The three-member team from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy captured the 2018 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge title in an exciting back-and-forth match against the team from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Pharmacy. From an initial field of 117 teams, these two institutions advanced through four online rounds of competition as well as live quarterfinal and semifinal matches to face each other in the final round held Monday, October 22, at the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington.

The Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, now in its ninth year, affords teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to compete in a “quiz bowl”–type competition. Each round of competition consists of three segments: Trivia Lightning, Clinical Case, and Jeopardy-style items. Items are written and reviewed by an expert panel of ACCP members.

A large and enthusiastic crowd of ACCP Global Conference attendees gathered to cheer on both teams in the final round match. Representing Team Rhode Island were Aidan Fischer (team leader), Andrew Webb, and Alex Chernov. Team MUSC was represented by Ethan Gerrald and Hannah Green. The two teams battled back and forth in the Trivia Lightning segment of the match; however, during the clinical case section, Rhode Island pulled ahead with a strong performance. The final section of the match was the Jeopardy-style round in which the teams were presented 15 items (three items of 100, 200, or 300 points) in each of the following categories: Cardiovascular Disorders, Men’s Health, Psychiatry, Potpourri, and Rheumatology. The teams made strategic choices as they navigated the Jeopardy grid, selecting the item categories they felt would match their own unique strengths, with Team Rhode Island emerging victorious at the end.

Please join ACCP in congratulating the teams from both universities on their outstanding academic achievement. To view a complete list of the teams that participated and progressed through each round of this year’s competition, please visit www.accp.com/stunet.

**Choi, Eum, and Jenson Receive Best Poster Honors**

The winners of the Best Poster Awards from the 2018 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington, were announced Monday, October 22, 2018, after delivering platform presentations of their research. In all, more than 750 posters were presented at the Global Conference. Papers described original research, innovative clinical pharmacy services and programs, case reports, systematic reviews/meta-analyses, and student, resident, and fellow research-in-progress.

**Giwon Choi, winner of the ACCP Best Poster Award.**
Giwon Choi from the Department of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, Republic of (South), won the Best Poster Award for “Development of NAT2 Genotype–Based Limited Sampling Strategies Toward Isoniazid Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in Korean Patients with Tuberculosis.” Choi’s coauthors were Eun Kyoung Chung from Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea, Republic of (South); Su Young Jung, Suhyun Lee, and Jangik Lee, also from Seoul National University; and Eun Sun Kim, Jong Sun Park, Junghan Song, and JaeHo Lee from Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul National University Hospital, Gyeonggi-do, Korea, Republic of (South).

The other finalists in the Best Poster competition were William Call from Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; Justin Gatwood from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, Nashville, Tennessee; and Lytani Wilson from the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina. Call’s presentation was titled “The Clinical Impact of Intravenous Calcium Utilization in Hyperkalemia.” Call’s coauthors were Sahar Torabi, Eli Deal, and Christina Anderson, also from Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Gatwood presented “Racial and Regional Disparities in Outcomes Among Veterans Initially Adherent to Oral Antidiabetic Therapies.” Gatwood’s coauthors were Marie Chisholm-Burns, Praveen Potukuchi, Robert Davis, and Fridtjof Thomas from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tennessee; Adriana Hung from VAMC Tennessee Valley Health System, Nashville, Tennessee; and Csaba Kovacs from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rachel Jenson from the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy won the Best Student Poster Award for “Prolonged Exposure to β-Lactam Antibiotics in Daptomycin-Nonsusceptible Staphylococcus aureus Re-establishes Daptomycin Susceptibility.” Jenson’s coauthors on the poster were Sarah Baines and Benjamin Howden from the University of Melbourne at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity in Melbourne, Australia; Andrew Berti from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan; and Warren Rose from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin.

The other finalists in this category were:

- Syed Samad, University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Buffalo, New York, for “The Impact of a Pharmacist-Managed Epoetin Alfa Dosing and Monitoring Service for Hospitalized Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Patients at an Academic Medical Center.” Samad’s coauthors were Calvin Meaney, also from

Seenae Eum, winner of the ACCP Best Resident and Fellow Poster Award.
the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Kimberly Zammit from Buffalo General Medical Center, Buffalo, New York.

- Emily Hart, University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Buffalo, New York, for “Proton Pump Inhibitors and the Risk of Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease: A Retrospective Cohort Study.” Hart’s coauthors were Terry Dunn, Steve Feuerstein, and David M. Jacobs, also from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

- Kerui Peng, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for “HLA-B*58:01 Carrier Status in the Minnesota Hmong: First in Hmong Genotyping for Prevalence of This Biomarker of Risk for Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions (SCARs) Caused by Allopurinol.” Peng’s coauthors were Robert Straka, also from the University of Minnesota; Youssef Roman from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; Kathleen Culhane-Pera from West Side Community Health Services, St. Paul, Minnesota; and May Lo from Phalen Family Pharmacy, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Each winner received a plaque to commemorate this recognition of their exceptional work. Serving as judges for the Best Student Poster competition were Maya Campara, Juliana Chan, Jennifer Clements, Mike Ernst, and Rob MacLaren. Serving as judges for the Best Resident and Fellow Poster competition were Alex Flannery, Jason Lancaster, Julie Murphy, and Dustin Spencer. Serving as judges for the Best Poster competition were Dave Dixon, Joe Guglielmo, Mary Hayney, and James Tisdale.

