Rodgers Chosen ACCP President-Elect

Jo E. Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, FHFSA, FAHA, BCPS, BCCP, was chosen as ACCP president-elect in the annual elections held this past spring. Rodgers is a professor in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). She received a B.S. degree in pharmacy and a Pharm.D. degree at UNC; completed a pharmacy practice and critical care residency at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals; and completed a fellowship in cardiovascular pharmacotherapy at UNC. She currently serves as vice chair of professional education and practice in the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics. Rodgers maintains a clinical practice with the UNC Heart and Vascular Center in the Cardio-oncology Clinic. She has served ACCP in many capacities, including as a Board of Regents member, Cardiology PRN secretary and chair, and chair of several ACCP committees. She is currently a mentor for the Cardiology PRN and the ACCP Foundation’s Mentored Research Investigator Training Program.

In other election results, Kayla R. Stover, Pharm.D., FCCP, FIDSA, BCIDP, BCPS, was selected as ACCP secretary, and Candice L. Garwood, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, BCACP, and Hanna Phan, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA, were selected as regents. Stover is a professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, with joint appointments at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in medicine—infectious diseases and pharmacology. Garwood is a clinical professor at Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and a clinical pharmacy specialist at Harper University Hospital, part of the Detroit Medical Center. Phan is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Clinical Pharmacy at the University of Michigan and a clinical pharmacist specialist, Ambulatory Care – Pediatric Pulmonology at Michigan Medicine.

Kelly E. Caudle, Pharm.D., Ph.D., FCCP, BCPS, and Marc H. Scheetz, Pharm.D., M.Sc., FCCP, FCP, were each elected to 3-year terms as ACCP Foundation trustees. Caudle is Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium director and senior program manager for pharmacogenomic resources and engagement at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Scheetz is a professor of pharmacy practice at Midwestern University, where he is also director of the Pharmacometrics Center of Excellence and the fellowship program in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy.

Rodgers will begin her term as president-elect after the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting in November 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 an interview with the ACCP Report, she commented:

It is truly an honor to serve as a presidential officer for ACCP. I appreciate the aspirations and values of our members and the abundant opportunities before us. I continue to be in awe of the evolution and magnitude of our members’ passion and expertise. I am confident, now more than ever, that we will further evolve initiatives important to the patients we serve in abundant and profound ways. By valuing member engagement and representation in organizational strategic planning and execution, we can collaborate to address opportunities and challenges in clinical practice, research, and education to further advance ACCP’s mission “to improve human health by extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy.” As President, I will make it my foremost priority to develop, advance, and position clinical pharmacists to best serve our patients and society. I will work to ensure each member’s voice and interests
are represented and the opportunities for members to promote and advocate for pharmacists in diverse settings are limitless. I am exceedingly appreciative of the opportunity to represent ACCP in this role, and I remain dedicated to representing and serving ACCP and its members. I look forward to working alongside each of you!

Each incoming member of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees will be installed during the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting for 3-year terms. Other candidates for office in the 2023 elections were Sandra Benavides, Scott Bolesta, Philip E. Empey, Krystal K. Haase, and Brian K. Irons.

Members of the 2022 Nominations Committee who recommended the 2023 slate of candidates to the Board of Regents were Joanna Hudson (chair), Miranda Andrus (vice chair), Larisa Cavallari (secretary), M. Lynn Crismon, Jill Kolesar, Eric MacLaughlin, and Kimberly Thrasher.

Registration Is Now Open for the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting

The 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting will be held November 11–14 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Although the dates are a little later than normal (because of the need to re-book the live 2020 Annual Meeting, which was canceled as a result of COVID-19), ACCP will be taking advantage of this extra time by putting together a better-than-ever opportunity for education and networking.

Presented by world-leading practitioners, researchers, and educators, the 2023 Annual Meeting will offer cutting-edge educational programming, including:

- BPS-approved recertification credit opportunities in Pharmacotherapy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy,* Critical Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy,* and Oncology Pharmacy*
- PRN Focus Sessions
- Student-driven programming, such as the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge and Emerge from the Crowd
- Resident/fellow-driven programming, such as the Scientific Poster Presentations and Career Path Roundtable Discussions
- ACCP Academy programming
- Recruitment events:
  - Residency and Fellowship Poster Showcase
  - Professional Placement Forum

Register Today

Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with friends, colleagues, and mentors at the premier meeting of the year. Early registration rates end October 16, so visit www.accp.com/am today to secure maximum savings and start planning your trip.

Reserve Your Room at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel

The Sheraton Dallas Hotel is conveniently located in central downtown Dallas and is a quick ride from both Dallas Love Field and Dallas/Fort Worth airports. The hotel will host all ACCP Annual Meeting events, including educational and poster sessions, the opening reception, and PRN receptions.

