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A 58-year-old woman is admitted to the intensive care unit with respiratory failure secondary to pneumonia. Her oxygen requirements drastically increase over the next 6 hours, and a repeat chest x-ray shows worsening bilateral infiltrates. She is given a diagnosis of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Early administration of which agent might decrease the patient’s risk of mortality? (explained answer follows the article)

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Please join ACCP in congratulating the teams from both universities on their outstanding academic achievement. To view a complete listing of teams who participated and progressed through each round of this year’s competition, please visit the student page of the ACCP website.

**Challenge Item Explained Answer**

**Answer:** 3. Cisatracurium

Rationale: The correct answer is cisatracurium. In severe ARDS, early cisatracurium administration lowered 90-day mortality versus placebo. Aspirin has been studied for prevention of ARDS but has not demonstrated the ability to reduce mortality in patients with established disease. Activated protein C has been studied in patients with acute lung injury and had no effect on ventilator-free days or mortality. Rosuvastatin administration did not affect in-hospital mortality or ventilator-free days in patients with sepsis-associated ARDS.

**Citations:**

**ACCP to Launch New Journal**

Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI), ACCP’s corporate journal-publishing division, will begin publishing ACCP’s second official journal in October 2018. The new journal, *Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy* (JACCP), will publish papers across the spectrum of clinical pharmacy practice. JACCP will be online only and distributed to ACCP members with no increase in membership dues. Members will also continue to receive monthly issues of *Pharmacotherapy*, the Journal of Human Pharmacology and Drug Therapy.

Jerry L. Bauman, Pharm.D., FCCP, FACC, will serve as editor-in-chief of JACCP. Bauman is a dean and distinguished professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy and a professor in the Department of Medicine, Section of Cardiology at UIC. Bauman’s area of research is the clinical pharmacology of cocaine and the drugs used to treat cardiac rhythm disorders. He has published extensively in these areas and received ACCP’s Russell R. Miller Award for Research in 1994 as a result. He was the first pharmacist with a Pharm.D. degree to be elected as a fellow in the American College of Cardiology. Bauman is a past president of ACCP and recently retired from more than a decade of service as a scientific editor for *Pharmacotherapy*.

Bauman has assembled a panel of scholars to assist him in the editorial office. Robert B. Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP; Beth Bryles Phillips, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, BCPS, BCACP; and Alan J. Zillich, Pharm.D., FCCP, will serve as associate editors of JACCP. JACCP will begin taking submissions in January 2018. The new journal will serve as a forum for discussions of clinical pharmacy practice research, education, and training. In addition, JACCP will publish official ACCP position and policy papers and Board of Pharmacy Specialties recertification modules.

**Three 2018 ACCP Calls for Abstracts**

All investigators in the field of clinical pharmacy and clinical pharmacology, ACCP members and nonmembers alike, are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at:

1. NEW ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2018 (UT) in February,
2. 2018 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium (VPS) in May, and
3. 2018 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy (GCCP) in October.

Please note:
- ACCP’s February meeting will continue to deliver best-in-class specialty certification preparatory review and recertification courses and ACCP Academy programming, now with two scientific poster presentation sessions, and the Patient-Centered, Team-Based Care Forum. Submit an abstract for presentation and plan to join us February 16–18, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida.
Call for Nominations

All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. The online nominations portal specifies the nominating materials required for each award, honor, and elective office. Please note that any qualifying full member may nominate himself or herself for office.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due November 30, 2017 – Nominations for the fall 2018 awards (Elenbaas Service, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards), the 2019 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award, and the 2019 elected offices.

Due February 15, 2018 – Nominations for the 2018 Parker Medal, the 2018 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2018 ACCP fellows (FCCPs).

2019 Officers and Regents: President-Elect, Regents, and Research Institute Trustees. Nominees must be full members of ACCP and should have (1) achieved excellence in clinical pharmacy practice, research, or education; (2) demonstrated leadership capabilities; and (3) made prior contributions to ACCP. Current members of the Nominations Committee are ineligible. Please note that any qualifying full member may nominate himself or herself for office.

