Registration Now Open for 2020 ACCP Spring Forum

Mark your calendar for the 2020 ACCP Spring Forum, to be held April 25–26 at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri. Registration is now available at www.accp.com/sf.

The 2020 ACCP Spring Forum will offer four meetings in one, with (1) ACCP’s nationally recognized and proven preparatory review courses in Pharmacotherapy and Critical Care; (2) ACCP’s Academy programming highlighting best practices in Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning; (3) ACCP’s Clinical Practice Forum, and (4) ACCP’s popular Emerge from the Crowd programming for students.

Preparatory Review and Recertification Courses in Pharmacotherapy and Critical Care

ACCP’s preparatory review and recertification courses are designed for pharmacy professionals preparing for the specialty certification examinations administered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS), for specialists seeking recertification through continuing education, and for those seeking a self-paced refresher of pharmacotherapeutic management of specialty-specific conditions and contemporary clinical practice topics.

ACCP Academy Programming

The ACCP Academy offers a flexible, curricular approach to enhancing the participant’s skills and experience through one of three professional development programs: Leadership and Management, Research and Scholarship, or Teaching and Learning. Participants learn actionable concepts and skills that are immediately applicable to their professional pursuits.

Clinical Practice Forum

The 2020 Clinical Practice Forum will offer a series of hands-on, interactive programs to help practitioners develop and enhance their clinical pharmacy services to deliver comprehensive medication management (CMM). Attendees will get a first look at an exciting new interactive web-based platform to aid practitioners in CMM implementation and evaluation. In addition, the program will include content on developing business plans for implementing and scaling, incorporating quality metrics, and expanding CMM into the telehealth environment, among other contemporary topics. Click here to see the schedule and learning objectives of the forum’s presentations.

Emerge from the Crowd

Emerge from the Crowd is designed for first-, second-, and third-year pharmacy students who plan to pursue postgraduate residency training. The 2020 workshop will engage students in interactive sessions on navigating the residency application process, writing an effective letter of intent, creating a distinguished curriculum vitae, and successfully interviewing.
Biostatistics Premeeting Workshop

In addition to the preparatory review and recertification courses, the ACCP Academy programs, the Clinical Practice Forum, and the Emerge from the Crowd workshop, the 2020 ACCP Spring Forum will include the premeeting workshop *Fundamentals of Biostatistics and Clinical Trial Design*, to be held Friday, April 24. The 2020 workshop will offer 5.0 hours of continuing pharmacy education and/or recertification credit in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Pediatric Pharmacy, and/or Pharmacotherapy.

Poster Presentations and Abstract Submission

Deadlines

Scientific/professional poster sessions will also be presented at the 2020 ACCP Spring Forum. These sessions will occur Friday, April 24, and will be open to all attendees registered for the meeting. Regular abstracts are due February 10 and research-in-progress abstracts are due March 10. For abstract details, FAQs, and to submit an abstract, click here.

Hotel and Meeting Registration

ACCP has selected the Parkway Hotel as the headquarters hotel for the 2020 ACCP Spring Forum. This hotel is conveniently located next door to the St. Louis College of Pharmacy campus. The hotel is offering ACCP meeting attendees discounted room rates ($142.00 king bed/$152 two double beds, plus taxes). To make a reservation within the ACCP discounted room block, click here, or call the hotel at (314) 256-7777 and ask for dis-counted room block #9443. The discounted room rate is based on availability and is available through April 3, 2020. Plan to register for the meeting and book your hotel room early. Early-bird registration rates expire March 27. Register online today to take advantage of these savings.

Opportunities for 2019 Recertification Credit

There is still time to earn recertification credit before the end of the year. ACCP registers recertification credits with the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) as of the date of test submission. This means that any posttests successfully submitted before midnight (CST) on December 31 will earn 2019 credits.

ACCP has several products currently available for board specialty recertification credit. Many of these products will be available for recertification credit through the second quarter of 2020. Posttests successfully submitted after January 1 will earn 2020 credits. Content and available recertification credit hours for select current ACCP releases are as follows.

Pharmacotherapy

*PSAP 2019 Book 3 (Endocrinology and Nephrology)* focuses on evidence-based management strategies incorporating new clinical trial data and clinical guideline information on endocrine- and nephrology-related diseases. The central theme is the application of evidence-based guidelines to patient care and individualization of pharmacotherapy to meet unique patient needs. This book contains four learning modules offering up to **22.0 BCPS recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **March 16, 2020**.