ACCP has contracted discounted room rates for conference attendees, so please be sure to book your rooms using the reservation link below. Use of the ACCP room block over other options can make a big difference in negotiating future room rates and lowering meeting costs.

Make your hotel reservation now and see you in November!

*ACCP collaborates with ASHP on Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Geriatric Pharmacy, and Oncology Pharmacy activities.

Attention Students and Trainees: Apply for 2023 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 Travel Awards 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 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, November 11–14.

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 an award. Applicants are asked to submit a completed application, which includes a CV or resume, two letters of reference, and an essay detailing the applicant’s objectives for attending an ACCP meeting. All application materials should be submitted online here. The application deadline is September 8.

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 the applicant’s objectives for attending an ACCP meeting, and a personal reference from the residency or fellowship program director or the director’s designee. All application materials should be submitted online [here](mailto:membership@accp.com). The application deadline is September 8.

For more information on ACCP travel awards, contact membership@accp.com.

**Call for Late Breaking Original Research**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Late-Breaking Original Research Submission Deadline**
  - September 1, 2023: Submission deadline for Late-Breaking Original Research
- **Notification of Acceptance**
  - September 22, 2023: Authors will be notified of acceptance or declination no later than this date.

There is still time to participate in the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. ACCP is now accepting “late-breaking original research” abstracts through September 1, 11:59 p.m. (PST).

Authors of “late-breaking” papers with important results are invited to submit their late-breaking abstracts for consideration. This is an outstanding opportunity to present cutting-edge research!

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit [www.accp.com/abstracts/2023abstracts](http://www.accp.com/abstracts/2023abstracts) on the ACCP website.

All late-breaking original research abstracts accepted and presented by the designated presenting author will have full-text abstracts published online in *JACCP*, an official journal of ACCP. All accepted abstracts will be published as full text in the ACCP Meeting app.

**Additional Information:**

- Late-Breaker authors will be notified of acceptance/declination no later than September 22, 2023.
- All abstracts accepted and presented will have full-text abstracts published online in *JACCP*.
- The person presenting the poster must be an author on the abstract and registered for the Annual Meeting.
- Abstracts must summarize quantitative or qualitative findings from completed research. Basic, clinical, translational, dissemination/implementation, and educational research are examples of acceptable research. Topics should appeal to a clinical pharmacy audience and may include research in drug metabolism, education/pedagogy, health services, medication safety, patient/population outcomes, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, pharmacoeconomics, pharmacoepidemiology, pharmacogenomics, pharmacology, or pharmacotherapy. Abstracts reporting in vitro or animal research are welcome.
Abstracts must be structured with the section headers of: Introduction, Research Question or Hypothesis, Study Design, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.

- All abstracts have a 300-count word limit.
- Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of the merits of the research question/hypothesis, study design, originality, methods, data analysis, results, and conclusions.
- Descriptions of planned research efforts or preliminary data will not be accepted.
- A previously presented abstract may form the basis for a new abstract to be submitted for consideration in the Late-Breaking Original Research category if the previous abstract:
  - was a descriptive report of planned research only,
  - described preliminary results only and complete results are now available,
  - was presented at a student, resident, or fellow conference focused on gaining presentation experience and/or formative feedback,
  - was presented at an ACCP Chapter or PRN event, or
  - has added/modified conclusions according to a new hypothesis and data analysis of the original results database.

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### 2023 ACCP Foundation FIT and MeRIT Programs Provide a Productive Week of Investigator Development

Thirteen investigator-participants and mentors teamed up for 5 days of intensive investigator development at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy, June 12–16.

This marked the 8th offering of the ACCP Foundation Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) Program and the 13th offering of the Focused Investigator Training (FIT) Program. The 5-day primer session kicked off the 2023 individualized, 2-year longitudinal program, designed to mentor participants throughout the research process – from research idea and study design to IRB and funding application to data collection, results presentation, and manuscript submission.

The Foundation’s flagship program, FIT, delivers an unparalleled, intensive, hands-on grant refinement experience for pharmacist-investigators pursuing
funding from the National Institutes of Health and other similarly competitive sources as principal investigators. Assisted by skilled and successful research mentors, the 2023 attendees concentrated on developing and revising their individual proposals throughout the week. Small-group sessions and individual worktime allowed mentees to focus on their individual projects and immediately address questions and the recommended revisions. The small-group sessions were complemented by tip-rich lectures and discussions, one-on-one mentor and biostatistician appointments, and continual revision and feedback on ideas and proposals.

