½ years, Ross has successfully led the PPI BOD through the launch of ACCP’s second official journal (JACCP) and the development and implementation of a new strategic plan. She has collaborated with the Pharmacotherapy editor-in-chief, BOD members, and PPI staff to elevate Pharmacotherapy to its highest impact factor to date. Ross shared:

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the PPI Board of Directors for the last 3 ½ years. This has been an exciting time for PPI with the launch of a new journal, JACCP, and dedicated work to increase the quality and impact of Pharmacotherapy. The level of commitment demonstrated by all involved with the ACCP journals- the PPI Board, editorial teams, ACCP staff, and members who contribute as authors and reviewers is truly remarkable, and PPI’s recent successes are the product of the dedication and hard work of these individuals. I am thrilled that Dr. Jim Tisdale will serve as the next Chair of the PPI Board. He brings extraordinary talent, experience, and vision to the Board, and I am confident that ACCP journals will achieve many new milestones in coming years under his leadership. I look forward to celebrating PPI’s future successes.

James E. Tisdale is professor of pharmacy practice at Purdue University College of Pharmacy. He has served as a scientific editor for Pharmacotherapy for the past...
Tisdale’s research interests are in the area of cardiovascular pharmacotherapy, focusing on mechanisms, risk factors, and management of drug-induced arrhythmias and drug therapy for preventing and treating atrial fibrillation. Those familiar with the field will recognize him as the founder of the Tisdale Risk Score for QT Prolongation. Tisdale received the Russell R. Miller Award in 2017. He is a past president of ACCP and a Fellow of ACCP, APhA, the National Academies of Practice, the American Heart Association, and the American College of Cardiology. In a recent interview, Tisdale commented:

I am profoundly honored to be appointed Chair of the PPI Board of Directors (BOD). Dr. Leigh Ann Ross has provided superb leadership as Chair of the PPI BOD during the past 3½ years, and hers are big shoes to fill. I am deeply committed to the PPI mission, which is to improve human health through the dissemination of pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy scholarship. The PPI BOD and the editorial staff, leadership, and boards of Pharmacotherapy and the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy are supremely committed and talented individuals, and I look forward to working with all of them to continue to advance and disseminate excellent scholarship, deliver value, and enhance PPI publications and services.

The other members of the PPI BOD are Jerry Bauman, Brandon Bookstaver, Lindsay DeVane, Vicki Ellingrod, Michael Maddux, and William Miller.

2020 Editions of the Critical Care Pharmacy and Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Home Study Courses Newly 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 key concepts that may be covered on the specialty exam? If so, take advantage of the 2020 home study version of the Critical Care Pharmacy or Pharmacotherapy preparatory review and recertification course to fully prepare! Both home study courses offer clinical pharmacists 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 now available 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 either of the home study packages, you must successfully complete and submit the appropriate attestation statements by June 15, 2023. To earn BCPS (for the Pharmacotherapy course) or BCCCP (for the Critical Care Pharmacy course) recertification credit, you must successfully pass the associated posttests no later than June 15, 2021. Learning objectives, faculty disclosures,
target audience, program goals, and technical requirements are available at www.accp.com/store.

You can order these review and recertification courses online at www.accp.com/store or by e-mail at accp@accp.com.

President’s Column
Today’s Pharmacists: From Dispensing to Indispensability

Brian L. Erstad, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

You have to know the past to understand the present.
– Carl Sagan

The future depends on what we do in the present.
– Mahatma Gandhi

The report of the 2019 National Pharmacist Workforce Study sponsored by the Pharmacy Workforce Center (formerly known as the Pharmacy Manpower Project, Inc.), of which ACCP is a member, has been released and is available on the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) website.1 As suggested by the title, the report focuses on demographics, work contributions, and the quality of work-life of the pharmacist workforce in 2019.

The report reminds me of a previous work published by the same group that was of a more prognostic nature. In 2001, the Pharmacy Manpower Project, Inc., held a conference to project the need for pharmacy services in 2020.2 The group’s assumptions related to these projections included factors such as future growth in size and complexity of health systems with an increasing need for care coordination; growth of individualized treatments, including specialty drugs; and increases in distance care through the use of technology such as telemedicine. Although these assumptions have come to fruition, the group’s predictions for 2020 related to the number of pharmacist jobs, schools of pharmacy, and pharmacy students were not as prescient. At the time of the 2001 conference, 196,700 full-time equivalent pharmacists were practicing in the United States. Conference attendees projected the need for 417,000 pharmacists in 2020, assuming a 20% increase in the number of graduates of existing schools and the addition of three new pharmacy schools. This was predicted to result in a shortfall of 157,000 pharmacists in 2020.