Nomination deadline: November 30, 2017.

2018 ACCP Fellows: Fellowship is awarded in recognition of continued excellence in clinical pharmacy practice or research. Nominees must have been full members of ACCP for at least 5 years, must have been in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree, and must have made a sustained contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentation at college meetings; service to ACCP committees, PRNs, chapters, or publications; or election as an officer. Candidates must be nominated by any two full members other than the nominee, by any fellow, or by any member of the Board of Regents. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, or Credentials: FCCP Committee are ineligible for consideration. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.

2018 Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy: Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to improving or expanding the profession of pharmacy in an area of professional service—including, but not limited to, patient care, leadership, administration, finance, technology, information processing, service delivery, models of care, and advocacy. The award is not limited to pharmacists or ACCP members. All nominations must consist of a letter detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the profession of pharmacy; the nominee’s curriculum vitae, resume, or biographical sketch as available; and a minimum of three letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current practice locale. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.

Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award: Given only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified in recognition of outstanding contributions to the vitality of ACCP or to the advancement of its goals that are well above the usual devotion of time, energy, or material goods. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support from a minimum of two ACCP members that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the required letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may also be included. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: November 30, 2017.

2019 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award: Honors an internationally recognized scientist whose research is actively advancing the frontiers of pharmacotherapy. Recipients need not be ACCP members. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support from a minimum of two ACCP members that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the required letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may also be included. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: November 30, 2017.
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2018 Russell R. Miller Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has made substantial contributions to the literature of clinical pharmacy, either as a single, especially noteworthy contribution or as a sustained contribution over time. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support from a minimum of two ACCP members that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the required letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may be provided, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: November 30, 2017.

2018 Clinical Practice Award: Recognizes an ACCP member who has developed an innovative clinical pharmacy service, provided innovative documentation of the impact of clinical pharmacy services, provided leadership in developing cost-effective clinical pharmacy services, or shown sustained excellence in providing clinical pharmacy services. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support from a minimum of two ACCP members that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the required letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support may be provided, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: November 30, 2017.

2018 New Investigator Award: This award recognizes a new clinical practitioner who has made outstanding contributions to the health of patients and/or the practice of clinical pharmacy. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for a minimum of 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent). Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. All nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and two letters of support (also from ACCP members) that describe the individual’s accomplishments relative to the award criteria. At least one of the letters of support must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current place of employment. Additional letters of support are allowed, including letters from non-ACCP members. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2018.

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Positioned between the two live 2018 ACCP meetings, the VPS will provide an additional venue for investigators to disseminate findings to both a national and an international audience online. The 2018 ACCP VPS will be held May 23 and 24, 2018.

The premier gathering for clinical pharmacists from around the world to exchange new knowledge and experiences in research, practice, education, and training, the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy at the Washington State Conference Center in Seattle, Washington, will be held October 20–23, 2018.

All abstracts accepted for presentation, except for “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” presentations, will be published online in Pharmacotherapy. Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published for “Encore” presentations. All accepted abstracts will be provided full-text in the ACCP meeting app or the VPS platform. Posters from all categories will be distributed across the poster display sessions/days.

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract for one or more of these three venues, visit the ACCP website.

**ABSTRACT CATEGORIES (venue(s) at which this category is available):**

Original Research (UT, VPS, GCCP): 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 be relevant 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 invited. Encore submissions are also welcome.

Systematic Reviews/Meta-Analyses (VPS, GCCP): Abstracts must describe a systematic review adhering to the guidelines and definitions established by Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and include the 12 items published in the PRISMA for Abstracts checklist.

Case Reports (VPS, GCCP): Abstracts of case reports must update and expand therapeutic insights and possibilities, or generate research hypotheses. Although narrative in nature, these abstracts must also stress the “evidence” for the authors’ conclusions by describing the process followed to understand the findings and possible mechanisms involved in the patient’s case, how the patient was evaluated and treated, and a specific description of the outcome.