The 2023 MeRIT primer participants will present posters of their proposed research projects during the ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, November 11–14, 2023. Please stop by to learn about these projects, ask questions, and offer advice to these motivated researchers.

Learn more about FIT or MeRIT by chatting with program participants or at any time on the Foundation website (www.accpfoundation.org/investigator).

Watch for the summer 2024 FIT and MeRIT Program application materials on the ACCP Foundation website, and accelerate your growth as a clinical pharmacy researcher by submitting your letter of intent in February 2024 to attend one of the June 2024 programs. This approach to proposal development and investigator training with experienced and passionate mentors is unmatched by any other pharmacist training program.

2023 Investigator-Participants:

- Lorinda Wells Anderson, Pharm.D.  
  Oregon State University
- Jaclyn Cusumano, Pharm.D.  
  Long Island University
- Sophia Herbert, Pharm.D.  
  University of Pittsburgh
- Tomona Iso, Pharm.D.  
  Loma Linda University
- Herman Johannesmeyer, Pharm.D., BCPS  
  University of California – Irvine
- Jesse Rungkitwattanakul, Pharm.D.  
  Howard University
- Victoria Williams, Pharm.D., BCCCP  
  The Ohio State University

2023 Mentors:

- Robert Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP  
  University of Tennessee
- Denise H. Rhoney, Pharm.D., FCCP  
  University of North Carolina
- Warren Rose, Pharm.D., MPH  
  University of Wisconsin
- Margie E. Snyder, Pharm.D., MPH  
  Purdue University

Calling All Interested Practice/Research Skill Development Mentors: Immersive Mentored Skill Development Program (IMMERSE) Pilot Project 2023

Congratulations to the Community-Based, Pediatrics, and Women’s Health PRNs. Each was randomly chosen from the seven PRNs that applied to participate in the Foundation’s new IMMERSE pilot program. The purpose of IMMERSE is to fund and facilitate focused opportunities for full members of ACCP to acquire new skills that will expand and/or enhance their clinical practice or research programs.

The three co-sponsoring PRNs are now recruiting mentors who can offer a Foundation-funded skill development experience to a PRN member and full member of ACCP.

Experience Design

Format/Duration: IMMERSE experiences may vary in length from a minimum of 5 days to a maximum of 4 weeks in person with or without supplemental on-demand learning modules/online components. Estimated program length and design should be described in the mentor’s application. The final experience plan will be determined by the mentor and participant trainee after the selection process is completed. Program experiences must be completed by September 30, 2024.

Funding: Each IMMERSE program offered during the pilot is eligible to receive up to $8000 in support from the Foundation. The mentor’s institution is eligible for up to $4000, and the participant trainee is eligible for up to $4000 to help defray the costs of participating. Participation costs may include, but are not limited to, supplies, transportation, lodging, and meal costs associated with the experience. A budget justification will be requested at the time the detailed IMMERSE experience plan is submitted.
Mentors

Mentor Eligibility: Mentors must have an established clinical practice site or research program, generally with a minimum of 5 years’ practice and/or research experience.

Mentor Application Deadline – August 1, 2023

The following information is required:
1. Brief description of advanced/unique clinical practice or research experience to be offered, including where the experience will take place, the estimated duration of the experience, and the rationale for serving as a mentor (500 words or less)
2. Letter of support/approval from a department head/chair or equivalent unit administrator
3. Curriculum vitae

Link to application: https://redcap.accfpfoundation.org/surveys/?s=FE4CYJT3PX47AAWC


Outline/Timeline of Steps After Mentor Selection
- Participant/Mentee Application Deadline – November 15, 2023 (application opens on September 1, 2023)
- Selection of Participants/Mentees – by December 1, 2023 (mentor/mentee matches announced by December 15, 2023)
- Program Timeline and Experience Details – due by February 1, 2024 (co-developed by mentor/mentee)
- Program Experiences Complete – by September 30, 2024
- Presentation of Program Experience at the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting – October 12–15, 2024

For complete details, please visit www.accfpfoundation.org/immerse/.

ACCP Publishes Essentials of Pharmacy Teaching and Learning

A new book from ACCP provides a rich resource for pharmacy residents completing a teaching and learning curriculum program, professionals new to pharmacy academia, or anyone wanting to learn more about pharmacy education. Essentials of Pharmacy Teaching and Learning covers all aspects of pharmacy education, including developing courses and syllabuses, using technology in teaching, working with small and large groups, providing student assessment, and managing one’s career as a pharmacy educator.

Editors Michael C. Thomas, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, and Peter J. Hughes, Pharm.D., M.S.Ed., BCPS, recruited experts in pharmacy and health sciences education to contribute their expertise to the book. Each chapter begins with a case vignette and learning objectives and concludes with questions to consider. The content is designed to be a comprehensive overview of pharmacy education.

