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ACCP Foundation and PPI Merge

"The College," composed of 3 interrelated organizations for the past 30 years, has undergone a structural change. Until recently, ACCP, a 501c6 membership organization, was complemented by two affiliated 501c3 organizations: the ACCP Foundation and Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc (PPI). As depicted in the accompanying figure, the missions of each entity were unique, yet all 3 organizations contributed to the common mission of improving human health.

In mid-2024, the ACCP Foundation Board of Trustees (BOT) and the PPI Board of Directors (BOD) considered merging their respective 501c3 corporations. Separate board meetings were held where both the ACCP Foundation BOT and the PPI BOD approved plans for merging the ACCP Foundation with PPI and renaming it the ACCP Foundation, Ltd. The transitional board of directors maintains proportionate representation from the Foundation and PPI. Former PPI Board Chair James

Tisdale will now serve as chair of the merged entity, and staff support will be led by Foundation Director Keri Sims, in collaboration with ACCP Associate Executive Director Sheldon Holstad. In addressing the rationale for the merger, Tisdale commented,

Merging the two organizations provides opportunities to unite our respective expertise, eliminate administrative redundancies, and increase the impact of strategic initiatives. It also establishes a more robust organization with increased capabilities that extend beyond those of either entity alone. Consolidation of the boards creates a natural synergy by leveraging our collective perspectives, experience, and resources that we believe will position us to support and disseminate more transformative research, scholarship, and practice.

The new ACCP Foundation, Ltd will focus on generating support for pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy research, scholarship, and practice advancement;



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Our mission is to improve human health by extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy through the development, advancement, and positioning of clinical pharmacists to fully contribute their unique expertise to the patients they serve.

SUPPORT

Our mission is to improve human health by supporting research, scholarship, and practice.

DISSEMINATE

Our mission is to improve human health through the dissemination of pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy scholarship.



PHARMACOTHERAPY

SUPPORT AND DISSEMINATE

Our mission is to improve human health by supporting and disseminating transformative pharmacotherapeutic and clinical pharmacy research, scholarship, and practice.

Figure. The Complementary Missions of the College's Entities Pre- and Post-merger of the ACCP Foundation and Pharmacotherapy Publications, Inc

and disseminating top tier scholarship through ACCP's official journals, *Pharmacotherapy* and the *Journal of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP)*.

Gifts to the <u>ACCP Foundation, Ltd</u> can be made to support pharmacotherapeutic and practice-based research, practice advancement/transformation, or dissemination of research/scholarship. Contributions may be mailed, made directly online, given as a donation of an ACCP honorarium, granted through employer matching gift programs, incorporated into estate planning, or made as a qualified charitable distribution from an individual retirement account or charitable trust. Please contact Keri Sims (ksims@accp.com) for more information.

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2025 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium: Call for Abstracts

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline
 - March 24, 2025: Submission deadline for Advances in International Clinical Pharmacy Practice, Education or Training, Case Reports, Clinical Pharmacy Forum, Original Research, Scoping Reviews, and Systematic Reviews/ Meta-Analyses abstracts

 April 22, 2025: Submission deadline for Research-in-Progress abstracts (Students and Residents and Fellows)

Notification of Acceptance

 April 29, 2025: Authors will be notified of acceptance or declination no later than this date.

ACCP invites you to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 2025 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium (VPS), May 20 and 21, 2025. The VPS was launched in 2012 because travel, funding, and schedule conflicts often made it difficult for participants to attend a conference in person. ACCP continues to host the VPS as an alternative means for individuals to present their research and scholarship to peers and engage in dialogue with colleagues.

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 (EXCLUDING Research-in-Progress abstracts) is March 24, 2025. The deadline to submit abstracts in the Research-in-Progress category is April 22, 2025.

Posters will be on display May 17 through May 25 for asynchronous viewing and comment. In addition, 2 interactive sessions will be held on May 20 and 21, when authors and their virtual posters will be available for real-time online question-and-answer interactions. The technology required for presenters and the poster-viewing audience is minimal—a broadband internet connection and a current version of an internet browser.

