ACCP Foundation Congratulates the 2020 Futures Grants Awardees

As a part of its expanded portfolio of programs, the ACCP Foundation Frontiers Fund continues to support clinical pharmacy researcher development and the advancement of clinical pharmacy research. Through the Futures Grants program, the Foundation’s Board of Trustees seeks to support the development of research skills among student, trainee, and early-career ACCP members with a goal of establishing sustained interest and careers in clinical pharmacy research.

Futures Grants applications were reviewed by an expert panel according to the program’s core review criteria. The ACCP Foundation congratulates the 2020 Futures Grants program awardees.

Junior Investigator Awards:

Lauren Cirrincione, Pharm.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, University of Washington School of Pharmacy – Effect of Gender-Affirming Testosterone Therapy on CYP3A and P-glycoprotein Activities in Transgender Men. Mentor: Mary Hebert, Pharm.D.

Nihal El Rouby, Pharm.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy, University of Cincinnati – Genome-wide Determinants of Antipsychotic-Induced Metabolic Syndrome in UK Biobank and BioVU. Mentor: Melissa DelBello, M.D., M.S.

Resident Award:

Katie Landmesser, Pharm.D., PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Resident, University of Kentucky Healthcare – Comparison of Bayesian and First-Order Kinetics for Calculation of Vancomycin Area Under the Curve. Mentor: Alexander Flannery, Pharm.D.

Student Awards:

Nandini Katti, 2023 Pharm.D. Candidate, Washington State University – Association of Steroidal Urinary Metabolites in Adolescent Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS). Mentor: Bhagwat Prasad, M.S., Ph.D.

Eunjeong (Elena) Shin, BPharm, M.S., 2020 Ph.D. Candidate, University of Florida College of Pharmacy – Mechanistically Optimized Antibiotic Combinations to Combat Resistant *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Mentor: Jürgen Bulitta, M.Sc., Ph.D.

The ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees and staff would like to express their sincere gratitude to the expert reviewers who served on the Junior Investigator and Student/Resident Award Review committees. Members of the Junior Investigator Award Review Committee were William Baker, Erin Barreto, Leo Buckley, Kyle Burghart, Marianne Churchwell, Theodore Cory, Kim Daugherty, Susan Davis, Alexander Flannery, Hyma Gogineni, Paul Gubbins, Ajna Hamidovic, Bernadette Jakeman, Casey Laizure, Keith Olsen, Renee Robinson, and Sony Tuteja (chair). Members of the Student/Resident Award Review Committee were Joseph Bertino, Gayle Brazeau, Abbie Leino, Gary Levin, Claire Mach, Michelle Nielsen, Margaret Noyes-Essex, Katherine O’Neal (chair), and Robert Parker.

The ACCP offices will be closed December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021. Communications will be limited during this time. If you have an urgent issue, please email accp@accp.com.
ACCP Foundation: Why Give?

ESTABLISHING OUR ROOTS

Our long history of success, first as the Research Institute and now as the Foundation, in developing competitive researchers and scholars is evidenced by our record of funding research grants, research fellowships, and investigator training programs.

“Serving as a MeRIT mentor over the past 5 years has been one of the most rewarding times of my career. It is amazing to see how projects get transformed in the MeRIT “crucible”—from initial idea into final product—and the friendships and networking that result!”

Thomas C. Dowling, Pharm.D., Ph.D., FCCP
Assistant Dean, College of Pharmacy and Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Ferris State University

“Grant funding from ACCP was critical to my growth and allowed me the competitive edge to win national recognition and funding. These grants are bridges to larger grants, publications, and eventually, better patient care.”

Susan C. Fagan, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Professor, University of Georgia

EXPANDING OUR MISSION

The Foundation aims to nurture the full spectrum of today’s ACCP membership, which includes practitioners, educators, residents, and students, in addition to researchers. We have ambitious plans, beginning in 2021, to broaden our portfolio of activities.

“The ACCP Foundation has a critical role in ensuring that the future for clinical pharmacy research, education, and practice remains bright and that ACCP continues at the forefront for advancing pharmacist training in these areas.”