### College Transforms Research Institute into the ACCP Foundation

The ACCP Research Institute, the charitable arm of the College, has been transformed into the ACCP Foundation. This transformation signals the organization’s expanded mission to more broadly support ACCP member interests.

The Foundation will maintain the organization’s primary commitment to research, including investigator development programs, grant funding, research/scholarship workshops, and educational programming at ACCP meetings. In addition, the Foundation will broaden its portfolio to include support of advanced practice and a wider range of scholarly opportunities.

The Foundation’s new strategic plan outlines the initial steps in this transformation, which include implementing new funded initiatives that meet current member needs, collaborating with ACCP to support clinical traineeshipsmini-sabbaticals in specialized areas of practice, creating an ongoing curricular plan for PPI/Foundation-codeveloped educational programs, and establishing funded research internships for Pharm.D. students. The Foundation’s vision, mission, and priorities are summarized in the figure below.

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**2018 Strategic Plan Overview**

**Vision**

The ACCP Foundation will be recognized as the leading organization supporting the advancement of pharmacy research, scholarship, and practice.

**Mission**

To improve human health by supporting research, scholarship, and practice.

**Our Priorities**

**Support researchers-scholars-practitioners.**
- Address researcher-scholar-practitioner needs.
- Diversify the Foundation’s portfolio of funded initiatives.
- Increase the visibility and accessibility of Foundation programs.
- Support new practitioner development programs in specialized areas of practice.

**Promote research and scholarship to practitioners, trainees, and students.**
- Expand/enhance research and scholarship opportunities across the career continuum.
- Institute new research and scholarship programs for students and trainees.
- Collaborate with PPI/ACCP to deliver research and scholarship curricula.
- Promote Foundation-funded work.

**Ensure program sustainability and growth.**
- Assess the effectiveness and sustainability of current programs.
- Address current and future fundraising strategies.
- Establish a long-range plan to develop, support, and enhance Foundation initiatives.
- Optimize infrastructure.
Call for Abstracts: Updates in Therapeutics® 2019

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The deadline for submission of Original Research and Clinical Pharmacy Forum abstracts is January 21, 2019.
- The deadline for submission of Research-in-Progress abstracts is February 27, 2019.

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit the ACCP website.

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 ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. ACCP’s April meeting will deliver specialty certification preparatory review and recertification courses, ACCP Academy programming, the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum, ACCP’s Emerge from the Crowd program, and scientific poster presentations. Submit an abstract and plan to join us April 27–28, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri.

All abstracts accepted for presentation, except for “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” presentations, will have full-text abstracts published online in an official journal of ACCP. Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published for “Encore” presentations. All accepted abstracts will be published full-text in the ACCP Meeting App. Posters from all categories will be distributed across the poster display sessions/days.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES:

Original Research: Abstracts must summarize quantitative or qualitative findings from completed research. Basic, clinical, translational, dissemination/implementation, or 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.

Clinical Pharmacy Forum: Abstracts must describe the delivery, justification, documentation, adaptability, and impact/significance of innovative clinical pharmacy services. Abstracts that address comprehensive medication management (CMM) implementation (see www.accp.com/cmm), describe 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.

Research-in-Progress: Submission guidelines are the same as for an Original Research abstract except that the research effort is ongoing at the time of abstract submission.

Encore Presentations: Submission and evaluation criteria are the same as for the Original Research 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:**
- **Submission Deadline**
  - The deadline for submission of Original Research and Clinical Pharmacy Forum abstracts is January 21, 2019.
  - The deadline for submission of Research-in-Progress abstracts is February 27, 2019.
- **Notification of Acceptance**
  - Authors will receive a notification of acceptance or declination by March 15, 2019.

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**End-of-Year Special: Residents, Fellows, and Graduate Students Can Join ACCP for Half Price!**

Attention residents, fellows, and graduate students: From now through December 31, first-time resident, fellow, and graduate student members of ACCP can join for just $40 – half the regular resident and fellow/graduate student member rate!

ACCP resident, fellow, and graduate student members have access to several important membership benefits, including:

- **Deeply discounted rates to register for the ACCP Updates in Therapeutics® courses to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 27–28, 2019:** Considering specialty certification in Pharmacotherapy or Critical Care Pharmacy? Take advantage of special member rates – register by the early-bird deadline for maximum savings.
- **Reduced rates on Board Certification preparatory materials for home study:** Prepare for your specialty board examination with electronic or print study materials available to you at discounted rates.
- **Reduced pricing on any of ACCP’s Self-Assessment Programs:** Looking to maintain your Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) certification? ACCP now offers self-assessment programs in each of the following specialties: Pharmacotherapy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Oncology Pharmacy, and Pediatric Pharmacy. Beginning in 2019, ACCP will also offer self-assessment programs in Cardiology and Infectious Diseases.
- **Free 1-year membership in an ACCP Practice and Research Network (PRN):** Join one of ACCP’s PRNs and network with specialists in your area of interest.
- **Complimentary subscriptions to Pharmacotherapy and JACCP:** Resident, fellow, and graduate student members receive an electronic subscription to these essential references for the clinical pharmacist.