In reality, by 2017, the actual number of pharmacists in the United States was approximately 295,000,3 graduation rates according to the 2019 data listed on the AACP website increased from 7,000 in 2001 to almost 15,000 in 2018,4 and the number of pharmacy schools increased from approximately 80 in 2001 to more than 140 in 2018.5 Along these lines, the number of pharmacist jobs published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in 2018 was 314,300, a figure that BLS projects to remain unchanged over the next decade.6 Not surprisingly, in light of these statistics, a quick search of the Internet using the phrase “job outlook for pharmacists” reveals many more pessimistic than optimistic postings with respect to the outlook for pharmacist positions.

However, I remain optimistic and hope that younger readers, in particular, remain optimistic about their choice of pharmacy as a profession. Let me give you some of the reasons for why I see the glass as half-full rather than half-empty.

To begin, let’s revisit the 2018 BLS projections.6 On the BLS website, there is indeed a projection of no change in employment figures for pharmacists from 2018 to 2028, ostensibly because of the deployment of new technologies and the increased use of pharmacy technicians. However, the accompanying text notes, “Demand is projected to increase for pharmacists in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals and clinics,” as a result of factors such as an aging population with more chronic diseases and scientific advances in drug development. Furthermore, BLS specifically mentions an increased demand for clinical pharmacists “in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings,” arguing that today:

[Pharmacists] spend little time dispensing prescriptions. Instead, they are involved in direct patient care.

In addition, BLS lists the 2018 median annual wage for pharmacists as $126,120,6 and at entry level, a pharmacist makes more money than any other professional.7

Now, let’s return to the 2019 data published by AACP regarding students in schools of pharmacy. Although the website shows that the number of pharmacy graduates has increased dramatically over the past 20 years and even though it is still too early to know whether the number of pharmacy schools is leveling off, enrollment figures for full-time, first-professional degree pharmacy students have steadily declined from 2014 to 2018: 63,927 in 2014, 63,460 in 2015, 63,444 in 2016, 63,087 in 2017, and 62,504 in 2018,4 Together, the BLS projections and the data published by AACP should help assuage the concerns of pharmacy students and new practitioners who worry about supply outpacing demand.

Moreover, apart from the supply/demand considerations – which are ideally addressed through a multifaceted approach involving academia, the health professions, the private sector, and governmental
groups – recent papers addressing pharmacy workforce issues have come to the same general conclusion: quality didactic and experiential pharmacy education and training are needed to develop a pharmacist workforce that can adapt to the new, advanced practice models needed in a changing health care environment.\(^8\)\(^-\)\(^10\) ACCP has a long history of developing, advancing, and positioning pharmacists, as exemplified by a 2000 white paper, which included recommendations for the entire profession as well as for ACCP and its membership.\(^11\) These recommendations remain applicable today. Indeed, ACCP has worked diligently over the past 2 decades to realize the paper’s recommendations, including intra- and interprofessional collaborations, advancement of community pharmacists and community practice, and advocacy of appropriate credentialing and certification.

My initial education and practice took place when dispensing was the prevalent practice model. However, I learned early on that I would have to adapt in order to engage in more fulfilling pharmacy positions. Initially, I returned to academia to advance my career through formal educational and postgraduate training. And as a clinician and faculty member, I continued to take advantage of other learning opportunities. In addition to being intellectually stimulating, such learning opportunities helped me secure more challenging and professionally satisfying employment. Today, as an academic department head, I encourage newer faculty members to make themselves crucial to the department’s success. I often remark that my theoretical list of most-needed faculty members is not a function of job descriptions, such as clinical versus non-clinical or tenure track versus non-tenure track, but is instead a function of how integrated and valuable a faculty member has become within our department and college. In particular, I encourage students, residents, and new practitioners to make themselves indispensable as pharmacists and our profession enter the final stages of transitioning from dispensing to advanced practice.

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**ACCP Academy Programming Going Virtual for 2020**

All Annual Meeting programming has been moved to a virtual format, including Academy programming. Because the 2020 Spring Forum was canceled, ACCP will offer the programming planned for the spring during this fall’s Annual Meeting. This way, those who hope to graduate in 2021 will be able to fulfill all spring live programming requirements and complete their portfolio assignments.

In addition, the College will offer the fall programming in a virtual format after the Annual Meeting. This programming will be provided in an asynchronous format to reduce the time participants are required to stay online for a course. The period during which the fall programming will be offered will be announced over the next few months. Please look for further communications from ACCP regarding fall course rollout.