Lisa Cavallari, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Associate Professor, University of Florida

THE IMPACT OF ACCP MEMBER SUPPORT

Derived from the Foundation’s strategic priorities, our goal to increase giving from $100,000 to $500,000 annually by 2022 calls for renewed generosity from you, our 19,000 ACCP members, who understand how vital clinical work is.

Your investment in today’s clinical pharmacy professionals—directly supporting excellence in research, practice, and education—generates long-term benefits for patients and society at large.

“Professional organizations have given us opportunities for growth, leadership, and recognition that we would not have gotten in our jobs. Supporting ACCP and the Foundation is a way we can give back and help those coming behind us. The CMM Grant was a gamble, but pharmacists will gain more from this foundational work than we can ever measure. Every little contribution to the ACCP Foundation supports a member with the same potential for success.”

Judi Jacobi, Pharm.D., FCCP, MCCM, BCCCP
Past ACCP President

As we build innovative, sustainable, and cutting-edge programs to advance patient care, we invite you to make a gift to the Foundation at a level that is comfortable for you. Only with our collective commitment will we accomplish significant progress towards improving human health.

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Opportunities for 2020 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. Therefore, any posttests successfully submitted before midnight (CST) on December 31 will earn 2020 credits.

Several ACCP products are currently available for board specialty recertification credit, many of which will still be available well into 2021. Posttests successfully submitted after January 1, 2021, will earn 2021 credits. Content and available recertification credit hours for select current ACCP releases are as follows.

Pharmacotherapy

PSAP 2020 Book 3 (Hematology and Oncology) focuses on evidence-based management strategies incorporating new clinical trial data and clinical guideline information for a variety of hematologic and oncologic diseases. This book contains five learning modules offering up to 21.5 BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is March 15, 2021.

The 2020 Updates in Therapeutics®: Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the pharmacotherapy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains six modules offering up to 23.5 BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is June 15, 2021.

The Clinical Reasoning Series in Pharmacotherapy 2020 Home Study Edition: Infectious Disease Updates: Challenging the Past and Changing the Future consists of several educational activities and includes practice skills, current evidence, disease management approaches, and future directions of antimicrobial stewardship. This program is approved for up to 6.0 hours of BCPS recertification credit. The recertification test deadline is May 15, 2021.

The Clinical Reasoning Series in Critical Care Pharmacy, 2020 Home Study Edition: Just Say No: Pharmacotherapy Stewardship within the Hospital contains topic areas applicable to adult patients, regardless of their location within the hospital. Given the increased focus on stewardship in the hospital setting and the prevalence of pharmacotherapy stewardship opportunities, each activity discusses common adverse effects secondary to treatment, offers evidence-based treatment and prevention strategies, and provides guidance for implementation in hospitalized adults. The series offers up to 6.0 BCACP and/or BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is May 15, 2021.

Ambulatory Care Pharmacy*

ACSP 2020 Book 2 (Geriatric and Psychiatric Care) presents evidence-based updates on managing drug therapy for older ambulatory care patients with psychiatric and medical comorbidities. This book contains four learning modules offering up to 16.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is January 15, 2021.

ACSP 2020 Book 3 (Gastrointestinal and Nutrition Care) presents evidence-based updates on treating patients with gastrointestinal disorders and nutritional needs. This book contains four learning modules offering up to 15.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is May 17, 2021.
The 2020 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the ambulatory care pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains 19 modules offering up to 25.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is April 13, 2021.

The 2020 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Specialty Recertification Literature Study provides immediate access to peer-selected, contemporary articles relevant to ambulatory care pharmacy practice. The literature study contains two modules: Module 1A: Hypertension with an Emphasis on Combination Therapy and Module 1B: Hot Topics in Diabetes. This product offers up to 8.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is April 20, 2021.