To take advantage of this special offer, join or renew your ACCP membership online. Alternatively, download and complete a specially marked membership application from our website and mail or fax it back to our office.

This offer is only valid for first-time residents or fellows/graduate students (including previous student members of ACCP renewing as either a resident or a fellow/graduate student member). Applications must be received by December 31, 2018, to receive the discounted membership rate. Applications must include the preceptor/program director’s name and the anticipated date of residency/fellowship completion.
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. This portal is available at www.accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx.

DEADLINES:

Due November 30, 2018 – Nominations for the fall 2019 awards (Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards), the 2020 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, and 2020 elected offices.

Due February 1, 2019 – Nominee’s supporting documents must be uploaded in the nomination portal for the fall 2019 awards (Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards), the 2020 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, and the 2020 elected offices.

Due February 15, 2019 – Nominations for the 2019 Parker Medal, the 2019 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2019 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs).

Due April 1, 2019 – Nominee’s supporting documents must be uploaded in the nomination portal for the 2019 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator).

DESCRIPTIONS:

2020 Officers and Regents: President-Elect, Regents, Secretary, 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, 2018.

2019 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 Publications (PPI) Board of Directors, Credentials: FCCP Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

2019 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. 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, PPI Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

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 and beyond the usual devotion of resources, be it time, energy, material goods, or a combination thereof. Nominations will consist of a letter detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award and his or her contributions to the College, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP
members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.**

**C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy Award:** Given only when a particularly noteworthy candidate is identified who has made outstanding contributions to the visibility and value of clinical pharmacy in national policy, intraprofessional, and/or interprofessional arenas; has assembled a record of mentoring others who have gone on to assume a health professions and/or health policy leadership role; and is recognized as an ambassador for clinical pharmacy both within and outside the profession. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the College, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.**

**2020 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award:** Honors an internationally recognized scientist whose research is actively advancing the frontiers of pharmacotherapy. The recipient of this award is not required to be an ACCP member. Nominations must include a letter of nomination from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her sustained contributions to pharmacotherapy, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.**

**2019 Russell R. Miller Award:** Recognizes an ACCP member who has made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of clinical pharmacy, either as a single, landmark contribution or by sustained excellence over time. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to the professional literature, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.**

**2019 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. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her contributions to clinical pharmacy practice, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.**

**2019 Education Award:** Recognizes an ACCP member who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom or clinical training site, conducted innovative research in clinical pharmacy education, demonstrated exceptional dedication to continuing education programs, or demonstrated leadership in the development of education programs. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and his or her
contributions to health professional education, the nominee's curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: November 30, 2018.

2019 New Investigator Award: This award highlights the research program of an ACCP member who has made a major impact on an aspect of clinical pharmaceutical science. Nominees must have been a Full Member of ACCP at the time of nomination and a member at any level for at least 3 years; they must have a research program with a significant publication record having a programmatic theme or an especially noteworthy single publication; and it must have been within 6 years since completion of their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree, whichever is most recent. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.

2019 New Educator Award: This award recognizes and honors a new educator for outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. Nominees must have been Full Members of ACCP at the time of nomination and members at any level for at least 3 years. In addition, nominees must have completed their terminal professional pharmacy training or degree (whichever is most recent) within 6 years from the time of selection by the Board of Regents. If an individual pursues an additional degree beyond his or her professional pharmacy degree or training (i.e., Ph.D.), this additional degree will not be considered a terminal degree, and the 6-year time interval will extend from completion of the terminal pharmacy training or degree. Fellows of ACCP (i.e., “FCCPs”) are ineligible. Nominations will consist of a letter from an ACCP member to the chair of the Awards Committee detailing the nominee’s qualifications for this award and the significance/impact of his or her clinical contributions, the nominee’s curriculum vitae, and a minimum of two letters of recommendation from other ACCP members. At least one of these letters must be from an individual outside the nominee’s current institute of practice. Self-nominations are not permitted. Current members of the Board of Regents, Research Institute Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2019.
President’s Column
Incoming President’s Address
2018 ACCP Global Conference
on Clinical Pharmacy
October 21, 2018

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I would like to begin by thanking the College for the great privilege of serving as your president for the coming year. It is the pinnacle of my professional career. As with most things in life, one does not get here without a lot of mentoring, a lot of support, some chiding, and a lot of love from family, friends, and colleagues. I have worked with many exceptional clinical pharmacists over the years and have been able to advance my skills through these relationships. Of course, for me, as I suspect for many of you as well, some of my greatest teachers have been my patients. Their perseverance and unwavering spirit at the most difficult times of their lives is inspiring and humbling.

And that brings me to my theme for this year: Medication Optimization Across the Care Continuum.