What is the ACCP VPS?

The VPS involves the electronic submission of an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, a poster is created and saved in standard PDF format. The poster is made available for viewing by all attendees during the designated VPS dates. Virtual poster presenters will be virtually present (EITHER May 20 or May 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. [Eastern time]) via an online, real-time chat feature. Presenters also have the option to offer live Q&A via their preferred video/audio platform (eg, Zoom, Teams, Hangouts Meet) during their assigned poster session. Presenters will be able to discuss their findings with students, residents, fellows, seasoned practitioners, and even family and friends during the symposium. Of important note, attendance at the VPS is free. All are invited to attend—ACCP members, colleagues, friends, and family.

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 <u>http://www.accp.com/abstracts/index.</u> <u>aspx?mc=25VPS</u>.

GTMRx Releases 2024 Summary of Research on the Value of Comprehensive Medication Management

The <u>Get the Medications Right Institute</u> has just released the latest edition of its summary of published research from practice sites using comprehensive medication management (CMM). <u>The Outcomes</u> of <u>Implementing and Integrating Comprehensive</u> <u>Medication Management in Team-Based Care: A Review</u> of the Evidence on Quality, Access and Costs, December 2024, commonly termed the *evidence document*, highlights the best of the studies showing the value of CMM in achieving all 5 aspects of the quintuple aim of health care: providing high-quality care, reducing health care– related costs, improving the patient's care experience, improving health care team members' work-life balance, and achieving health equity.

The 2024 evidence document includes 21 studies, with 5 of the articles published this past year. The new additions include a paper evaluating the impact of CMM on total cost of care in a clinically integrated network that found both lower costs and reduced hospital admissions. A new paper from the Veterans Health Administration documented improvement in the number of patients achieving their diabetes and hypertension goals in clinical practices with greater adherence to the CMM process of care. This edition also features the first report describing the benefits of using CMM to optimize medications in children with complex medical conditions as well as a paper describing implementation of a health equity-informed process to increase recruitment and engagement of patients with hypertension who would benefit from receiving CMM services. As a resource for disseminating the value of CMM, the annual updates of the document continue to reflect the ongoing research in this area and the expansion of CMM into a wider range of practice settings.

The evidence document is a product of the Evidence-Based Resources Subgroup of the GTMRx Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Workgroup. Authors include Shawn McFarland, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCACP; Marcia Buck, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA, BCPPS; and Judith Jacobi, Pharm.D., FCCP, MCCM, BCCCP, all members of ACCP. The Practice and Care Delivery Transformation Workgroup, as well as the other GTMRx workgroups, continues to add new members. ACCP members who are interested in participating in GTMRx are encouraged to <u>become a member</u> and indicate their interest in volunteering for a workgroup.

Top Reasons to Join the Billing and Contracting Academy

What are your goals for 2025?

If gaining knowledge and skills to explore, identify, and implement billing and contracting strategies is at the top of your list, here are some of the best reasons to join the <u>Billing and Contracting for Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy</u> <u>Services Academy program</u>:

- 1. **Specialized Knowledge**: Gain in-depth expertise in billing and contracting strategies tailored to outpatient clinical pharmacy services, a vital skill for clinical pharmacists and pharmacy administrators.
- Navigate Complex Billing Landscapes: Learn to navigate the complexities of billing and contracting across different states, regions, and institutions, ensuring your approach aligns with your unique practice setting.
- 3. Self-Paced Learning: Enjoy the flexibility of on-demand, self-paced modules, allowing you to learn at your own convenience and pace without disrupting your daily responsibilities.
- 4. **Expert-Led Content**: Benefit from modules developed by industry experts in billing and contracting, offering leading-edge strategies and insights into this critical area of pharmacy practice.
- Access to Live Consultancy Sessions: Take advantage of quarterly live consultancy sessions where you can ask peers and experts directly about your specific challenges, ensuring you receive personalized guidance that accelerates your learning and application.
- Networking Opportunities: Develop a professional network by engaging with a community of peers and experts, expanding your connections with individuals who share diverse experiences in billing and contracting.
- Practical Application: Complete real-world application assignments throughout the program, helping you create a customized billing and contracting plan for your specific practice, ensuring immediate applicability to your work.