The *Clinical Reasoning Series in Pharmacotherapy, 2019 Home Study Edition: It’s All in the Head; Updates in Neuropsychiatric Pharmacotherapy in the Big and Small* consists of two educational activities: one addressing substance abuse and the second addressing headache/migraine. Each activity discusses treatment strategies in adults and provides guidance on treating pediatric, adolescent, and peripartum patients. This program is approved for up to **6.0 hours of recertification credit for BCPSs and/or BCPPSs**. The recertification test deadline is **May 15, 2020**.

The *2019 Updates Plus in Pharmacotherapy Webinar Recordings* webinar provides an overview of major guidelines released between spring 2019 and October 1, 2019. This webinar offers up to **2.0 BCPS recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **May 6, 2020**.

The December 2019 issue of *JACCP* includes *PSAP in JACCP: Complex Management of Atrial Fibrillation,* This interactive case has been developed for pharmacotherapy specialists and advanced-level clinical pharmacists caring for patients with atrial fibrillation. Complete the interactive case in *JACCP* and then purchase the self-assessment test to earn up to **1.5 BCPS recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **June 9, 2020**.

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy*-

*A CSP 2019 Book 2 (Infection Primary Care)* presents evidence-based updates on managing drug therapy for ambulatory care patients with infectious diseases. Book modules cover treatment guidelines from a variety of organizations and publications, as well as non-pharmacologic remedies. This book contains three learning modules offering up to **13.5 BCACP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **June 9, 2020**.
This product will contain four modules offering up to 8.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is April 21, 2020.

**Geriatric Pharmacy**

**Cardiac Care Pharmacy**

**Critical Care Pharmacy**

**Infectious Diseases Pharmacy**
Oncology Pharmacy*

2019 Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Home Study Syllabus for Recertification, Volume 2 is a collection of journal articles that focus on advances across the four domains of oncology specialty practice. Topics in this volume include acute leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, NTRK therapy, pediatric cancer, lung cancer, and breast cancer. This volume contains two modules offering up to 9.0 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is January 28, 2020.

The Oncology Guideline, Drug, and Publication Update 2019 Webinar Recording covers the most critical guideline updates from ASCO and NCCN, reviews the most critical publications of interest to BCOPs, and briefly highlights new drug indications and approvals since April 2019. This webinar offers up to 1.5 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is April 14, 2020.

BCOP Clinical Sessions, 2019 Edition will be available Wednesday, December 18. The sessions will explore cutting-edge, contemporary therapeutic topics and demonstrate scientifically sound clinical reasoning and decision-making. The 2019 sessions will include anticoagulation therapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors. This product will contain two modules offering up to 4.0 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is June 17, 2020.

Pediatric Pharmacy

PedSAP 2019 Book 2 (Transplantation) presents evidence-based updates for treating pediatric transplant recipients. This book contains three modules offering up to 17.5 BCPPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is March 16, 2020.

The 2019 Updates in Therapeutics®: Pediatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the pediatric pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course may only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2019 course contains six modules offering up to 21.0 BCPPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is July 16, 2020.

Pediatric Pharmacy

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 half off 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 2020 ACCP Spring Forum to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 25–26, 2020:** 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 online or print study materials available to you at discounted rates.
- **Reduced pricing on any of ACCP's Self-Assessment Programs.** Looking to maintain your BPS certification? ACCP now offers self-assessment programs in each of the following specialties: Pharmacotherapy, Ambulatory Care Pharmacy, Critical Care Pharmacy, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases, Oncology Pharmacy, and Pediatric Pharmacy.

- **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 subscription to *Pharmacotherapy* and *JACCP***: Resident, fellow, and graduate student members receive an online 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 the ACCP website and mail or fax it back to the ACCP 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, 2019, to receive the discounted membership rate. Applications must include the preceptor/program director’s name and the anticipated year of residency/fellowship completion.

### ACCP Academy Spring Programming
**April 25–26, 2020**

Are you seeking to broaden or enhance your professional abilities? Would you like to strengthen your leadership, research, or teaching skills? The ACCP Academy will offer courses that address each of these needs during the [2020 ACCP Spring Forum](https://www.accp.com/events/2020-spring-forum), April 25–26, in St. Louis, Missouri. Academy certificate programs are designed with clinical practitioners, faculty, administrators, and clinical trainees in mind and include courses on interpersonal leadership, attributes of a leader, statistical analysis of research data, regulatory and ethical issues in research, active learning strategies, and assessment of student/resident learning.