The goal of my theme is to communicate the essential need for the standard of practice for clinical pharmacy to be consistent across ALL practice settings. The theme was inspired by a presentation at the 2017 ACCP Annual Meeting Town Hall in Phoenix that resonated with me, “Engaging Community Pharmacists. Three Cs: Communicate, Coordinate, Collaborate.” The presenters described community pharmacists and practice-based clinical pharmacists partnering through communication, coordination, and collaboration to provide direct patient care through the development of “enhanced services networks.” In this presentation, patient-centered pharmacist teams worked together across the care continuum to optimize medication regimens and use to achieve patients’ therapeutic goals through medication optimization.

ACCP should be at the forefront of ensuring medication optimization, fostering the provision of a standard practice for patient care by a clinical pharmacist regardless of the practice setting – ambulatory, acute care, or community. Moreover, the process and level of care should always be the same in each setting. Our patients deserve it and should demand it. I would argue that ACCP is the best organization to advance and promote this standard of practice. The College sought to advance clinical pharmacy at its inception 40 years ago, and this is still its mission. However, whereas clinical pharmacy was mainly practiced in the inpatient setting at that time, it is now practiced in a variety of settings, including the community. We only have to look at the College’s current vision for the profession of pharmacy:

- Most pharmacists will provide direct patient care and participate in other clinical activities.
- The standard of practice in any health care setting will hold pharmacists responsible for medication optimization.

As part of its strategic plan, ACCP is exploring mechanisms to establish pharmacist collaborations across different care settings that achieve medication optimization.
optimization. Eventually, the College hopes to form a strategic alliance that promotes effective and scalable collaborative pharmacy practices across the care continuum.

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recently released a report titled *No Place Like Home: Advancing the Safety of Care in the Home* ([www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Publications/No-Place-Like-Home-Advancing-Safety-of-Care-in-the-Home.aspx](http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Publications/No-Place-Like-Home-Advancing-Safety-of-Care-in-the-Home.aspx)). This IHI initiative partners pharmacists with providers to improve patient safety. The report states that “community pharmacists possess an untapped potential for ensuring medication safety in the home, but their involvement is limited in most communities.” In this regard, the report also notes that medication safety represents a significant concern in the home setting, especially among patients with complex medication regimens for chronic illness. Pharmacists in the community should have the expertise to detect drug-related problems and adverse events. Moreover, pharmacists should optimize medications across the care continuum. Along these lines, the IHI report outlines the collaborative work of Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) and the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN), noting that CCNC patients see their community pharmacist an average of 35 times per year, whereas they see their primary care provider only 3 times per year.

ACCP is engaged with CPESN and the National Community Pharmacists Association Innovation Center in this type of initiative, key features of which include:

- Collaboration of pharmacists from medical practices and community-based pharmacies to leverage resources and information to optimize patients’ medications and improve the quality of their care.
- Achievement of medication optimization by optimizing medication regimens (via CMM) and optimizing medication use (via enhanced services).
- Pharmacists’ participation in the drafting of a consensus guidance statement for successful collaboration across settings.

Several sessions at the Global Conference have been devoted to medication optimization and CMM.

In recent years, emphasis has been placed on transitions of care and how patients are vulnerable during these transitions. Often in such transitions, medications are not reconciled, patient education is not optimized to ensure adherence, and procuring medications may be challenging. If we think about our own practices for a moment, we should be asking how we’re currently ensuring when our patients are discharged from an inpatient admission or clinic visit, how their medications are optimized, and how they will attain therapeutic goals. Moreover, how do we ensure their medications will continue to be optimized when they are back home and in the community? I suspect that for many of us, the answer is unclear. Yet, as noted earlier, our patients deserve a consistent standard of practice from pharmacists that optimizes their medications and achieves the best possible outcomes, no matter where they encounter us.

Many of our 2019 committees will address issues related to medication optimization across the care continuum, including using best practices in care
transitions and implementing CMM through telehealth practices. I would like to thank all the members who volunteered this year to serve on committees and task forces. The real work and advancement of the College occurs through their efforts. I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you over the coming year. Let’s all work to see what we can achieve together toward the goal of Medication Optimization Across the Care Continuum. Thank you for the great honor of serving as the College’s president as we embark on our 40th anniversary.

Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 Will Offer Something for Everyone

ACCP’s spring conference, Updates in Therapeutics®, will be held April 27–28, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Be sure to mark this not-to-be-missed event on your calendar and begin making plans now to attend. The conference will feature a variety of programs for continuing education and professional development.

Board Certification Prep Courses

Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 will offer board certification preparatory review courses in two specialties: Pharmacotherapy and Critical Care Pharmacy. These programs are ideal for pharmacy professionals who are preparing for the Pharmacotherapy or Critical Care Pharmacy specialty certification examination administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS). Developed by board-certified pharmacotherapy and critical care pharmacists, each course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the specialty examination. Both courses use a case-based approach with strong emphasis on the reasoning required to solve patient care problems in each therapeutic area. The courses are also BPS approved for recertification credit.

ACCP’s board certification prep courses have a reputation for excellence. One 2018 participant described these courses as the “best educational meeting, content, and lectures within U.S. pharmacy associations!” Whether you are studying for an upcoming exam or working toward recertification, these courses offer an excellent opportunity to learn from experts in the field and optimize the time spent away from your practice with sessions focused on the most important information you need to succeed.