- Comprehensive Learning Experience: Access a blend of structured on-demand content with some interactive live sessions, providing a wellrounded approach to mastering billing and contracting strategies in outpatient clinical pharmacy practice.
- Career Advancement: Position yourself as a leader in clinical pharmacy by acquiring a valuable skill set that is in high demand.
- **10. Enhanced Practice Efficiency**: Develop the necessary tools to streamline and optimize billing and contracting processes in your practice, ultimately contributing to improved operational efficiency and financial success.

This program provides an excellent opportunity to elevate your skills and make a meaningful impact on your pharmacy practice, benefiting both you and your patients. Your first step to reaching your 2025 goals begins with a visit to ACCP's <u>Billing and Contracting</u> for Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services Academy program.

President's Column Cheers to Progress and Possibilities in the New Year!



Jo Ellen Rodgers, Pharm.D., FCCP, FHFSA, FAHA, BCCP, BCPS

As we kick off 2025, it's a great time to reflect on the past year's victories and look ahead with optimism. In 2024, contrary to the challenges often faced during an election year, ACCP

made remarkable strides in its commitment to advancing clinical pharmacy. Thanks to the leadership of our staff and the unwavering engagement of our members, we've achieved significant milestones that deserve recognition—and **a heartfelt THANK YOU** for your continued support!

Let's take a moment to highlight a few of these accomplishments and the ongoing opportunities where your voice matters.

ADVOCACY WINS AND INITIATIVES Protecting Residency Funding

This past summer, over 1300 ACCP members joined forces to send more than 2600 letters urging Senate leaders to safeguard pass-through funding for PGY1 (postgraduate year one) residency programs. The bipartisan Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act (<u>S 5397</u>/<u>HR 10225</u>), championed by Sen Amy Klobuchar (D-MN),

would solidify Medicare support for pharmacy residency programs. ACCP will continue to work with these offices and leaders on the Senate Finance Committee to protect pass-through funds to hospitals for the operation of pharmacy residency programs. Again, thank you for mobilizing to support this critical funding of residency programs. <u>Click here</u> to send a letter to Congress reminding elected officials to act on this important issue.

SUPPORT Rx Act for Addiction Care

ACCP collaborated with Sen Cory Booker (D-NJ) to develop S 4429, the <u>Substance Use Prevention and</u> <u>Pharmacy Oriented Recovery Treatment Prescription</u> <u>Act (SUPPORT Rx Act)</u>. This act aims to establish pharmacy-based addiction care programs through a 3-year pilot grant. This initiative expands access to lifesaving services provided by clinical pharmacists under collaborative practice agreements. Your advocacy can make a difference. <u>Click here</u> to encourage your senators to support this critical legislation.

Advancing Pharmacogenetic Consultations

After Rep Diana DeGette (D-CO) <u>wrote to ACCP</u> indicating her intention to reintroduce Cures 2.0, she invited ACCP to submit recommendations on the draft proposal. As part of <u>H R 6000, known as "CURES 2.0,"</u> Congress acknowledged clinical pharmacists' key role in delivering pharmacogenetic consultations. This recognition bolsters precision medicine and ensures clinical pharmacists are integral to transformative health care innovations. Let's keep the momentum going—click on <u>https://www.votervoice.net/ACCP/Campaigns/92599/</u> Respond now to send this message to Capitol Hill.

Addressing Medicare Fee Schedules

Last fall, ACCP submitted detailed <u>comments</u> to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services urging coverage and payment for medication optimization services delivered by clinical pharmacists. These efforts also emphasized the need to mitigate proposed cuts to physician payments, which could disrupt collaborative care models.