Because all programming will be virtual for both the spring and fall sessions, a unique opportunity is opened up for those who have been unable to attend an Annual Meeting or Spring Forum in the past to fulfill all live programming requirements virtually and to participate in the Academy. If you are interested in signing up for the Academy, please visit the ACCP website at [www.accp.com/academy](http://www.accp.com/academy). If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Jessie Culley at jculey@accp.com.
ACCP's novel pharmacy student team competition returns for its 11th season. Because of the impact of COVID-19, all rounds of the 2020 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge will be held online. The updated schedule is as follows:

- September 8, 2020: Team Registration Deadline
- September 10, 2020: Online Round 1 (All eligible teams compete)
- September 14, 2020: Online Round 2 (Top 64 teams compete)
- September 16, 2020: Online Round 3 (Top 32 teams compete)
- September 18, 2020: Online Round 4 (Top 16 teams compete)
- September 21, 2020: Quarterfinal Teams Announced
- October 12, 2020: Quarterfinal Round (Online)
- October 14, 2020: Semifinal Round (Online)
- October 16, 2020: Final Round (Online)

**Competition Overview**

The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is a team-based competition in which teams of three students compete with teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a “quiz bowl” format. Only one team per institution can enter the competition. Institutions with branch campuses, distance/satellite campuses, and/or several interested teams are encouraged to conduct a local competition. ACCP provides a local competition exam that institutions can use in selecting their team. Faculty members interested in using the exam can send an e-mail request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

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

- Trivia/Lightning
- Clinical Case
- Jeopardy-style

Teams in the 2020 competition that advance to the quarterfinal round will each receive three complimentary student full-meeting registrations for the virtual Annual Meeting to be held in October. Each team member will receive an ACCP gift certificate for $125 and a certificate of recognition. In addition, semifinal teams not advancing to the final round will receive a semifinal team plaque for display at their institution. The second-place team would...
no ACCP faculty liaison has been identified, any faculty ing a team should contact their ACCP faculty liaison. If the respective institution. Students interested in form-
and must be initiated by a current faculty member at the
participate. Team registration may be submitted online
plaque. A team trophy will be awarded to the winning
will receive a $1500 cash award ($500 to each member),
and each team member will receive a commemorative plaque. A team trophy will be awarded to the winning institution.

Students are not required to be members of ACCP to participate. Team registration may be submitted online and must be initiated by a current faculty member at the respective institution. Students interested in forming a team should contact their ACCP faculty liaison. If no ACCP faculty liaison has been identified, any faculty member from the institution can initiate the registration process. The registering faculty member must confirm the eligibility of all team members and/or alternates online before a team will be permitted to compete in the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2020 competition is September 8, 2020.

For more information on the 2020 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, including the competition schedule, sample items, and FAQ section, please click here.

**ACCP Member Spotlight: Ting-Ting Wu**

![Ting-Ting Wu](image)

Ting-Ting Wu, Pharm.D., BCPS, earned her Pharm.D. degree from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and subsequently completed a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian.

After her residency, Wu moved to Taiwan and is currently a critical care pharmacist at Taipei Medical University - Taipei Municipal Wanfang Hospital (WFH). She is involved in critical care clinical research and quality improvement projects and serves as a preceptor to both pharmacy students and residents. She also holds an appointment as a clinical instructor at the Taipei Medical University College of Pharmacy. Previously at WFH, Wu collaborated with other critical care pharmacists to initiate a three-phase program to help the multidisciplinary team employ the clinical practice guidelines for pain, agitation/sedation, delirium, immobility, and sleep disruption in adult patients in the ICU (PADIS guidelines). Subsequently, in cooperation with the medical staff, Wu and other pharmacists have developed and integrated several evidence-based protocols and facility-specific guidelines into ICU daily practice to facilitate change.

In September 2020, Wu will start her critical care pharmacy research fellowship and Ph.D. degree in population health at Northeastern University under John Devlin, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM. Her program and research will focus on pharmacologic therapy for analgesia, sedation, and delirium in critically ill patients. After completing the fellowship and Ph.D. program, Wu hopes to obtain a clinical faculty position.

Wu is an active and dedicated member of ACCP as well as the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Last year, she traveled three times from Taiwan to the United States to attend the 48th Critical Care Congress, the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting, and the 2019 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

Wu firmly believes that studying and working in clinical pharmacies in both the United States and Taiwan have greatly influenced her throughout her career. In the United States, she has learned that postgraduate training and specialized credentialing are critical to fostering career growth and advancing the level of expertise to optimize and provide patient care. In Taiwan, she notes that pharmacy practice is evolving and that there are opportunities to expand and improve the clinical pharmacy program. She strives to advance pharmacy education and practice in Taiwan and expects the country’s pharmacy profession to move forward in the near future.

**Washington Report**

**Positioning Clinical Services Across the Profession**

*John McGlew*

**Director of Government Affairs**

As a longstanding member of the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP), ACCP is committed organizationally to helping advance patient care across the entire pharmacy profession. At the height of the initial COVID-19 lockdown, across several staff members, ACCP participated in daily video calls with its colleagues in organizations representing the spectrum of the diverse pharmacy profession as they worked to coordinate their pandemic response.

