A Closer Look at the Health Outcomes PRN

Overview of the PRN

The Health Outcomes Practice and Research Network (PRN) is focused on providing members with avenues for learning and networking on topics pertaining to pharmacoeconomics, health outcomes, and health services research. Currently, 220 ACCP members are also members of the Health Outcomes PRN. Members include pharmacists from academic and non-academic environments, students, residents, and fellows. In recent years, the PRN has focused on developing enhanced programming and networking opportunities for members at the Annual Meeting, responsive to member interests. For example, at the 2016 business meeting in Hollywood, Florida, we assembled a panel of members to create a "Career Development Corner" to provide attendees with information on topics ranging from experience launching a research career to career development (K) awards to purchasing Medicare data for research purposes. For the upcoming business meeting in Phoenix, we have surveyed PRN members and are incorporating this feedback into our selection of topics/speakers and design of networking opportunities. We have also partnered with the ACCP Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) to design a focus session intended to provide attendees with information about pursuing research grant funding from federal, industry, and other sources.

For residents and fellows specifically, the Health Outcomes PRN offers many opportunities to get involved with activities. Our primary leadership team consists of a secretary/treasurer, a vice chair, and a chair. Each year, we solicit nominations for secretary/treasurer candidates who will commit to 3 years of PRN service, moving to vice chair in their second year and then chair. In addition, each year, members are asked to volunteer for the programming committee, and we appoint a liaison to the Research Institute. Moreover, we offer travel awards to help selected students/residents/fellows attend the Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to participate in the Health Outcomes PRN business meeting and network with other members.