Supporting Long COVID Research

In August 2024, Sen Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced the Long COVID Research Moonshot Act of 2024, to which ACCP had provided input (<u>click here</u> to read ACCP's comments). This act would provide the NIH with funding to support studies, the pursuit of treatments, and the expansion of care for US patients affected by the condition. ACCP was joined by 47 national and local organizations in endorsing this important initiative. In ACCP's response, the 2022 paper published in the *Journal of the* American College of Clinical Pharmacy (JACCP) titled "<u>A</u> <u>Primer on Post-COVID-19 Conditions and Implications</u> for Clinical Pharmacists" was cited, which explores how clinical pharmacists are essential team members in optimizing the treatment of patients with "post-COVID conditions."

STAFF AND COMMITTEES LEADING THE WAY

Behind-the-Scenes Efforts

ACCP staff and leaders continue to participate in weekly meetings and quarterly in-person meetings with Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners member organizations, including ASHP and APhA. Many members are unaware that ACCP staff are engaged in various initiatives directly affecting clinical pharmacy including:

- participating in monthly task force meetings with the ACT (Academia-Community Transformation) Pharmacy Collaborative,
- -working alongside staff in the American Medical Association and other leading physician organizations to develop templates and resources for collaborative team care, and
- -serving as the primary contact for ACCP member engagement in guideline development by various major medical organizations.

Scope Creep

Last, but not least, ACCP is acutely aware of the efforts of organized medicine to limit "scope creep" by other health professionals. In these efforts, organized medicine has compared quantitatively the education, training, and "patient care" hours of physicians with those of other health professionals including pharmacists. Regrettably, these comparisons are not specific to clinical pharmacists (as defined in ACCP's Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacists) and do not focus on comparative education and training in pharmacology or pharmacotherapy and their applications to patient care and medication optimization. In response, ACCP charged the 2024 Educational Affairs Committee, led by Sharon See, Sheila Allen, and Branden Nemecek, to compose an ACCP Commentary comparing formal education and training in the pharmacotherapeutics of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical pharmacists. The work of this committee will be published in JACCP in early 2025. This work is essential to ensuring our health care colleagues are well aware of our unique contributions to the medical team. A personal thank you to Drs. See, Allen, and Nemecek and all the members of the 2024 Educational Affairs Committee!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In addition to supporting new legislation and serving on ACCP committees, there are many ways to stay involved and contribute to the advancement of clinical pharmacists. Be certain to update your areas of expertise in ACCP's member portal to ensure you're tapped for opportunities aligned with your expertise and skills. Keep an eye out for engagement with ACCP's PRNs through respective PRN communities and remain abreast of announcements by following #ACCP on your social media platform of choice.

Here's to Another Year of Progress!

As we embrace the new year, let's celebrate these wins while recommitting to the work ahead. Together, we can continue to position clinical pharmacists as essential members of the health care team. Let's make 2025 another year of impact and achievement!

Schedule for 2025 FIT/MeRIT Investigator Development Informational Calls

The ACCP Foundation will host informational conference calls for anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation's 2025 programs for pharmacist-investigator development: Focused Investigator Training (FIT) and Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT). The primary purpose of each conference call is to help familiarize potential applicants with each program's process and outcomes. Those interested in learning more about the FIT and MeRIT programs need participate in only one of the informational calls scheduled for each desired program. Contact Sheldon Holstad (<u>shols-</u> tad@accp.com) for videoconference information.

MeRIT informational conference calls:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2025: Noon to 1:30 p.m. (EST)
- Thursday, February 13, 2025: 4:00-4:30 p.m. (EST)

FIT informational conference calls:

- Wednesday, January 29, 2025: 1:00-1:30 p.m. (EST)
- Thursday, February 13, 2025: 5:00-5:30 p.m. (EST)

The FIT and MeRIT programs will be held concurrently from June 2 to June 6, 2025, on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy, in Omaha, Nebraska. Letters of intent to attend either program are due by February 28, and full applications are due by March 31, 2025. For an informational brochure or program application, visit <u>accpfoundation.org/investigator</u>.