Research-in-Progress (UT): Submission guidelines are those of an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission.

Resident and Fellow Research-in-Progress (VPS, GCCP): Submission guidelines are those of an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission.
Student Research-in-Progress (VPS, GCCP): Submission guidelines are those of an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission.

Clinical Pharmacy Forum (UT, VPS, GCCP): Abstracts must describe the delivery, justification, documentation, adaptability, and impact/significance of innovative clinical pharmacy services. Abstracts that address comprehensive medication management implementation components of the ACCP Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists and/or describe efforts to develop, advance, or position clinical pharmacists to optimize patient care are encouraged. Abstracts may be descriptive and need not contain an evaluative component. Encore submissions are welcome.

Advances in International Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Education, or Training (VPS, GCCP): Abstracts must describe the delivery of justification or documentation for, and significance of, clinical pharmacy practice, education, or training outside the United States. Abstracts may be descriptive and need not contain an evaluative component.

Encore Presentations (UT, VPS, GCCP): Submission and evaluation criteria are those of the Original Research or Clinical Pharmacy Forum category, except that the same abstract was presented elsewhere or published in abstract form only before this meeting. Abstracts submitted for Encore Presentations must not be modified from the previously presented/published version. This includes the title, authors, and abstract body. The presenting author may differ, but he or she must be an author on the original abstract.

Important Dates:

NEW ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2018 in February
Call for abstracts is open to all meeting registrants (i.e., prep course; Academy; and Patient-Centered, Team-Based Care Forum attendees).
- Regular Decision (accept/decline notification by January 12, 2018)
- November 27, 2017: Regular decision submission deadline for Original Research and Clinical Pharmacy Forum abstracts.
- January 3, 2018: Regular decision submission deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts (includes students, trainees, and non-student/non-trainee investigators).

ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium in May
- Regular Decision (accept/decline notification by March 30, 2018)
- January 26, 2018: Regular decision submission deadline for all categories of abstracts except Research-in-Progress (Students and Residents and Fellows).
- March 15, 2018: Regular decision abstract submission deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts (Students and Residents and Fellows).

ACCP to Offer Regional Board Certification Preparatory Courses in 2018

ACCP will introduce a new educational offering in 2018: regional ACCP Board Certification Preparatory Courses. The preparatory courses will be presented April 21 and 22, 2018, at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy in Pomona, California. The preparatory courses to be delivered will include Ambulatory Care and Pharmacotherapy, as well as two new courses, Cardiology and Infectious Diseases.

ACCP will also offer preparatory courses at Updates in Therapeutics®, February 16–18, 2018, in Jacksonville, Florida. The regional ACCP Board Certification Preparatory Courses in Pomona are being introduced for the convenience of attendees in California and
surrounding states who may be unable to travel across the country to attend Updates in Therapeutics®.

The regional ACCP Board Certification Preparatory Courses will be condensed for presentation over a 2-day period to minimize attendees’ travel time, travel expense, and time away from their professional practices. Attendees will, however, receive the full, 3-day Updates in Therapeutics® course experience. Each attendee will also receive access to supplemental course content delivered online, which will be included in the full registration fee for the regional ACCP Board Certification Preparatory Courses.

Full registration information for the new regional ACCP Board Certification Preparatory Courses will be available in January 2018 at the ACCP website.


John McGlew  
Director of Government Affairs

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) was established to reform the Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payment model and create a new value-based payment approach that incentivizes and rewards high-quality patient care under the Quality Payment Program (QPP). The QPP is focused on rewarding the delivery of high-quality patient care through two avenues—the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the advanced Alternative Payment Models (advanced APMs).

Under MACRA, beginning in 2019, MIPS-eligible clinicians or group practices will participate in a combined value-based payment program that assesses the performance of each provider according to quality, resource use, clinical practice improvement activities (CPIAs), and meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology. The law also creates incentives for participating in APMs, an approach consistent with its broader goals of moving more FFS payments into APMs that focus on better care, smarter spending, and healthier people.