Interested in learning more about an Academy program? [Click here](https://www.accp.com/events/2020-spring-forum) to find detailed information on each certificate program, including how to enroll. Have additional questions about a specific program or programming? Contact Jessie Culley, project coordinator, at [jculley@accp.com](mailto:jculley@accp.com).

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**Looking Toward the Future...**

Support pharmacy research, scholarship, and advanced practice with a donation to your foundation.

[Donate Now](https://www.accp.com/foundation/donate).
What an exciting year for ACCP and Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI)! ACCP celebrated its 40th anniversary, Pharmacotherapy completed publication of its 39th volume, and ACCP’s new journal, Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP), marked a successful first year. The PPI board of directors, editors, and editorial teams worked diligently this year to achieve its mission—to disseminate cutting-edge pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy scholarship to improve human health.

We are grateful to so many in ACCP whose contributions helped achieve this and look forward to an even more productive 2020. As PPI kicks off the New Year, I would like to share with you a few highlights and opportunities to engage.

As drug therapy, clinical pharmacy practice, and the publishing industry continue to evolve, PPI strives to identify the best ways to deliver value to its stakeholders—its readers, authors, and reviewers. PPI focuses on developing live programming to promote scholarly development, publishing regular podcasts, disseminating research and resources through social media outlets, and exploring new publications and services. For example, Pharmacotherapy is increasing its impact and relevance as a journal dedicated to clinical pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics by issuing a request for proposals on drug- or drug class–specific consensus recommendations to guide the use and management of a specific drug or class of drugs to improve health or prevent disease. Potential authors with established records in practice, research, and publication should consider submitting a proposal in 2020. Additional information is available on the Pharmacotherapy website (accpjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/pb-assets/assets/18759114/RFP%20Consensus%20Recs_v3.pdf).

JACCP provides a home for high-quality clinical pharmacy practice research, reviews, and editorials; publication will increase from six issues in 2019 to eight issues in 2020. JACCP published its first themed issue in August 2019, with invited manuscripts focused on clinical pharmacy practice in community settings. A second themed issue on clinical pharmacy practice around the world is planned for publication in 2020. Manuscripts should be submitted by January 15, 2020, to be considered for this special issue.

It has been exciting to see the overwhelming response to JACCP and the many submissions this first year. We appreciate your continued support as the journal expands in the coming year.

PPI’s partnership with its publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, allows its journals to reach a broad audience of libraries and also keeps it on the forefront of advances in the publishing industry. Both Pharmacotherapy and JACCP are hybrid journals, meaning authors may choose to publish under the terms of the journal’s standard copyright agreement or as Online Open under the terms of a Creative Commons License. As an ACCP member, you have access to both journals, and PPI’s hybrid model allows its authors the option to expand readership beyond traditional subscribers. The PPI board of directors, journal editors, and editorial staff will continue to assess the evolving publication environment and seek input to guide decisions such as this to provide readers optimal opportunities.

Our journals continue to increase their social media presence, and we hope you will engage with our editors and authors on Twitter (@PharmacoJournal and @JACCPJournal) and Facebook (@pharmacotherapy). PPI is committed to the clear vision of improving human health through disseminating high-quality pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy scholarship in 2020, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the success of ACCP and our journals.
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/member-ship/nominations.aspx.

**DEADLINES:**

- **Due February 1, 2020** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded to the nominations portal for the fall 2020 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards) and the 2021 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award.

- **Due February 15, 2020** – Nominations for the 2020 Parker Medal, the 2020 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2020 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs) must be uploaded to the nominations portal.

- **Due April 1, 2020** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded to the nominations portal for the 2020 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator).

**DESCRIPTIONS:**

- **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 ACCP Board of Regents. Current members of the ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. (PPI) Board of Directors, ACCP Credentials: FCCP Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2020.**

- **Paul F. Parker Medal for Distinguished Service to the Profession of Pharmacy**: This award 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 ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2020.**

- **New Investigator Award**: This award highlights the research program of a new investigator 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 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 research program, 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 ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2020.**

- **New Clinical Practitioner 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 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 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 ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2020.**

**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 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 ACCP Board of Regents, ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, ACCP Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2020.**

**May 26–27 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium**

**Call for Abstracts**

If you are interested in presenting your research and other findings from the comfort of your own home (or coffee shop), ACCP invites you to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 2020 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium, May 26 and 27, 2020. All investigators in the field of clinical pharmacy and clinical pharmacology, ACCP members and nonmembers alike, are invited to submit abstracts. There is a $50 fee to submit an abstract.