Established in 1977, JCPP serves as a forum on matters of common interest and concern to national organizations representing pharmacy practitioners and invited liaison members. JCPP meets quarterly, with the practitioner organizations chairing and hosting meetings on a rotational basis. Typically, the practitioner organizations are represented around the JCPP table by invited liaison members. JCPP meets quarterly, with

Member organizations are focused on advancing the established JCPP Vision for Pharmacists’ Practice, which affirms that patients achieve optimal health and medication outcomes with pharmacists as essential and
accountable providers within patient-centered, team-based health care. The JCPP Process of Care document serves to unite the profession across a common set of standards and expectations for patient care.

ACCP regularly collaborates with its colleague organizations at the JCPP table on a variety of advocacy initiatives, most recently to seek guidance from the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) on pharmacist authorization to order and administer COVID-19 vaccinations. In a recent letter to HHS, signed by 13 organizations, the College requests specific clarification from HHS that pharmacists are authorized under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to order and administer FDA authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines. To avoid misunderstandings by state and local regulators and resulting delays, the letter calls on HHS to specify that its declaration under the PREP Act preempts any state or local requirement that prohibits or effectively prohibits a pharmacist from ordering and administering a COVID-19 vaccine that the FDA has authorized or approved. Click here to read the letter in full.

However, JCPP has no intrinsic authority to speak on behalf of the individual member organizations. Although JCPP serves as a forum for organizations to collaborate on areas of common policy, there is no expectation that participating pharmacy organizations “speak with one voice.” Indeed, pharmacy is a diverse profession, and it is essential that the many professional bodies representing the profession remain empowered to adopt policies that articulate the priorities of their individual members.

In April, when HHS first issued guidance on pharmacist-provided COVID-19 testing, ACCP led an effort, together with the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), to clarify the COVID-19 test reporting process integrity as well as ensure appropriate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) for pharmacists. A copy of the letter is available here. In this case, although ACCP invited JCPP colleagues to join in this effort, only the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) and the Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA) chose to join the College in this interprofessional effort.

ACCP celebrates the multifaceted diversity of the pharmacy profession and the fact that advanced clinical practice continues to evolve across all practice settings. The strength of an organization like JCPP lies in the role it plays as a forum for collegial and thoughtful discussion of key issues facing the profession. ACCP’s core values include its commitment to challenge the status quo, state its beliefs, and act on those beliefs in advocating for the College’s members and their patients, both within the profession and to external stakeholders. JCPP provides an opportunity for ACCP to seek support from its colleagues in areas of mutual priority and other issues to ensure that ACCP’s advocacy messages are suitably aligned and complementary. Pharmacy may not always speak with one voice, but ACCP is proud to carry a consistent advocacy message that truly aligns with a profession-wide vision for team-based, patient-centered clinical care.

Other COVID-19–Related Advocacy

- ACCP continues to support efforts within the pharmacy profession and beyond to advance a proposal to provide student loan relief for key health personnel who engage in COVID-19 pandemic response efforts.
  - Click here to read the JCPP-led letter.
  - Click here to read the interprofessional letter.

- ACCP co-signed a letter to Congress in support of including $100 million for the Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies program in the next COVID-19 legislative response package.

- ACCP participated in a letter to House and Senate leaders of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittees in support of increased funding for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in FY 2021.

- ACCP signed-on to a letter urging congressional leadership to support increased, sustained annual funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial public health infrastructure.

- ACCP participated in a letter to HHS Secretary Azar calling for sustained funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

ACCP/ASHP Preparatory Review Courses Now Available

Instructional materials for the 2020 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) preparatory review courses in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Cardiology Pharmacy, Geriatrics Pharmacy, Infectious Diseases Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy for home study are now available. To order one or more of the courses, visit www.accp.com/store.

Each course is designed to assist pharmacy practitioners who are preparing for the Specialty Certification examinations administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) and clinical pharmacists who are seeking to remain current in their practice. The course content for each preparatory review course provides a comprehensive review of the domains and knowledge areas encompassed by each specialty.
In addition, each course has been approved by BPS for recertification for its respective specialty. Learners wishing to earn recertification credit for one of the 2020 ACCP/ASHP preparatory review and recertification courses must purchase access to one of the course formats available for recertification credit and successfully complete and submit the posttest by April 13, 2021, for the Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatrics Pharmacy, or Oncology Pharmacy preparatory review and recertification course or by June 22, 2021, for the Cardiology Pharmacy or Infectious Diseases Pharmacy preparatory review and recertification course.

To obtain complete information about the home study version of each course and place an order, visit www.accp.com/store or order by e-mail at accp@accp.com.

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