ACCP recently released a Practice Advancement Issue Brief that explores opportunities for participating practices to integrate pharmacists into team-based care structures. Although pharmacists are not currently listed as MIPS-eligible clinicians, many of the MIPS performance measures are directly related to medication use. MACRA and its impact on transitioning health care to a value-based environment positively incentivizes practices to integrate pharmacists into team-based care structures.

ACCP remains fully committed to its initiative to recognize the direct patient care services of qualified clinical pharmacists as a covered benefit under the Medicare program. The College is confident that its legislative and regulatory proposal is consistent with the overall structure of the MACRA payment approach and will continue to work with its friends and allies on Capitol Hill to integrate coverage for comprehensive medication management services within the evolving Medicare program.  
Click here to access the MACRA for Pharmacists Practice Advancement Issue Brief.

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

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**ACCP to Offer New Practice Advancement Programming in 2018**

ACCP is pleased to announce the launch of the Patient-Centered Team-Based Care Forum at the NEW ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2018, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. ACCP’s February meeting will continue to deliver best-in-class specialty certification preparatory review and recertification courses and ACCP Academy programming, now with two scientific poster presentations sessions and a hands-on, interactive series of programs to assist practitioners with developing and/or enhancing their clinical pharmacy services to deliver comprehensive medication management.

Get a first look at the learnings of the CMM Effectiveness and Implementation Grant study, which will be deployed for use during this engaging forum! Mark your calendars for February 16–18, 2018, and watch for full registration to open in late October 2017 on the ACCP website.

Poster abstracts may be submitted by any attendee (practice advancement forum, preparatory/recertification courses, Academy programming) in a wide number of categories. To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit the ACCP website today!
ACCP Recognizes 2017 Student Chapter Award Winners

Congratulations to the ACCP student chapter at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, winner of the 2017 ACCP Outstanding Student Chapter Award.

This award recognizes an ACCP student chapter that has demonstrated strength in leadership, dedication to excellence in patient care, and a passion for professional development through its activities. The chapter’s activities should be consistent with ACCP’s core values of extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy and promoting dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education. The chapter should also demonstrate its ability to work collaboratively within the health care environment by interfacing with other health disciplines on events that involve patient care, research, or education.

The winning chapter was recognized at the Student Chapter Forum at the ACCP Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 7. Faculty and students from the chapter, including Dr. Christopher R. Frei (chapter faculty liaison), Lindsey Groff (student chapter president), and Noor Atiyah (student chapter president-elect), were in attendance. ACCP President Marcia L. Buck presented the chapter with a commemorative plaque and a $1000 cash award.

Outstanding Student Chapter Member Award Winners

In addition to applying for the Outstanding Student Chapter Award, each ACCP student chapter had the opportunity to select a winner for the Outstanding Student Chapter Member Award. The objective of this award is to recognize a student who has enhanced student involvement in his or her ACCP chapter at the local, state (when applicable), or national level and who has expanded the presence of ACCP through community engagement, education promotion, research opportunities, and/or professional stewardship. The activities of the selected student should address ACCP’s core values of extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy and promoting dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education. Congratulations to the individuals who were selected by their student chapter to receive this award. The complete list of students can be found on page 9.

Congratulations, ACCP Academy Graduates!

The annual ACCP Academy graduation ceremony was held Tuesday, October 10, during the ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix. The commencement speaker was ACCP Past President Larry J. Cohen, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASHP, FCP, BCPP, with ACCP President Marcia L. Buck, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS officiating.