The 2020 ACCP/ASHP BCACP Clinical Sessions will be available Wednesday, December 16. The sessions will explore cutting-edge, contemporary therapeutic topics and demonstrate scientifically sound clinical reasoning and decision-making. Each presentation will focus on a highly relevant ambulatory care pharmacy topic for use in day-to-day practice. Topics will include menopause, secondary stroke prevention, mild cognitive impairment, and obesity strategies. This product will contain four modules offering up to 6.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is December 14, 2021.

Cardiology Pharmacy*

CardSAP 2020 Book 2 (Blood Pressure Disorders) provides evidence-based updates for pharmacists caring for cardiology patients subject to special circumstances. This book contains three modules offering up to 13.5 BCSCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is May 17, 2021.

The 2020 Cardiology Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the cardiology pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains 17 modules offering up to 25.25 BCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is June 22, 2021.

The 2020 Cardiology Pharmacy Specialty Recertification Literature Study provides immediate access to peer-selected, contemporary articles relevant to cardiology pharmacy practice. The literature study contains two modules: Module 1A: Antithrombotic Updates and Module 1B: Heart Failure/Cardiovascular Outcomes. This product offers up to 8.0 BCACP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is April 20, 2021.

Critical Care Pharmacy

CCSAP 2020 Book 2 (Issues in Critical Care Practice) provides evidence-based updates and best practice insights for pharmacists caring for critically ill patients. This book contains three modules offering up to 17.0 BCCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is March 15, 2021.

The 2020 Updates in Therapeutics®: Critical Care Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the critical care pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains five modules offering up to 20.0 BCCCP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is June 15, 2021.

The Clinical Reasoning Series in Critical Care Pharmacy, 2020 Home Study Edition: Just Say No: Pharmacotherapy Stewardship within the Hospital contains topic areas applicable to adult patients, regardless of their location within the hospital. Given the increased focus on stewardship in the hospital setting and the prevalence of pharmacotherapy stewardship opportunities, each activity discusses common adverse effects secondary to treatment, offers evidence-based treatment and prevention strategies, and provides guidance for implementation in hospitalized adults. The series offers up to 6.0 BCSCP and/or BCPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is May 15, 2021.

The 2020 Updates Plus in Critical Care Pharmacy Webinar Recording provides an overview of the major guidelines released between the spring and fall of 2020. This
webinar offers up to **2.0 BCCCP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **November 23, 2021**.

**Geriatric Pharmacy***

The **2020 Geriatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course** provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the geriatric pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains 12 modules offering up to **23.0 BCGP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **April 13, 2021**.

The **2020 Geriatric Pharmacy Specialty Selected Readings: Management of Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis in the Elderly** reviews pertinent topics and provides references to helpful study resources on recent guidelines and current approaches to managing musculoskeletal disorders in older adults. This activity offers up to **3.0 BCGP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **April 20, 2021**.

The **2020 BCGP ACCP/ASHP Clinical Sessions** will be available Wednesday, December 16. The sessions will explore cutting-edge, contemporary therapeutic topics and demonstrate scientifically sound clinical reasoning and decision-making. Each presentation will focus on a highly relevant geriatric pharmacy care topic for use in day-to-day practice. Topics will include menopause, secondary stroke prevention, mild cognitive impairment, and obesity strategies. This product will contain four modules offering up to **5.0 BCGP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **December 14, 2021**.

**Infectious Diseases Pharmacy***

**IDSAP 2020 Book 2 (Resistant Gram-Positive Infections)** focuses on evidence-based strategies for managing antibiotic-resistant gram-positive infections. This book contains four modules offering up to **15.5 BCIDP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **May 17, 2021**.

The **2020 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course** provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the infectious diseases pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains 15 modules offering up to **25.0 BCIDP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **June 23, 2021**.

**Oncology Pharmacy***

The **2020 Oncology Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course** provides a comprehensive review of the knowledge domains covered in the oncology pharmacy specialty certification examination. This course can only be completed for recertification credit up to two times, in nonconsecutive years, during the 7-year recertification cycle. The 2020 course contains 20 modules offering up to **25.75 BCOP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **April 13, 2021**.