“The goal of this book is to be a well-used and trusted guide to serve pharmacy educators throughout their whole profession,” said Thomas. “We believe that this
book provides a great foundation to serve as a starting point for learning and exploring more about pharmacy education.”

A strength of the book is the carefully selected group of authors who contributed to it. “Readers will gain firsthand insight into how leaders in the field of pharmacy and health sciences education approach the concepts discussed in the book,” said Hughes. “This book is intended to serve as an approachable text that will explore concepts that many seasoned academics take for granted” and “chapter authors were instructed to write from this perspective and provide pearls and insights, where appropriate.”

The book’s 18 chapters cover four major areas of pharmacy teaching and learning:

**Section I – Introduction**
- Introduction to Teaching and Learning Programs, Michael C. Thomas, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
- Getting Started as a Pharmacy Educator, Brian L. Erstad, Pharm.D., MCCM, FCCP, FASHP, BCPS
- From Psychological Basis of Learning to Learning Theories, Adam M. Persky, Ph.D., FACSM

**Section II – Preparation and Delivery of Instructional Content**
- Digital Technology and Learning Management Systems, Timothy Dy Aungst, Pharm.D.
- Course and Syllabus Development, Andrea S. Franks, Pharm.D., BCPS
- Didactic Lecture Development and Delivery, Todd Zakrajsek, Ph.D.
- Large Group Active Learning Strategies, David W. Stewart, Pharm.D., BCPS
- Small Group Facilitation, Bradley M. Wright, Pharm.D., FASHP, FALSP, BCPS
- Simulation Teaching, Amy L. Seybert, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, CHSE
- Interprofessional Education, Zachary A. Weber, Pharm.D., FASHP, FNAP, BCPS, BCACP, CDCES
- Experiential Teaching, Craig D. Cox, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

**Section III – Assessment**
- Student Learning Assessments, Patrick J. Gallegos, Pharm.D., BCPS; and Michael J. Peeters, Pharm.D., M.Ed., Ph.D., FCCP, FNAP
- Development and Use of Rubrics, Michael J. Peeters, Pharm.D., M.Ed., Ph.D., FCCP, FNAP; and Michelle N. Schroeder, Pharm.D., RPh, BCACP, CDCES
- Developing Examination Questions, Michael J. Fulford, Ph.D.; and Andrew Darley, Pharm.D., M.Ed., BCPS

**Section IV – Special Topics**
- Incivility and Academic Integrity, T. Kristopher Harrell, Pharm.D., M.A., FASHP
- Academic Progression, James McAuley, RPh, Ph.D., FAPhA
- Charting a Course for Professional Development as a Pharmacy Educator, Peter J. Hughes, Pharm.D., M.S.Ed., BCPS
- Pursuing a Career in Pharmacy Education, Evan Robinson, RPh, Ph.D., FNAP

Most chapters include online supplemental resources that provide practical applications of concepts explored in the book. These additional articles, examples, worksheets, and videos are available to all purchasers of the print and eBook versions.

To order, visit ACCP’s [online bookstore](#).

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**President’s Column Communication**

Elizabeth Farrington, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, FPPA, BCPS, BCNSP

Effective communication is essential to the success of clinical pharmacists. Webster’s dictionary defines communication as “a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of signs, symbols, and behavior.” The Oxford dictionary defines communication as “the activity or process of expressing ideas and feelings or of giving people information.” As clinical pharmacists, we may need to communicate with many individuals over a 24-hour period. We might use one communication style with a provider, nurse, pharmacist, respiratory therapist, or dietitian and another with a patient or caregiver. Interactions with a student or pharmacy resident may employ yet a different communication style.

A key component of effective communication is the ability to use good listening skills. Providing information is only effective if it answers the question of the team or individual. Answering a different question than is being asked can be very frustrating to the questioner and endanger one’s credibility. Studies show that patient, parent, and caregiver satisfaction with medical care is determined by the practitioner’s interpersonal skills. If they feel that their questions or fears were not
addressed, or that they were not treated with respect, they will be dissatisfied and less likely to follow practitioner advice. 2

As a professional organization, communication is also very important to ACCP. The College’s leadership and staff listen to members and try to address their concerns and needs. We’ve heard that you would like to be aware of what policy-related activities the Board of Regents (BOR) and the ACCP Government and Professional Affairs staff consider during their quarterly board meetings. ACCP BOR meeting minutes can be located on the ACCP website. The ACCP Government and Professional Affairs staff launched a new newsletter, Advocacy in Action, in June 2022. Recently, given member feedback regarding available volunteer activities, ACCP created a new volunteer portal to allow year-round opportunities to volunteer for non-committee service (the annual summer committee/task force volunteer survey remains the vehicle for volunteerre for committee service). The portal can be accessed by (1) signing into My Account and clicking on “Volunteer Opportunities” under “My Links” or (2) clicking on the Membership tab and selecting “Volunteer Opportunities” from the dropdown menu.