Congratulations to the following 45 individuals who completed an ACCP Academy this year:

Leadership and Management

Research and Scholarship
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Teaching and Learning

Home Study Programs for Recertification Credit to Be Available November 1

The Clinical Reasoning Series programs, presented live at the 2017 Annual Meeting, will be available for home study on November 1. The deadline to submit the posttest is December 31, 2017. All four programs in the series will offer board specialty recertification credits upon successful completion of the online posttest. Two of the programs will offer dual credit:

- Clinical Reasoning Series in Critical Care Pharmacy—Management of Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome—will offer Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacist (BCCCP) and Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) recertification credit.
- Clinical Reasoning Series in Pediatric Pharmacy—Pediatric Asthma: Beyond the Guidelines—will offer Board Certified Pediatric Pharmacy Specialist (BCPPS) and Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist (BCACP) recertification credit.

The home study editions will include audio/slide-synchronized presentations, MP3 audio files, PDF files of the handouts, and associated documents. To order your home study program, visit the ACCP Online Bookstore.

Programs to be presented are summarized below by type of Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) recertification credit offered.

BCCCP, BCPS Credits
The Clinical Reasoning Series in Critical Care Pharmacy session Management of Patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome will describe the most recent treatment strategies for patients with severe respiratory failure. Content will cover the need for rapid decision-making regarding the treatment of patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome, the complexity of treating these patients, and the evolving literature regarding their management. The program is approved by BPS for 6.0 hours of recertification credit for both BCCCPs and BCPSs.

BCACP Credits
The Clinical Reasoning Series in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy session Keeping Up with Cardiology will cover medication management of multiple cardiovascular diseases. Content will describe how ambulatory care pharmacists can decrease the impact of cardiovascular disease, reviews newly published data that may influence the applicability of recent clinical guidelines (particularly in specific patient populations), and updates the optimal management of a variety of cardiovascular issues. BCACPs can earn 6.0 hours of recertification credit.

BCPPS, BCACP Credits
The Clinical Reasoning Series in Pediatric Pharmacy session Pediatric Asthma: Beyond the Guidelines will cover the most recent treatment strategies for patients whose asthma does not respond to guideline-directed treatment. Pharmacogenomic variants in asthma and their place in the contemporary treatment of pediatric patients with asthma is also presented. This program will offer 6.0 hours of recertification credit for both BCPPSs and BCACPs.

BCPS Credits
The Clinical Reasoning Series in Pharmacotherapy program Gut Check Time: An Update in Gastrointestinal Pharmacotherapeutics will focus on contemporary strategies for the optimal treatment of patients with various GI diseases and conditions. Best practices in the management of intra-abdominal issues and diseases will be explored, together with evidence to help inform individual patient care and advance pharmacist services. The program will provide 6.0 hours of BCPS recertification credit.

Official ACCP Journals and the Benefits of Affiliation with an International Publisher

C. Lindsay DeVane, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPP
Editor-in-Chief, Pharmacotherapy

The American College of Clinical Pharmacy has over 17,000 active members, and its membership is growing substantially each year. Like in most professional organizations, an important part of ACCP’s mission is to develop the skills and education of its members. Diverse approaches are used to boost competencies and promote professional certification. ACCP’s member support includes sending e-mail notifications and announcements and sponsoring regional and national meetings. In addition, a primary means of disseminating new knowledge to members is through the publication of official journals.
The publication of Pharmacotherapy, the first official journal published by ACCP, was overseen by Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI) during most of its 37 years. PPI is the corporate arm of ACCP that is responsible for publishing its official journals. Since 2012, however, the journal has been published monthly on behalf of ACCP by John Wiley & Sons, a prestigious international publisher of over 1200 biomedical journals and numerous books that represents over 900 professional organizations with millions of members. ACCP’s affiliation with an established biomedical publisher like Wiley has many benefits.

Authors submit manuscripts to Pharmacotherapy through the software portal of Scholar One, which facilitates the editorial process, including that of peer review, manuscript revision, copyediting, and production, and greatly reduces the workload of Pharmacotherapy’s editor-in-chief and scientific editors, who currently receive over 700 new submissions a year. Indeed, with this software, Pharmacotherapy’s editors have achieved a turnaround time of less than 30 days from the initial submission to the first editorial decision for manuscripts undergoing a full peer review.