The **2020 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 pharmacy specialty practice. Topics in this volume include acute lymphoblastic leukemia, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, colorectal cancer, melanoma and cutaneous malignancies, lung cancer, lymphomas, and head and neck cancer. This volume contains two modules offering up to **8.0 BCOP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **March 16, 2021**.

The **Oncology Guideline, Drug, and Publication Update 2020 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 2020. This webinar offers up to **1.5 BCOP recertification credits**. The recertification test deadline is **October 12, 2021**.
The 2020 ACCP/ASHP BCOP Clinical Sessions will be available Wednesday, December 16. The sessions will explore cutting-edge, contemporary therapeutic topics and demonstrate scientifically sound clinical reasoning and decision-making. The 2020 sessions will cover supportive care and pain management in oncology patients. This product will contain two modules offering up to 4.0 BCOP recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is December 14, 2021.

Pediatric Pharmacy

PedSAP 2020 Book 2 (Cardiology and Nephrology) presents evidence-based updates for treating pediatric patients with various cardiac and/or renal sequelae. This book contains four modules offering up to 21.5 BCPPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is March 15, 2021.

The Clinical Reasoning Series in Pediatric Pharmacy, 2020 Home Study Edition – Volume 1 consists of Module 1: Non-tuberculosis Mycobacterium Treatment in the Pediatric Patient and Module 2: From Theory to Implementation: Prolonged and Continuous Infusion Beta Lactams. This program is approved for up to 10.0 hours of BCOP recertification credit. The recertification test deadline is April 30, 2021.

The Clinical Reasoning Series in Pediatric Pharmacy, 2020 Home Study Edition – Volume 2 consists of Part One: Sexually Transmitted Infections in Today’s Adolescents; Part Two: Contraception and Transition to Self-Care; and Part Three: Advanced Topics in Adolescent Health: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. This program is approved for up to 6.0 hours of BCPPS recertification credit. The recertification test deadline is May 31, 2021.

The 2020 Updates Plus in Pediatric Pharmacy Webinar Recording provides an overview of the major guidelines released since the latest course release. This webinar offers up to 2.0 BCPPS recertification credits. The recertification test deadline is August 17, 2021.

For statements of recertification credit, visit www.bpsweb.org. Questions regarding the number of hours required for recertification by continuing education should be directed to BPS at (202) 429-7591 or www.bpsweb.org.

The ACCP Recertification Dashboard is a free online tool that can track members’ recertification credits earned through ACCP as well as any upcoming products with credit availability. For more information on ACCP publications, visit www.accp.com/store.

*ACCP collaborates with ASHP on ambulatory care pharmacy, cardiology pharmacy, geriatric pharmacy, infectious diseases pharmacy, and oncology pharmacy activities.
ACCP’s 2020 Updates in Therapeutics®:
Pediatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course Now Available!

The 2020 Updates in Therapeutics®: Pediatric Pharmacy Preparatory Review and Recertification Course was released on November 11 and is now available at accp.com. The 2020 course offers up to 21.0 hours of continuing pharmacy education (CPE) credit and provides a self-paced review and refresher program on pediatric-related disease states and therapeutics. The course is approved by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties for recertification in pediatric pharmacy.

Presented by nationally recognized faculty, the program provides an excellent and comprehensive review of the core material and knowledge domains covered in the pediatric pharmacy specialty certification examination using a case-based approach. The course is also an excellent review for pediatric pharmacy practitioners seeking to remain current in all aspects of their practice area and pharmacists interested in pediatric pharmacy, as well as those wishing to renew their BCPPS credential.

The online course includes:

- A preparatory workbook, available as an online collection of PDFs
- Audio-synchronized slide presentations (available in MP3 and MP4 formats)
- Printable slide decks available as PDFs
- Six web-based posttests for earning 21.0 hours of CPE and BCPPS recertification credit

Visit the ACCP bookstore to purchase the course.

Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc. — 2020, A Year Unlike Any Other

James E. Tisdale, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
Chair, Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc.