It’s important to remember that the techniques and skills required for obtaining information differ from those required for delivering information. We use the skills needed for obtaining information when interviewing patients or trying to draw out knowledge from student or resident learners. In 1994, Keith Richards was quoted in the Rolling Stone, “It’s not an oral communication. It’s body language, eye contact, the grinning, the little signals that go on between people.” He was underscoring the importance of nonverbal communication. For example, it is essential to always make eye contact with the person you are speaking to. In addition, one must be aware of body language and other nonverbal cues that so often influence person-to-person interactions. These are essential aspects of communication.

As an association, we are committed to communicating with our members. We also have an obligation to be respectful of members’ email inboxes. Therefore, ACCP makes every effort to balance the tempo of our email communications. As a member, if you want more communication, there is an abundance of information on ACCP’s webpages. If you wish to locate a past ACCP Report issue, they are archived on the website. If you are a student, resident, or fellow trainee, you can access information relevant to you by clicking on the “Students” or “Trainees” graphics on the ACCP homepage. NOTE: If you use the website and are unable to easily locate the information you are seeking, please communicate this to us at accp@accp.com. This will allow ACCP staff to better optimize the website and enhance our communication with members.

Finally, be aware that each Practice and Research Network (PRN) communicates differently with its members. If you like a form of communication from one PRN that you do not receive from another, communicate to the leadership of the other PRN what you would like to see differently and how you feel it would improve the PRN communication.

When considering how best to serve members, only through effective communication will we be able to optimize awareness of and satisfaction with ACCP programs and services.

References

2023 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge:
Online Team Registration Deadline
September 5, 2023

ACCP’s novel pharmacy student team competition returns for its 12th season. The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge offers eligible teams the opportunity to compete in up to four online rounds, with the top eight teams advancing to the live quarterfinal competition. This year’s live competition will be held during the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, November 11–14, 2023. Team registration is now available online. Act now to register your team by September 5.

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

Preliminary rounds of the 2023 national competition will be conducted virtually in September. The quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds will be held live at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas on November 11–13, 2023.
Each round will consist of questions offered in the three distinct segments indicated below. Item content used in each segment has been developed and reviewed by an expert panel of clinical pharmacy practitioners and educators.

- Trivia/Lightning
- Clinical Case
- Jeopardy-style

Each team advancing to the quarterfinal round held at the 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting will receive three complimentary student full-meeting registrations. Each team member will receive an ACCP gift certificate for $125 and a certificate of recognition. In addition, semifinal teams not advancing to the final round will receive a semifinal team plaque for display at their institution. The second-place team will receive a $750 cash award ($250 to each member) and a commemorative team plaque. The winning team will receive a $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 may initiate the registration process. The registering faculty member must confirm the eligibility of all team members and/or alternates online before a team will be permitted to compete in the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. The **deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2023 competition is September 5, 2023.**

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

**Available Now: The 2023 ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam**

The **ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam** is constructed to simulate the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) Pharmacotherapy specialty examination experience. Composed of 175 questions that reflect the domains and tasks outlined in the BPS Pharmacotherapy Content Outline, the Mock Exam covers a wide range of therapeutic areas you may see on the BPS Pharmacotherapy test.

After completing the Mock Exam, you will receive a personalized test performance analysis – an invaluable tool to help identify your strengths and potential weaknesses as a test taker. This analysis includes the amount of time spent on each question and the types of questions most commonly missed or skipped to help you refine and target continued study. An answer key containing explained answers and supporting references is also provided.

The ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam is available at the discounted price of $79.95 for ACCP members and $124.95 for nonmembers. Purchase the 2023 Mock Exam at the [ACCP Bookstore](#) today.

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**Medication Optimization Through the Provision of Comprehensive Medication Management**

--- An ACCP International Certificate Program ---
Wasem Gawish Named 2023–2024 ACCP-ASHP-VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

Wasem Gawish, D.Ph., BCPS, BCMTMS, has been selected as the American College of Clinical Pharmacy-American Society of Health-System Pharmacists-Virginia Commonwealth University Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow for 2023–2024.