The deadline to submit abstracts (EXCEPT for Research-in-Progress submissions) is March 30, 2020. The deadline to submit abstracts in the Research-in-Progress category is April 27, 2020.

Posters will be on display May 25–31 for asynchronous viewing and comment. In addition, two interactive sessions will be scheduled on May 26 and May 27, when authors will be available for real-time online question-and-answer sessions alongside their virtual posters. The technology required for presenters and the poster-viewing audience is minimal — a broadband Internet connection and the current version of an Internet browser.

**What is the Virtual Poster Symposium?**

Travel, funding, and work schedules often make it difficult for participants to attend a conference in person. The ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium is designed for those unable to attend and present their findings at a live conference or symposium. The symposium enables participants to present their research to peers and interact with colleagues from around the globe.

After online submission, if an abstract is accepted, a poster is created and saved in standard PDF format. The poster is then made available for viewing by all attendees during the designated dates of the Virtual Poster Symposium. Presenters will be assigned a time to be virtually present using an online, real-time chat feature. Presenters will be able to discuss their research with all symposium virtual attendees – seasoned or new practitioners, students, residents, fellows, and even family and friends.

All abstracts accepted for presentation, except for “Encore” and “Research-in-Progress” presentations, will have full-text abstracts published online in *JACCP*. Only the abstract title, authors, and original citation will be published in *JACCP* for “Encore” presentations.

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit [www.accp.com/abstracts/2020vps/](http://www.accp.com/abstracts/2020vps/).
ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Registration
Now Open: Local Competition Exam Available

Clinical Research Challenge
Critically evaluating and applying the 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 2020. Team Registration Deadline: February 5, 2020. 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 wish. The 2020 examination 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 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 required to complete the online journal club exam.

Teams advancing to round 2 will receive 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 by e-mail by March 25, 2020. Proposals are due by midnight (CST) on April 17, 2020. For more information on round 3: Research Protocol Design, click here.

Registration
Students are not required to be members of ACCP 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 2020 is February 5. For additional competition information, including schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click here. Register now.

Washington Report
ACCP Government and Professional Affairs: A Year in Review

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

2019 was another exciting and productive year for ACCP’s Government and Professional Affairs team based in Washington, D.C. Here are just a few highlights.

ACCP DC-Area Chapter Sixth Annual Capitol Hill Advocacy Day
Over 30 ACCP members joined ACCP’s Government and Professional Affairs team for the Sixth Annual DC-CCP Capitol Hill Advocacy Day. The group was led by Lisa Peters, Pharm.D., clinical specialist pharmacist at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, and included several student pharmacists from the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy - Shenandoah University.

The chapter’s lobbying visits focused on ACCP’s efforts to integrate coverage for comprehensive medication management (CMM) services delivered by qualified clinical pharmacists as part of the overall evolution of Medicare payment policy. In addition, with Congress focused on developing policy solutions to address the opioid crisis, chapter members took the opportunity to urge the full integration of clinical pharmacists into patient-centered health care teams to help ensure the safe, rational prescribing and use of opioids.

Any ACCP chapter or individual member interested in visiting Washington to lobby on Capitol Hill should...
contact ACCP’s Washington office, where staff can help facilitate and support their advocacy efforts.

ACCP Hosts Successful Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum in St. Louis

In April 2019, ACCP’s Patient-Centered Team-Based Practice Forum offered a series of hands-on, interactive programs to help practitioners develop and enhance their delivery of comprehensive medication management (CMM). Building on the success of this one-of-a-kind learning opportunity for clinical pharmacists seeking to implement CMM services, ACCP will offer this year’s Clinical Practice Forum in conjunction with the 2020 Spring Forum on April 25–26 in St. Louis, Missouri. Click here to register today!

Kyle G. Robb, 2019–2020 ACCP/ASHP//VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow

Launched in 2006, this unique fellow program provides the opportunity for a qualified pharmacist to spend 1 year placed within a congressional office or on a congressional committee on Capitol Hill and the government affairs offices of ACCP and ASHP. Pharmacists who participate in the program have the opportunity to gain real-world insight into health care policy analysis and development via immersion in the congressional environment. Fellows are actively mentored in legislative evaluation, policy development, research, and writing while integrating practical experience with theory.