Professional Development Opportunities

ACCP is excited to offer the Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum at Updates in Therapeutics® again this year, for the second time. This 2-day series of practice advancement programming focuses on implementing comprehensive medication management (CMM) in team-based practice settings. The 2019 program will combine plenaries and workshops targeting practical and applied strategies and tactics. This is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity for clinical pharmacists and trainees currently providing direct patient care in both primary care and specialty outpatient settings who wish to establish and/or enhance their services by implementing CMM. For last year’s participants, the forum was an invaluable experience:

It was all really great. I am working on implementing a CMM program at my hospital. This was the most timely and useful conference that I have ever attended. The group discussions were great and the speakers were excellent. I learned so much and left feeling energized and prepared for the tasks ahead.

Be among the first to benefit from research-tested learnings from ACCP’s “CMM Effectiveness and Implementation” grant in this evidence-based, hands-on approach to preparing attendees to return to their practices with tools and implementable plans that will advance their clinical services.

ACCP Academy Sessions

ACCP Academy programming will also be offered at Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. The ACCP Academy offers a flexible, curricular approach to enhancing your skills and experience through three professional development programs focused in leadership and management, research and scholarship, and teaching and learning. Each curriculum includes both required and elective programming delivered at ACCP’s live meetings. Sessions are interactive and provide participants with actionable concepts and skills they can immediately apply to their own professional pursuits.

Student Programming

Student attendees can benefit from attending ACCP’s popular workshop, Emerge from the Crowd: How to Become a Standout Pharmacy Residency Candidate. Past participants rave about the value of this program, which includes information about navigating the residency application process, how to write a letter of intent and curriculum vitae, and tips for sharpening your interviewing skills. “I didn’t even know what I needed to know until I attended this,” said one participant. Another added, “I have learned SO much and realize I have a lot to work on, but I am glad I have a guide, some sort of framework on how to get started.”
Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to learn from experts in the field of clinical pharmacy about the steps you can take now to rise above the competition when applying for a residency. This 1-day workshop will be offered twice during Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. Choose to attend either April 27 or April 28.

Scientific Poster Presentations

ACCP is currently soliciting abstract submissions for Updates in Therapeutics® 2019. Abstracts will be accepted in three categories: Original Research (including Encore presentations), Clinical Pharmacy Forum, and Research-in-Progress. All accepted abstracts will be published full-text in the ACCP Meeting App. In addition, Original Research and Clinical Pharmacy Forum abstracts will be published full-text in JACCP, an official journal of ACCP. Title, authors, and original citation will be published for Encore presentations. Posters from all categories will be distributed across the poster display session(s)/day(s).

Now is the time to begin preparing your research for submission. The abstract submission deadline for Original Research and Clinical Pharmacy Forum abstracts is January 21, 2019; the deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts is February 27, 2019. To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit the ACCP website.

Registration for Updates in Therapeutics® 2019 will open later this year at www.updatesintherapeutics.com.


Two all-new Clinical Reasoning Series programs presented live at the 2018 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington, are now available as home study offerings. These programs offer 6.0 hours of recertification credit in three different specialties upon successful completion of the posttest by December 31, 2018.

The home study editions include audio/slide-synchronized presentations, MP3 audio files, PDF files of the handouts, and associated documents. You can download these files on your personal device to review at your convenience. To order, visit www.accp.com/store.

The 2018 PADIS Guideline: Boosting Efforts to Reduce Pain, Oversedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Disrupted Sleep in the ICU is approved by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) for recertification credit for both Board Certified Critical Care Pharmacists (BCCCPs) and Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BCPSs). Click here to learn more and to order.

It’s Not a Sprint, It’s a Marathon: Keeping Up with Hypertension Management is BPS approved for recertification credit for both Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists (BCPSs) and Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacists (BCACPs). For more information and to order, click here.

ACCP/ASHP BCOP Recertification Programming Now Available for Home Study

Need just a few more hours of recertification credit to maintain your Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) certification? Want a program that offers a review of cutting-edge and contemporary therapeutic topics? If so, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy/American Society of Health-System Pharmacists BCOP Clinical Sessions are for you!

The BCOP Clinical Sessions are one component of the professional development program developed by ACCP and ASHP and are approved for BCOP recertification by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS). Offering up to 4.0 hours of BCOP recertification credit, the 2018 BCOP Clinical Sessions focus on advances in cardio-oncology and the use of immunotherapy in advanced malignancy. They are available for home study now at www.accp.com/store/product.aspx?pc=BCOPCS18G.

The BCOP Clinical Sessions, presented live at the ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy last month, will be repeated live at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in December. However, these sessions are also available on demand to view at home. Save on costly travel, and take advantage of this opportunity to earn 4.0 hours of BCOP recertification credit at the discounted ACCP/ASHP member rate of only $150.

Successful completion of a web-based posttest will be required to earn recertification credit for the sessions, live or home study. Don’t miss this opportunity to earn recertification credit. Purchase the 2018 ACCP/ASHP BCOP Clinical Sessions today at the ACCP Online Bookstore.
ACCP Congratulates 2018 Academy Graduates!