The only program of its kind in the nation, the Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program is a joint initiative led by the Government Affairs teams at ACCP and ASHP and the faculty at VCU School of Pharmacy. The program provides active mentorship and hands-on experience within the U.S. Congress and offers fellows the opportunity to develop skills in issue prioritization, policy, legislation evaluation, research, writing, and advocacy.

Gawish has been a practicing pharmacist since earning his B.S. degree in pharmaceutical sciences from Cairo University in 2001. In 2022, Gawish completed his Pharm.D. degree from Shenandoah University and a dual MBA degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State with concentrations in general management and health care information systems.

“I worked in different practice settings including community pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry and clinical/hospital pharmacy,” Gawish said. “This allowed me to perfect my communication proficiency and clinical skills, as well as acquire many competencies that will be crucial to the successful completion of [the] VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program.”

Gawish currently practices as a clinical pharmacist at Oklahoma State University Medical Center and serves as research committee chair of the National Board of Medication Therapy Management (NBMTM), where he leads cross-sectional national research on the impact of board certification on patient outcomes.

“Becoming a member of the board of directors in the NBMTM gave me a platform to utilize my skillset in bringing about positive change,” said Gawish. “This led me to gain the confidence and the determination to further educate myself on regulatory and legislative issues.”

Together with his experience with the NBMTM, Gawish further attributes his interest in health care policy to having witnessed the many negative consequences of COVID-19 on the community. He has already taken steps to engage in issues related to expanding federally funded health insurance programs and granting provider status to pharmacists.

In his application, Gawish wrote:

Observing the unreadiness of our health care infrastructure was both eye-opening and a call for action. I believe that a major overhaul of our health care policies must ensue, and I want to take part in it. The VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program is a great opportunity for me to learn policy making at a deeper level through hands-on engagement. The expansion of pharmacists’ involvement in patients’ care as well as patient ease of access to care are two important policy areas to me.
About the Healthcare Policy Fellow Program

Launched in 2006, this prestigious program offers a unique, yearlong health care policy learning experience in the U.S. Congress. The program provides pharmacists an opportunity to gain insight into health care policy analysis and development through immersion in the congressional environment. The Fellow Program begins in July with an immersive orientation in health policy across 3 weeks each with ACCP’s and ASHP’s Government Affairs offices, followed by 12 months on Capitol Hill.

Alumni Fellows

The 2022–2023 Fellow, Amanda Ferguson, Pharm.D., served as a health policy specialist on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).

After their service in the program, past fellows have gone on to engage in a variety of important roles in health care policy and government:

- Amanda Ferguson, Pharm.D., currently serves as Health Legislative Assistant in the Office of U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-DE).
- Nimit Jindal, Pharm.D., currently serves as Health Legislative Assistant in the Office of U.S. Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO).
- Tatiana Bujnoch, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, currently serves as Health Equity and Policy Associate at Morgan Health.
- Rita (Habib) Livadas, Pharm.D., currently serves as Director, Global Public Health, Life Sciences at Becton, Dickinson and Co.

Applications for the 2024–2025 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program

Interested candidates should visit the Pharmacy Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program website for more information and instructions on submitting an application. For more information, click here.

2023 ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge

ACCP is pleased to announce the 2023 ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge for postgraduate trainees. This competition is open to current residents and fellows. The competition combines the skills needed 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 pre-published work in preparation for their own future publications. Prizes and complimentary ACCP Annual Meeting registrations will be awarded to the top five participants. Submissions are due August 15, 2023.

SNPhA x ACCP Virtual Residency and Fellowship Showcase

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) are collaborating to offer a streamlined, flexible, remote residency and fellowship showcase. Take advantage of this completely free, virtual event on October 24 and 26, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. (CDT) to make meaningful connections with a diverse group of highly qualified clinical pharmacy candidates.
Designed to ensure increased access to clinical pharmacy career paths—regardless of financial means or ability to travel—the 2023 Virtual Residency and Fellowship Showcase is open to ALL. Pharmacy recruiters and candidates are encouraged to attend this free event irrespective of SNPhA or ACCP membership status.

This year’s event will incorporate new convenience and efficiency features for both recruiters and candidates. To maximize efficiency and impact, recruiters will select a 1-hour timeslot to participate in the showcase. The event will emphasize first-year programs (PGY1 and fellowship), and current residents and fellows are encouraged to participate to help recruit. Candidates will select favorites from program listings and sign up to attend 15-minute showcase timeslots. The sign-up process is quick and easy—allowing candidates to have a more structured experience when visiting programs and to meet with up to 24 programs over the 2-day event. Sign-ups also benefit the programs—by knowing who and how many candidates to expect, program directors can plan to staff their booth accordingly. This live event allows for interaction with candidates through the videoconference platform of the recruiter’s choice and includes an enhanced infrastructure to support the inclusion of an optional pre-recorded informational video within the program listing.