The year 2020 has been historic. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the world, and its impact on American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) members, health care professionals, and society overall has been transformational. ACCP members have been on the frontlines of caring for patients with COVID-19 and managing the virus’s many pathologic effects.

In a year dominated by a once-in-a-century health care crisis, PPI’s mission to improve human health through disseminating pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy scholarship has become more important than ever. Prospective authors responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by submitting numerous manuscripts on this topic to ACCP’s two journals, Pharmacotherapy and the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP). In 2020, Pharmacotherapy and JACCP published 17 and 13 manuscripts, respectively, related to COVID-19. Several of these papers are among each journal’s most downloaded manuscripts this year.

In 2020, Pharmacotherapy achieved its highest-ever impact factor (3.473). This represents an increase from the previous year’s impact factor of 3.045. As a result, the journal’s ranking among pharmacy and pharmacology journals improved to 83rd in 2020 from 97th in 2019. Downloads of articles published in Pharmacotherapy continue to increase. In 2019, there were around 482,000 downloads of papers published in Pharmacotherapy; by the end of October 2020, Pharmacotherapy manuscript downloads had increased to 546,980. A themed issue on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation was published in 2020, and additional themed issues are planned for 2021. Pharmacotherapy will convert to a new journal design in 2021 to improve readability and increase publishing efficiency. The new design will be adaptable to future innovations.

The progress of ACCP’s newest journal, JACCP, has been striking. JACCP published its first issue in October 2018. In 2020, JACCP increased from six issues annually to eight issues, and the journal will move to a monthly publishing schedule in 2021. This year, JACCP published a themed issue on clinical pharmacy practice around the world, and additional themed issues are planned for 2021. JACCP has applied for indexing in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and Scopus. Similar to Pharmacotherapy, downloads of papers published in JACCP are increasing. In 2019, JACCP articles were downloaded 82,800 times; by the end of October 2020, JACCP articles had been downloaded 91,000 times.

The ACCP Journals podcast audience continues to grow. Each month, a Pharmacotherapy or JACCP editor interviews the authors of selected papers published in the journals, providing deeper insight on the topic of the published manuscript. If you haven’t yet listened to any of these podcasts, I encourage you to explore them at https://anchor.fm/accp-jrnls.

ACCP’s 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). Readers of the journals are increasingly engaged on social media. From 2019 to 2020, the number of Twitter followers of Pharmacotherapy and JACCP increased from 5843 to 7554 and from 1391 to 2523, respectively. This year, both journals unveiled a new award, the Editor’s Choice Award, for which the editor-in-chief
of each journal selects one or two outstanding papers published within the previous 2 years (www.accp.com/report/index.aspx?iss=0920&art=10).

We, the PPI Board of Directors, editors, and editorial teams, are deeply committed to PPI’s mission to improve human health in 2021 and beyond. We look forward to an exciting and productive new year. Our thanks to each of you – authors, reviewers, readers, and all who support ACCP’s journals – for your contributions in 2020 and for helping us continue to advance our mission.

Washington Report
ACCP Government and Professional Affairs
2020 Summary

John McGlew
Director of Government Affairs

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that swept across the globe in 2020 inevitably came to dominate the advocacy work of ACCP’s Government and Professional Affairs team in Washington, D.C. Consistent, however, in this wildly turbulent political environment is our unwavering commitment to advancing clinical pharmacists as essential members of patient-centered care teams delivering services that achieve medication optimization. This commitment is uniquely captured in the current iteration of ACCP’s Strategic Plan, which was published in September 2020. This rigorous process of developing the plan included a comprehensive environmental scan, solicitation for member input to identify and rank new initiatives, and a reexamination of the organization’s mission, vision, and core values.