The annual ACCP Academy graduation ceremony was held Tuesday, October 23, during the 2018 ACCP Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington. The commencement speaker was ACCP Past President Terry Seaton, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, with ACCP President Suzanne A. Nesbit, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, officiating.

Congratulations to the following 42 individuals who completed an ACCP Academy this year:

Leadership and Management

Leadership and Management Academy Graduates: (back row from left) Robert E. Smith (Director), Tamara Malm; (front row from left) Rachel Sharpton, Julie C. Bartell, Hanna Phan, Sarah E. White; (not pictured) Stacy J. Calloway, Noha Eltoukhy, Madhavi Gavini, Genevieve Goulet, Brooke L. Griffin, Juan S. Rodriguez.

Research and Scholarship

Research and Scholarship Academy Graduates: (back row from left) Ashley M. Higbea, Courtney Montepara, Kirk Evoy, Megan Fleischman, Courtney Duval; (front row from left) Jimmi Hatton-Kolpeck (Director), Anne Misher, Amanda S. Johnson, Ryan Gibbard; (not pictured) Diana Andrade, Toral Patel.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning Academy Graduates: (back row from left) Jamie Sebaaly, Alyson G. Wilder, Rasha Abdelsalam, Mylene Manalo, Sara Wettergreen; (front row from left) Brenda Gleason (Faculty), Majid Ali, Pamela Stamm (Facuty), Bianca Cruz, Shirin Madzhidova, Thomas D. Zlatic (Director); (not pictured) Bernadett Asias Dinh, Justin W. Cole, Justin J. Delic, Islam Ghazi, Ashley, Glode, Adonice Khoury, Vinh N. Kieu, Laura E. Lobner, Katie Boyd Lomax, Rebecca A. Maxson, Chastity M. Shelton, Garcia Simon, Huanyan Wong.

Are you interested in honing your skills within your workplace? Would you like to acquire new skills in leadership, research, and teaching? If so, sign up today for the ACCP Academy! Please visit www.accp.com/academy/index.aspx for more details, or contact the staff liaison, Jessie Culley, at jculley@accp.com.

ACCP Member Spotlight: John Awad

John Awad, Pharm.D. candidate, is a fourth-year pharmacy student at the University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Pharmacy. Awad was first exposed to hospital pharmacy practice as a volunteer at Backus Hospital in Norwich, Connecticut. In this role, he assisted pharmacy technicians in managing drug inventory using a McKesson automated medication dispensing robot and delivered high-cost medications, including chemotherapy, to patient units in a timely manner. Awad also gained a strong understanding of clinical pharmacists' roles in patient monitoring, drug information, medication safety, and antimicrobial stewardship. This volunteer experience uncovered his passion to pursue a career in clinical pharmacy that would allow him to fulfill his goal of positively influencing patients' lives.

At UConn, Awad became a founder and president of the ACCP student chapter (SCCP). He started the student organization to promote excellence in patient care, research, education, professional development, and interprofessional teamwork and to inspire the next generation of clinical pharmacy leaders. What originally seemed to be a daunting task, given the fierce competition from 16 other pharmacy student organizations,
became achievable through hard work and determination. During its first 2 years, the UConn SCCP thrived and grew exponentially, from 5 founding members to 35 members.

The student chapter successfully developed innovative student activities that align with ACCP’s mission. For example, under Awad’s leadership, the chapter developed the first UConn Campus Blood Pressure Clinic in partnership with the UConn Student Nurses Association. Awad understood the importance of exposing future nurses to the role of clinical pharmacists in advancing ACCP’s mission. This inspired him to develop an information session to educate pharmacy and nursing students about the role of each profession in providing patient care.

Building a student organization from scratch developed his confidence, decisiveness, and awareness. It also motivated him to pursue a career in hospital pharmacy administration, where he plans to drive innovations in pharmacy practice that ultimately enhance patient care in ways that are currently unimaginable.

In addition to his student leadership experience, Awad is a pharmacy intern at Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH), a 1541-bed academic medical center in New Haven, Connecticut, serving many underserved patients from surrounding communities. He assisted the Oncology Pharmacy Leadership Team in driving many initiatives, including incorporating one of the first KIRO Oncology automated chemotherapy compounding robots in the United States. He was involved in enhancing pharmacy technician workflow and safety through projects such as updating the USP 797/800 Gowning SOP, which was implemented across the entire YNHH system. He assisted the leadership team in developing workflow and contingency plans for the USP 800 upgrade, obtaining additional FTEs to support drug volume growth and training new pharmacy technicians on USP 800 best practices. Currently, Awad is heavily involved in the initiative to perform medication reconciliation for 100% of YNHH patients. His experience at YNHH has given him an appreciation for the role of pharmacy in enhancing patient outcomes, reducing hospital readmissions, and improving medication safety. His experience as an intern has given him a comprehensive understanding of the drug distribution process, the role of pharmacists and technicians in patient care, and, most importantly to Awad, the integral role of strong hospital pharmacy leadership.