Complete the free, low-hassle registration process now, and share this information with students and colleagues! Learn more and register here.

**ACCP’s Task Force on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Submits Action Plan Recommendations**

As outlined in ACCP’s [Strategic Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Plan](#), ACCP’s 2023 Task Force on DEIA was impaneled in the fall of 2022 and charged to provide input to the Board of Regents (BOR) on implementation of the DEIA plan.

The full task force met five times between October 2022 and July 2023 and was organized into three subgroups, each with a distinct focus: (1) mentoring and belonging, (2) developing a DEIA toolkit, and (3) ACCP awards. Each subgroup held several meetings and brought recommendations to the full task force for consideration. The task force used the findings from the ACCP Interim DEIA Assessment to inform their work.

Final Task Force recommendations to the BOR include more than 30 objectives to serve as Phase II DEIA Action Plans through 2025. Highlights from these recommendations include:

- Implementing travel scholarships for underrepresented students, trainees, and early-career practitioners to minimize barriers to attendance of the ACCP Annual Meeting
- Implementing a new ACCP award to recognize clinical pharmacist excellence in the advancement of diversity, health equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- Exploring implementation of affinity groups within ACCP
- Incorporating DEIA principles into ACCP Academy curricula
- Implementing a new web-based, dynamic, DEIA toolkit accessible to ACCP members and nonmembers

The task force closed their report with recommendations that future committees or task forces be charged to (1) maintain the content within the DEIA toolkit and (2) further evaluate the potential for bias within ACCP service and leadership opportunities. After BOR review and feedback in August, phase II action plans will be incorporated into the College’s DEIA plan, and the complete list of objectives will be shared with members.

Interest in serving on the 2022–2023 Task Force was solicited as part of ACCP’s annual call for volunteers. In response to the high volume of interested members, BOR President Elizabeth Farrington appointed 14 members:

- Jimmi Hatton Kolpek, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM (Chair)
- William J. Moore, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCIDP (Vice Chair)
- Sally Arif, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCIDP
- Brittany D. Bissell, Pharm.D., Ph.D., BCCCP
- Deborah S. Bondi, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPPS
- Allison M. Chung, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPPS
- Jenna F. Cox, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCCCP
- Maryann Egbugor, Pharm.D. student
- Mary F. Hebert, Pharm.D., FCCP
- Rebecca Jayakumar, Pharm.D., BCIDP
- Kazuhiko Kido, Pharm.D., BCCCP, BCPS
- Puja B. Patel, Pharm.D.
- Jordan Rowe, Pharm.D., BCACP, BC-ADM
- Andrew N. Schmelz, Pharm.D., BCACP

A 2023–2024 Task Force on DEIA will be impaneled to continue this important work and identify new priorities from within and outside the ACCP DEIA plan. In parallel, ACCP staff will continue to implement operational components of the DEIA plan and provide ongoing progress updates to members.
Impact Factor Data for Pharmacotherapy

The Journal Impact Factor (IF) data have been released for the 2022 year. IF has traditionally been the most quoted metric for comparing journals and judging their value in various scientific fields. As most readers know, IF is calculated from data over a 3-year period. The latest IF for Pharmacotherapy reflects citations in the biomedical literature in 2022 from citable articles published in the journal in 2020 and 2021. Several changes in the calculation and presentation of data have been made this year. First, the number of significant figures in the IF has been reduced to one decimal place. Second, many journals have an IF calculated for the first time that previously were excluded from consideration. Third, the way that citable articles are included in the IF calculation has changed to consider early-view or online articles published before the final version appears. This affects the citation rate of articles posted online that are accepted during the latter months of one year but may not appear as a final version in a journal issue until the following calendar year.

Clarivate Analytics, the biomedical organization that produces the IF data, previously announced that many journals could expect a decrease in the 2022 IF after increases in 2021. This was predictable because of high citations from COVID-19 publications and the revised method of IF calculation. Newly released IF data for Pharmacotherapy are shown in the table that follows.

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The IF of Pharmacotherapy dropped in this year’s report. As expected, this trend was apparent across many journal categories in the Clarivate report. Some perspective can be gained by comparing Pharmacotherapy’s IF with those of other journals in the Clarivate journal category of Pharmacology and Pharmacy. Pharmacotherapy has maintained its relative position of second in IF ranking among its competitors (Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Clinical and Translational Science, British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Clinical Therapeutics, Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Annals of Pharmacotherapy, and American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy).