The 2020 plan reflects ACCP’s continuing focus on developing, advancing, and positioning clinical pharmacists to fully contribute their unique expertise for the benefit of patients and society. The 2020 plan not only extends much of the work launched by the 2017 strategic plan, but also includes many new initiatives, including:

- Establishing development programs for future ACCP leaders
- Pursuing a joint position statement with a physician organization on medication optimization
- The 2020 plan will drive much of ACCP’s agenda over the next 3–4 years and will be instrumental in determining the direction of ACCP’s policy and advocacy work over the coming years. Successful implementation of the plan and advancement of its strategic initiatives will entail the combined efforts of ACCP members through holding office, volunteering for committees and other service opportunities, and contributing their expertise to the College’s programs, publications, and services. Click here to read ACCP’s 2020 Strategic Plan.

Washington Outlook

2021 will welcome a new Congress and new leadership in Washington, D.C. ACCP is optimistic about the potential for meaningful consideration of major health policy initiatives. With the reality of COVID-19 vaccines now upon us, there is a unique opportunity to help policy-makers fully comprehend why medication optimization is an achievable goal through integrating the services of qualified clinical pharmacists into patient-centered, value-based care teams.

2020 Washington Roundup
ACCP Joins with Broad Coalition of Pharmacy Organizations in Sharing Actions Taken Against Racial Injustices

On June 5, 2020, 14 national pharmacy organizations released a joint statement recognizing the critical issues we are facing with the presence of two national pandemics, COVID-19 and racism and discrimination. Recognizing that systemic racism and discrimination continue to contribute to racial and health inequities, the joint statement highlights how pharmacy organizations have begun to take action to ensure that pharmacists uphold the highest standards in providing care:

We have engaged in intentional dialogue, listened and learned from one another, and committed to addressing the crisis of racism directly.... As professional societies, we seek to be accountable to our words by taking action to promote social justice, peace, and healing within our communities.

The update details the collective actions taken to date, those in progress now, and the many yet to be implemented. ACCP members have already seen the College’s commitment to ensuring the organization’s use of practices that embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion in a strategic, meaningful, and enduring fashion in its recently released strategic plan.
ACCP is proud to be part of this important work and shares the optimistic vision of what can be achieved:

The collaborative spirit permeating within our profession is weaving new threads that embrace diversity, honor humanity, and support people of color and other marginalized populations. Through these efforts we seek to ensure that pharmacists and pharmacies uphold the highest standards of care for all.

READ THE FULL JOINT UPDATE

Joint Publication on the Pharmacist’s Role in Dismantling Racism

In November, the Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP) joined with the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education and the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association in publishing an editorial addressing systemic racism. The editorial’s lead author was Vibhuti Arya, Pharm.D., MPH, from St. John’s University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Queens, New York. Arya and colleagues called on pharmacy students, faculty, practitioners, leaders, and organizations to engage in discussion and action to optimize patient health outcomes by combating racism and working to mitigate other negative social determinants of health.

ACCP recently reexamined and reaffirmed with formal articulation a long-held but not previously explicitly stated value – the College’s commitment to embrace diversity and inclusion. The 2020 ACCP Strategic Plan ensures that ACCP will promote the development of clinical pharmacists by ensuring the organization’s use of practices that embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion to fully achieve its mission.


ACCP Leads Collaborative Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Last April, ACCP was proud to lead an interprofessional group of key infectious diseases and epidemiology stakeholders in congratulating the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for recognizing pharmacists as essential members of the care team in the delivery of COVID testing and calling for federal support to ensure appropriate supplies of personal protective equipment for pharmacists providing COVID testing services.

Click here to read ACCP’s stakeholder letter.

Comments to Senate HELP on COVID Testing

ACCP submitted comments to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions calling for the expansion and integration of clinical pharmacists’ services across community practice settings. Click here to read the statement in full.

Multi-stakeholder Student Loan Effort

Expanding on the pharmacist-led effort to seek clarification on student loan forgiveness language, ACCP joined with a coalition of provider organizations and health care stakeholders to support the Strengthening the Public Health Workforce Act. Click here to read the interprofessional stakeholder letter.