Awad understands that pharmacy leadership is critical in managing increasing drug costs, drug shortages, and a growing specialty pharmacy market. He also believes that strong pharmacy leaders will play an increasingly important role in the financial stability and growth of health systems. Awad’s goal is to someday be in a leadership position that enables him to advance the practice of pharmacy within a large health system.

ACCP’s Member Spotlight serves to highlight and provide visibility to ACCP members with respect to their career path, professional contributions, and ACCP member experience. To nominate an ACCP member to be featured in the spotlight, please visit www.accp.com/membership/spotlight.aspx.

Preparing Manuscript Titles for Journal Submission

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Acceptance of publishable manuscripts in the biomedical literature is a competitive process. Authors desiring to have their work appear in high-impact journals for exposure to large readerships must follow numerous instructions in manuscript preparation and submission. The article’s title is an important feature of every manuscript that editors and reviewers encounter first in the editorial evaluation process. Eventually, the title is the first feature seen by readers. This initial impression can favorably or negatively influence the review process and/or the article’s subsequent impact. Some brief comments on preparing titles may be useful to potential authors submitting manuscripts to ACCP’s official journals.

The first impression of a publication often influences the level of a reader’s interest and can determine whether an article is accessed or read. This can occur during a literature search, when scanning a table of contents, or when reviewing an article’s reference list. The title can stimulate the reader to go further or can create a negative impression sufficient for the article to be bypassed or dismissed. That authors should consider the most effective title when submitting an article for publication cannot be overemphasized.

A review of various biomedical journals reveals that the length of article titles can vary considerably. A basic science journal such as Cell or the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry may have lengthy titles with detailed names of genes or chemicals that are understood by a specialized readership. In these journals, the titles may be extensive and may include highly technical terms. However, long titles may be difficult to remember, and some publishing literature suggests that articles with long titles are downloaded less often than those with shorter titles.

Shorter titles are preferred for journals with a diverse readership across different disciplines in contrast to the convention often seen with specialty journals. A high-impact medical journal such as the New England Journal of Medicine usually has titles no longer than 12–15 words.
and often much shorter. The literature on biomedical publishing and discussions among journal editors and publishers indicate that relatively short titles are preferred for journals like *Pharmacotherapy* with a broad readership. A psychology is attached to brevity that captures attention. Whether in a literature search or a reference list, shorter titles are read more easily.

An ideal title summarizes the article’s main content or message. The title should not contain unnecessary words such as “A study of” or “The results from,” but should be precise without being terse. To include “Some reflections on” in the title of the present commentary would be accurate but would contribute no meaningful insight to the ensuing content. Witty or frivolous titles that include oblique references to classic literature or popular culture such as “to treat or not to treat” or “you can’t always heal what you want” should be reserved for editorials or commentaries, not used for research reports and reviews. The best title indicates the article’s content with sufficient detail to attract the attention of potential readers but with reasonable brevity.

The peer review process at *Pharmacotherapy* for submitted manuscripts includes an evaluation of whether a manuscript’s title is effective and appropriately conveys the content of the submission. A result of this editorial review are sometimes suggested changes in titles to attract a larger readership. Authors should carefully consider the wording of titles before submission and heed any suggestions after editorial review.

**New JACCP Feature Offers BCPS Credit**

The new *Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP)* not only provides updates on a wide range of clinical pharmacy practice issues, but also serves as a new source for BCPS recertification credits. Each February, June, and October issue of *JACCP* will contain the new *PSAP in JACCP* feature. This new interactive feature has been developed as an update to a topic published in the popular Pharmacotherapy Self-Assessment Program (PSAP). Each feature consists of two parts:

1. A series of PDF pages with learning objectives, abbreviations list, baseline knowledge statements, additional readings, reference list, self-assessment questions, and a link to the interactive online feature. These pages are listed as *PSAP in JACCP* in the journal’s table of contents.

2. A series of patient cases and practice scenarios, each with an annotated key that provides a detailed explanation and justification for the correct and incorrect answers. These webpages are accessed from a hyperlink included in the journal’s PDF pages.

**PSAP in JACCP** content is free for ACCP members. If members choose to purchase the continuing education credit, successful completion of the self-assessment questions will award board-certified pharmacotherapy specialists with 1.5 hours of BCPS recertification credit that is available for 6 months after the issue’s release. In addition, 1.5 hours of continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit will be available for 3 years after the issue’s release. The front matter for each feature contains a hyperlink to purchase the required posttest for credit.

“Hepatitis C Infection” is the *PSAP in JACCP* feature in the journal’s October 2018 inaugural issue. For more information, see the journal’s table of contents when you click, “Read JACCP” at www.accp.com/journal/jaccp.aspx.

**BPS Seeks Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialists to Serve on Pharmacotherapy Specialist Role Delineation Study Panel**

The Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) has issued a call for applications to serve on its Pharmacotherapy Specialist Role Delineation Study Panel. This role delineation study is a critical step in developing the materials needed to ensure the relevance of the upcoming BPS pharmacotherapy certification examination to clinical practice. Prospective panelists must be available for, and commit to, an in-person meeting in the Washington, D.C.–area on February 9–10, 2019, as well as a follow-up conference call. As part of the 2-day February meeting, panelists will review and update the critical tasks, knowledge statements, and skills needed to demonstrate competency as a pharmacotherapy specialist.