In addition, the Wiley-maintained Pharmacotherapy website provides access to accepted, unedited articles published online before the final edited and typeset manuscripts appear in a specific issue. A free mobile app can be downloaded to read Pharmacotherapy on an iOS or Android device. Archives of all published papers since the first volume in 1981 can be accessed online. Additionally, many web-based resources and tutorials are available to assist authors and reviewers. For example, Wiley partners with Kudos, a web-based service that helps authors promote their publications and measure their impact.

ACCP’s affiliation with a prominent international publisher like Wiley gives Pharmacotherapy a presence in numerous markets around the world that would not otherwise be easily accomplished. The journal is included in bundled subscription plans to libraries in multiple countries, promoted through displays at meetings, and distributed to selected audiences as virtual issues. These efforts contribute to a growing number of full-text downloads each year outside the United States and increase awareness of ACCP’s activities and the work of its authors who publish in Pharmacotherapy.

ACCP will soon launch its second official journal, the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP). Together, the two journals will allow ACCP to better meet the specialized needs of clinical pharmacists and the larger pharmacotherapy community of professionals. As with Pharmacotherapy, ACCP and PPI have entered into an agreement with Wiley to publish JACCP. This positive development ensures that the benefits from affiliating with a prominent biomedical publisher will apply to both of ACCP’s official journals.

**ACCP Travel Awards Given for 2017 Annual Meeting**

One of the best ways for students and postgraduate trainees to experience organized clinical pharmacy in action is to participate in an ACCP national meeting. This fall, through the generous support of individual ACCP members and ACCP PRNs, 21 students and postgraduate trainees had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Congratulations to the following recipients of the ACCP Annual Meeting Travel Awards:

**Resident/Fellow Travel Award Winners**

- Ryan Beechinor
- Allison Boyd
- Catherine Derington
- Lauren Heath
- Maya Holsen

**Student Travel Award Winners**

- Kaitlyn Jones
- Lauren Ladd
- Bethany Lane
- Peia Lee
- Courtney Olesky
- Kassie Pfluger

Travel awards encourage student and postgraduate trainee attendance at ACCP meetings and promote future involvement in the College. Information about the next cycle of travel awards will be available on the ACCP website in June 2018. To qualify for a travel award, applicants must be a current resident, fellow, or postgraduate trainee member of ACCP, or a current student member pursuing his or her first professional degree, who has completed at least 1 academic year in his or her professional pharmacy program. Applicants are required to submit an essay, CV, and letter(s) of recommendation from faculty members and/or preceptors.

ACCP would like to recognize the following individuals for their generous contributions to the travel awards program. In addition, the following PRNs either contributed to ACCP’s travel award funds or provided their own travel awards:

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Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) demonstrate that Congress can still work in a bipartisan manner to tackle some of the most urgent challenges facing the long-term sustainability of the Medicare program.

Within this political environment, ACCP must provide support for moderate bipartisan legislators to ensure they remain in Washington and continue to advance policies that meaningfully address the health care issues currently facing the United States.

Only ACCP members are eligible to contribute to the PAC and allow the College to make these vital political contributions. With its almost 18,000 members ACCP is in a position to become one of the most prominent pharmacy PACs in Washington. To do this, however, ACCP needs the widespread support of its membership. If each ACCP member contributes just $25, ACCP-PAC stands to raise over $350,000. Each ACCP member should consider donating at least $25 to ACCP-PAC. Click here to support your PAC today!

**ACCP-PAC Contributions Support Bipartisan Health Care Leaders in Congress**

To advance its Medicare Initiative, ACCP is working with health care leaders from both parties who are willing to collaborate with colleagues across the aisle to enact health care legislation focused on team-based, patient-centered care that measures and rewards quality and outcomes.

Despite the current dysfunction on Capitol Hill, recent passage of the “Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2017” and ongoing implementation of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) demonstrate that Congress can still work in a bipartisan manner to tackle some of the most urgent challenges facing the long-term sustainability of the Medicare program.

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