The 2019–2020 fellow, Kyle G. Robb, Pharm.D., currently holds the position of health policy advisor for the minority staff on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. Visit the Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow website for more information on the program and instructions on submitting an application.

ACCP Serves as Founding Board Member to Launch Groundbreaking GTMRx Institute

In April 2019, ACCP joined a group of founding board members – including distinguished primary care physicians and health care leaders; J&J Health Care Services; Medecision, a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation; and Quest Diagnostics – to launch the Get the Medications Right™ (GTMRx) Institute.

GTMRx is dedicated to identifying methods that ensure the effective and appropriate use of medications through team-based, patient-centered care models that recognize appropriately skilled clinical pharmacists as medication experts who work in collaborative practice with physicians and other providers.

- ACCP members are eligible to register as signing members of GTMRx. To receive updates and access to exclusive programming, click here.

ACCP President Suzanne Amato Nesbit Published in the Washington Post

In a Washington Post “letter to the editor,” Suzanne Amato Nesbit, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, CPE, addressed the role of clinical pharmacists; patient-centered, team-based care; and comprehensive medication management in fighting the nationwide opioid epidemic. Click here to read the letter in full.

ACCP’s D.C. Office Welcomes Marcia L. Buck, Director, Clinical Practice Advancement

ACCP’s Washington, D.C., team welcomed Past President (2016–2017) Marcia L. Buck, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPAG, BCPPS, as director, Clinical Practice Advancement. Buck joined the College from the University of Virginia (UVA) Children’s Hospital, where she was a pediatric clinical pharmacy specialist and clinical coordinator in the Department of Pharmacy Services. She has held appointments as professor in the UVA School of Medicine and clinical professor at the VCU School of Pharmacy. She also oversaw the UVA Children’s Hospital PGY2 residency program as residency program director and regularly precepted students and residents as a neonatal intensive care clinician.

ACCP-PAC Launches the PAC Captains Program at the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting

At the 2019 ACCP Annual Meeting in New York City, ACCP-PAC hosted an invitation-only breakfast to formally launch the ACCP-PAC Captains Program, aimed at enhancing PRN engagement in ACCP’s Political Action Committee (PAC) and ultimately increasing the College’s PAC fundraising through the leadership of PRN PAC captains.
ACCP-PAC is a vital asset in ACCP’s ongoing initiative to integrate coverage for CMM services as part of value-based care models within Medicare and across other delivery systems. The PAC is the only means by which ACCP can make campaign contributions to help elect members of Congress who share this vision of a team-based, patient-centered, quality-focused approach to health care and who recognize the need to get the medications right as part of this delivery system through coverage for CMM.

There’s still time to contribute to ACCP-PAC before the College files its year-end report to the Federal Election Commission, publicly declaring its annual fundraising total. You can demonstrate your support for ACCP advocacy initiatives and help build momentum for the PAC going into 2020. Click here to make a contribution today!

ACCP Sponsors Table at PCC Barbara Starfield Awards Dinners – Recognizing Excellence in Advancing Team-Based, Patient-Focused Care

The Primary Care Collaborative (PCC), considered by many the foundation of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) movement, includes key stakeholders such as the American College of Physicians, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the Geisinger Health Plan and Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, all of which, through their endorsement of the PCC CMM Resource Guide, are known in Washington as CMM advocates.

ACCP is proud to participate at a leadership level in this innovative organization. Last year, the College facilitated the successful PCPCC webinar Optimizing Value and Patient Outcomes Through Comprehensive Medication Management. ACCP also provides important financial support for PCC and, for several years, has sponsored a table at the prestigious Barbara Starfield Awards Dinner held at the Capital Hilton in downtown Washington, D.C., which recognizes excellence in advancing the medical home and person-focused care.

BPS Receives Petition to Recognize Emergency Medicine Pharmacy as New Specialty
Public Comment Period Now Open – Submit Comments by December 22

ACCP and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) have partnered to submit a petition to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) seeking recognition of Emergency Medicine (EM) Pharmacy as a specialty, and BPS is seeking comments on this petition.