Prospective panelists must be board certified in pharmacotherapy (i.e., hold a current BCPS credential). BPS will carefully consider applications to ensure the panel is composed of clinical specialists representing a variety of practice settings and geographic regions.

Board-certified pharmacotherapy specialists interested in being considered must apply by November 20, 2018. The process of evaluating applications and selecting panelists will be completed and the results announced by November 30, 2018. BPS will reimburse panelists’ travel costs associated with this activity. Visit the BPS website [here to apply](www.bps.org).
research awards of up to $5000 and (2) junior investigator and fellow research awards of up to $40,000.

The 2019 request for applications will be posted January 15, 2019; applications will be due May 15, 2019; and awards will be announced August 15, 2019. For more information, visit www.accpfoundation.org/futures.

Congratulations to the 2018 ACCP-PAC PRN Challenge Winners!

For the fourth consecutive year, in conjunction with the ACCP 2018 Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Seattle, Washington, ACCP-PAC organized the Political Action Committee (PAC) PRN Challenge to determine which PRNs can generate the greatest PAC support. Throughout the 2018 challenge, PRN members who contributed to the PAC online could designate a PRN to receive credit for their contribution. This year’s PRN Challenge recognized two winners:

- Perioperative Care PRN for the highest percentage of members who contributed.
- Pain and Palliative Care PRN for the most total dollars raised.

In recognition of their support, the winning PRNs will receive a coveted preferential timeslot for their PRN business meetings at the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting in New York, New York, October 26–29. ACCP-PAC would like to thank all ACCP members who participated in this year’s challenge and contributed to ACCP-PAC.

Why Does ACCP Have a PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is a registered, federally regulated “separate segregated fund” organized to raise and spend money that helps support candidates for congressional office.

In 2010, the ACCP Board of Regents established ACCP-PAC to allow the College to actively support the campaigns of members of Congress who share the College’s core values and policy vision, just as ACCP is active in asking these elected officials for their support in advancing the College’s shared policy goals. Running for federal office is expensive, and members of Congress rely on contributions from PACs to fund their campaigns.

ACCP-PAC is nonpartisan and supports candidates regardless of political party affiliation. ACCP-PAC is member-driven, and its strategic policy decisions – including those related to which candidates receive financial contributions from ACCP-PAC – are made by the PAC Governing Council.

Although we are realistic about the continued dysfunction in Washington, D.C., and the lack of focus at the leadership level on many of the key health policy questions facing our country, we are encouraged by the depth of understanding across congressional and agency offices and at a staff level on complex issues such as team-based care implementation and the energy and creative thinking we see in moving these issues forward.

PAC contributions allow ACCP members to collectively donate to support members of Congress who understand that medication optimization by “getting the medications right” is central to the success of team-based patient-centered, quality-driven health care delivery and payment.

To contribute, visit the ACCP-PAC website at www.accpaction.com.
2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge
Registration Now Open:
Local Competition Exam Available

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge

Critically evaluating and applying primary literature is an essential skill for clinical pharmacists. Research and scholarship contributes to improved health outcomes for patients and advances in the profession of clinical pharmacy. This innovative and unique competition offers teams of three pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and the chance to submit a clinical research proposal. Plan now to participate in 2019. Team Registration Deadline: February 6, 2019.

Registration

Students are not required to be ACCP members to participate. Team registration should 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. The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2019 ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is February 6, 2019. For additional competition information, including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click here. Register Now.

Eligibility

Participation in the ACCP Clinical Research Challenge is voluntary, and no entry fee is required. The competition is only open to pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree from an accredited institution or one that has been granted candidate status who are in the first 2 years of their first professional pharmacy degree program (P1 and P2 students for 4-year programs; P1 and P2 students for 3-year accelerated programs and the first 2 professional years of 0-6 or 0-7 year programs). Only one team per institution may enter the competition. Institutions with branch campuses, distance satellites, or more than one interested team are encouraged to conduct a local competition. ACCP provides a written examination that institutions may use as a basis for their local competition, if they desire. This examination for 2019 is now available and may be requested by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member via e-mail. Please address your e-mail request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

Format

All eligible teams in 2019 will have the opportunity to compete in round 1: Online Journal Club. Teams achieving the top 40 scores after round 1 will advance to round 2: Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission. In the event of a tie, the top 40 scores will be determined by the time it takes the teams to complete the online journal club exam.

Teams advancing to round 2 will be provided information regarding the research environment, which will include a specified budget and timeline in which the proposed research must be completed. Eligible teams will have 2½ weeks to develop and submit an LOI online following the criteria outlined here.

Teams achieving the top 20 scores after the LOI round will advance to round 3: Research Protocol Design and be invited to submit a complete research proposal. Teams will be notified regarding their status to participate in round 3 via e-mail by March 25, 2019. Proposals are due by April 19, 2019, at midnight (CST). For more information on round 3: Research Protocol Design, click here.

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