Pharmacotherapy has a record of sustained increases in its IF in recent years. From 2013 to 2018, the IF improved from 2.2 to 3.0, exceeding 3.0 for the first time in 2017. Many factors contribute to the status of Pharmacotherapy as a major journal publishing research and reviews that advance the scientific record of clinical pharmacology. These include the contributions of ACCP members, an increasing author pool outside pharmacy and outside North America, and an extensive pool of manuscript reviewers. The editorial board and scientific editors are acknowledged authorities in their areas of specialization and are essential to the journal’s success.

A trend in the biomedical publishing industry is to broaden the metrics used to evaluate and compare the importance of scientific journals. For example, Clarivate introduced a companion metric to the Journal Impact Factor 2 years ago titled the “Journal Citation Indicator” (“JCI”). The JCI metric is a normalized average across all journals in a specific category (e.g., Pharmacology and Pharmacy) and considers data over 4 years rather than 3. A value of 1.0 indicates the journal performs better than average, 2.0 indicates the journal performs twice as well as average, and 0.5 indicates the journal performs half as well as average. The 2022 JCI values of the eight comparator journals named above ranged from 0.53 to 1.58. Pharmacotherapy’s value was 1.01, with 0.69 being the mean value of the other eight journals. Similar to the IF, Pharmacotherapy ranks second in JCI among clinical pharmacology journals.

In addition to Clarivate metrics, other metrics to assess a journal’s impact include the Scopus CiteScore, article downloads, article Altmetrics score, and international readership. These will be presented and discussed in a future report.

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### Featured Positions

| Title: Assistant/Associate Professor (Clinical) Ambulatory Cardiology  
Employer: University of Utah College of Pharmacy  
Location: Salt Lake City, UT | Learn More |
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| Title: Pharmacy Clinical Specialist - Emergency Department  
Employer: Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital  
Location: Houston, Texas | Learn More |
| Title: Lead Pharmacist- Cleveland Clinic Mentor Hospital  
Employer: Cleveland Clinic  
Location: Mentor, Ohio | Learn More |
| Title: Pharmacist - Clinical Informatics Specialist II  
Employer: University of Rochester  
Location: Rochester, New York | Learn More |
| Title: Maternal/Fetal Pediatric Clinical Specialist  
Employer: Ascension Health - Illinois  
Location: Ascension Saint Alexius - Hoffman Estates, IL | Learn More |
| Title: Director of Corporate Clinical Pharmacy Services  
Employer: Scripps Health  
Location: 92121, San Diego | Learn More |
Featured Positions

- **Title:** Clinical Pharmacy Manager  
  **Employer:** CPS Solutions  
  **Location:** Pikeville, Kentucky

- **Title:** Medication Management Services Ambulatory Care Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacist  
  **Employer:** Mayo Clinic  
  **Location:** Rochester, Minnesota

- **Title:** Clinical Pharmacy Manager  
  **Employer:** CPS Solutions  
  **Location:** Weirton, West Virginia

- **Title:** Director of Pharmacy  
  **Employer:** CPS Solutions  
  **Location:** La Plata, Maryland

- **Title:** Manager, Pharmacy Services  
  **Employer:** Scripps Health  
  **Location:** San Diego, California

- **Title:** Coordinator Clinical Pharmacy  
  **Employer:** NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital  
  **Location:** Brooklyn, New York
Featured Positions

Title: Pharmacist Inpatient - Clin II - Critical Care/Emergency Medicine  
Employer: University of Rochester  
Location: Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester

Title: Clinical Pharmacist / Educator  
Employer: RxPrep / UWorld  
Location: Dallas, Texas

Title: Clinical Pharmacist, Solid Organ Transplant Clinic  
Employer: Oregon Health & Science University  
Location: Portland, Oregon

Title: Pediatric Critical Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
Employer: Memorial Hermann  
Location: Houston, Texas

Title: Clinical Pharmacy Manager  
Employer: CPS Solutions  
Location: Marshall, Michigan

Title: Ambulatory Care Specialist - Primary Care  
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UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

**IMMERSE Mentor Application Deadline**
August 1, 2023

**2023 Futures Grants Research Award Applications Deadline**
September 1, 2023

**Medication Optimization Through the Provision of Comprehensive Medication Management**
September 11 – November 6, 2023
Virtual

**Clinical Pharmacy Challenge Online Team Registration Deadline**
September 5, 2023

**SNPHA x ACCP Residency and Fellowship Showcase**
October 11–14, 2023

**Abstract Submission Deadlines: 2023 ACCP Annual Meeting**
Late-Breaking Original Research Abstracts
   September 1, 2023
Research-in Progress Abstracts
   September 15, 2023

**2023 ACCP Annual Meeting**
November 11–14, 2023
Sheraton Dallas Hotel