GTMRx Institute Issues “Blueprint for Change” Addressing the Need for Optimization of Medication and Gene Therapies

Launched in 2019 with ACCP’s financial backing and leadership, Get the Medications Right (GTMRx) Institute is a multi-stakeholder collaboration formed to ensure the appropriate and personalized use of medication and gene therapies by advancing to a scientific, evidence-based, and cost-effective decision-making process and a team-based, systematic approach to medication use. Since its inception, over 1100 individuals and organizations, including professional organizations, provider groups, patient advocacy and consumer groups, and pharmaceutical, diagnostics, and IT companies – together with employers and payers – have joined GTMRx in this work.

Released in July 2020, the GTMRx Blueprint for Change outlines steps for medication optimization, including adoption of an evidence-based process of care, implementation of CMM, and application of a personalized approach that leads to better care, reduced costs, and improved patient satisfaction and provider worklife. The Blueprint is based on 8 months of multi-stakeholder input and guidance to facilitate, engage, and promote medication optimization. The Blueprint Launch Resource Center contains several other useful items, including an evidence document summarizing key papers, case examples, FAQs, and social media tools.

Get Involved with GTMRx!

ACCP members are encouraged to sign up as members of GTMRx to receive updates and access to exclusive programming. Click here to join this exciting effort today.
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 February 1, 2021** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded in the nomination portal for the fall 2021 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, and Education awards), the 2022 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, and the 2022 elected offices.

**Due February 15, 2021** – Nominations for the 2021 Parker Medal, the 2021 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2020 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs).

**Due April 1, 2021** – Nominees’ supporting documents must be uploaded in the nomination portal for the 2021 Parker Medal and the 2021 “new” awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator).

**DESCRIPTIONS:**

**2021 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, Pharmacotherapy Publications (PPI) Board of Directors, Credentials: Fellowship Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible for consideration. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2021.**

**2021 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Parker Medal Selection Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2021.**

**2021 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 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 Board of Regents, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. **Nomination deadline: February 15, 2021.**
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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 the 2021 competition is February 10, 2021. For additional competition information, including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click here.

About Research!America

ACCP is involved in several collaborations to advance health care. Although most partnerships focus on advancing clinical practice, Research!America advocates scientific research to guide innovation in health care. This alliance has more than 400 member-organizations, including professional associations, academic institutions, hospitals, health care industries, foundations, and philanthropies throughout the United States, as well as international associates, which support the alliance’s goals to:

- Achieve funding for medical and health research from public and private sectors at a level warranted by scientific opportunity and supported by public opinion
- Better inform the public of the benefits of medical and health research and the institutions that perform research
- Motivate the public to actively support medical and health research and the complementary sciences that make advances possible
- Promote and empower a more active public and political life by individual members of the research community on behalf of medical and health research, public health, and science overall

To achieve these goals, Research!America pursues advocacy initiatives that encourage Congress to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and National Science Foundation to keep pace with the needs of the scientific community. The alliance also promotes funding of global health research and supports a legislative and regulatory climate that stimulates growth in research and development. As a component of this work, the alliance’s website provides a wide range of tools for describing the importance of health care research to those outside the field, such as its recent infographics on COVID-19 science and understanding of RNA interference (RNAi), factsheets regarding the return on investment for research in a wide range of diseases and conditions, and survey data reflecting the views of Americans on medical, health, and scientific research from the America Speaks! polls, as well as several advocacy resources.

Research!America also hosts periodic webinars. Recent presentations have included an overview by Rebecca Williams, Pharm.D., MPH, Acting Director, ClinicalTrials.gov, National Library of Medicine, of user response to the modernization initiatives being implemented in the ClinicalTrials.gov registry; a panel discussion of infectious diseases researchers and leaders within the pharmaceutical and pharmacogenomic industries titled “From Nobel Winning Science to Next Generation Treatment: Tracing the Path of a Rare Disease Breakthrough Using RNAI”; and a webinar on the intersection between COVID-19 and mental health. ACCP members interested in the work of this alliance or in attending its webinars are encouraged to follow Research!America on Twitter or Facebook, or sign up here for its newsletters and event announcements.
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