Six members served on the advisory panel for petition development, including one staff member and two member representatives from each organization. ACCP members Nicole M. Acquisto, Pharm.D., BCPS, and Megan E. Musselman, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS, served as two of the experts involved in the petition development process beginning in January 2019, together with Kathy Pham, Pharm.D., BCPS, ACCP director of Policy and Professional Affairs, as a staff member representative. Acquisto is the EM clinical pharmacy specialist and an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York. Musselman is an EM/critical care clinical pharmacy specialist at North Kansas City Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. ASHP members on the advisory panel included member experts Katelyn R. Dervay, Pharm.D., MPH, BCPS, and Christopher J. Edwards, Pharm.D., BCPS (both of whom also served on the BPS Emergency Medicine Practice Analysis Taskforce), together with Victoria Basalyga, Pharm.D., BCPS, ACCP, as the ASHP staff representative.

The petition and access to comment submission can be viewed on the BPS website. Public comments must be submitted by December 22, 2019. BPS will consider the comments, together with the evidence presented by ACCP and ASHP, to determine whether the criteria for recognizing a new pharmacy specialty have been met.
About MedAllies, Inc.

Founded in 2001 and based in Fishkill, New York, MedAllies is a growing national health information service provider and leader in advancing the use of health information technology to connect providers in real time to improve patient care. With deep expertise in leveraging secure information exchange, MedAllies enables providers to securely, accurately, and instantly transfer and share vital patient information among clinicians.

MedAllies and CPC+

Since 2010, MedAllies has focused on advancing care coordination through its work in practice transformation, notably in supporting practices participating in Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+), a national advanced primary care medical home model under the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) that aims to strengthen primary care through regionally based, multi-payer payment reform and care delivery transformation. This CMMI program offers a care management fee that helps provider organizations grow their team by hiring a variety of professionals, including clinical pharmacists, to deliver patient care. CPC+ also includes payment innovations that help support value. MedAllies engages practice transformation consultants contracted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as CPC+ practice facilitators to provide technical assistance and coaching support to practices in the model. These consultants support three regions in the model: North Hudson-Capital Region (New York), Greater Buffalo, and statewide New Jersey.

MedAllies and ACCP

Since the spring of 2019, ACCP and MedAllies have worked together to promote the adoption of comprehensive medication management (CMM) as a primary care strategy and inform these New York/New Jersey CPC+ regions on the benefits, value, and implementation options for CMM. Collaborative activities between ACCP and MedAllies include:

- Provision of a point of contact and subject matter expert for CPC+ practices at ACCP to pursue additional resources and/or training, if available.
- Presentations by an ACCP representative at regional learning sessions that may expand to virtual sessions with CPC+ practices.
- Maintenance of a feedback loop between MedAllies and ACCP to inform ongoing policy and content development.

Kathy Pham, Director, Policy and Professional Affairs, gives a presentation in collaboration with MedAllies, Inc. at a regional learning session in Bridgewater, NJ.

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Through this partnership, ACCP can educate CPC+ practice facilitators on the ongoing work of ACCP members in CPC+ practices, disseminate learnings and implementation resources from the CMM in Primary Care Study, and ultimately improve the adoption of CMM in CPC+ regions.

**ACCP/ASHP/VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program Now Accepting Applications**

The Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program is a collaborative effort of ACCP, the School of Pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University, and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Launched in 2006 under the guidance of ACCP’s C. Edwin Webb, Pharm.D., MPH, longtime director of Government and Professional Affairs and associate executive director (retired), the fellow program consists of unique health care policy learning experiences in the U.S. Congress and the government affairs offices of ACCP and ASHP.

Pharmacists who participate in the program have the opportunity to gain real-world insight into health care policy analysis and development via immersion in the congressional environment. Fellows are actively mentored in legislative evaluation, policy development, research, and writing while integrating practical experience with theory.

The 2020–2021 Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow year will begin in July. The fellow will spend 1 week at the Brookings Institution and 3 weeks each with ACCP’s and ASHP’s government affairs offices. Finally, the fellow will be placed within a congressional office or on a congressional committee on Capitol Hill.

**Current and Alumni Fellows**

The 2019–2020 ACCP/ASHP/VCU Congressional Healthcare Policy fellow, Kyle G. Robb, serves as the health policy advisor for the minority staff on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. After serving in the program, past fellows have gone on to engage in a variety of important roles in health care policy and government.

**Applications for the 2020–2021 Congressional Healthcare Policy Fellow Program**

Candidates must be pharmacists who are U.S. citizens with at least 1 year of residency training or several years of professional experience in providing direct patient care. Preference will be given to pharmacists with demonstrated awareness and or a track record of advocacy regarding health care and/or social issues.

Interested candidates should visit the Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program’s website for more information and instructions on submitting an application, which can be found here.
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