Call for Nominations

All nomination materials, including letters, curricula vitae or resumes, and other supporting documents, can be submitted online to ACCP. For all awards, honors, and officer/board positions, the College strongly urges the nomination of qualified individuals who identify as members of underrepresented groups in 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, 2025 – Nominees' <u>supporting doc-</u> <u>uments</u> must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the fall 2025 awards (Robert M. Elenbaas Service, C. Edwin Webb Professional Advocacy, Russell R. Miller, Clinical Practice, Education, and Excellence in DEIA) and the 2026 elected offices.

Due February 15, 2025 – <u>Nominations and support-</u> <u>ing documents</u> for the 2025 Parker Medal; nominations for the 2026 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award, the 2025 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator), and the 2025 ACCP Fellows (FCCPs).

Due April 1, 2025 – Nominees' <u>supporting documents</u> must be uploaded in the nominations portal for the 2025 "new" awards (New Investigator, New Clinical Practitioner, and New Educator) and the 2026 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award.

DESCRIPTIONS:

2025 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, 2025.

2025 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, 2025, including supporting documents.

2026 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2025. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2025, as noted above.

2025 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 gualifications 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, 2025. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2025, as noted above.

2025 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 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2025. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2025, as noted above.

2025 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, Foundation Board of Trustees, PPI Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or ACCP staff are ineligible. Nomination deadline: February 15, 2025. Supporting documents are due April 1, 2025, as noted above.



ACCP Commentary

Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility: Alignment with the mission and core values of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy



FCCP Nominations Due February 15

Are you planning to nominate a colleague for Fellowship in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (FCCP)? Fellowship in ACCP recognizes excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy and is awarded to individuals who have made sustained contributions to the College and demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

To be considered for Fellowship, candidates must be nominated by any of the following: 2 full members of ACCP, 1 Fellow of ACCP, or a member of the Board of Regents. Separate letters of recommendation are not required or considered in the evaluation process. Nominees for FCCP must (1) be Full Members of ACCP for at least 5 years, (2) have been in practice for at least 10 years since receipt of their highest professional pharmacy degree (Pharm.D. or BS), and (3) have made sustained contributions to ACCP.

Once the nomination period closes, eligible nominees receive email notification of their nomination and are asked to submit the necessary application materials to be considered for recognition as a Fellow. Completed applications are reviewed by the Credentials: Fellowship Committee and subsequently submitted to the ACCP Board of Regents for approval.

After nomination by their colleagues, Fellow candidates undergo a comprehensive evaluation of their service to the College and their practice and research accomplishments. Persons nominated as a Fellow must have made a substantial contribution to ACCP through activities such as presentations at College-sponsored meetings; service as a reviewer for ACCP, Pharmacotherapy/ JACCP, or the ACCP Foundation; contributions to College publications; service as a committee member; or contributions as a Practice and Research Network chair, chapter officer, or elected ACCP officer or regent. Practice and research criteria evaluated by the committee include examples of patient care service or educational programs developed by the nominee; certifications or other credentials earned; drug therapy management responsibilities; educational presentations; consultantships; service to publications; original research presentations, projects, funding, and publications; and other professional activities and awards.

Newly elected Fellows are inducted during the College's Annual Meeting and recognized at the Annual Fellows Dinner. Fellows may be recognized by the initials "FCCP" as part of their title as long as they are ACCP members in good standing. Nominations for FCCP are submitted online at <u>www.</u> <u>accp.com/membership/nominations.aspx</u>. The deadline for submission of nominations for 2025 Fellowship is February 15. For more information about nominating or becoming a Fellow of ACCP, email <u>membership@</u> <u>accp.com</u>.

ACCP Clinical Research Challenge Online Team Registration Deadline Approaching: Register by February 5, 2025

Clinical Research Challenge



ACCP's innovative and unique competition offers teams of 3 pharmacy students the opportunity to participate in an online journal club and the chance to submit a clinical research proposal. Plan now to <u>participate</u> in 2025. Team Registration Deadline:

February 5, 2025.

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- to 6-year or 0- to 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. This examination may be requested by the ACCP faculty liaison or registering faculty member by email. Please address your email request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

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 2025 team registration and confirm eligibility is **February 5, 2025**. For additional competition information including the schedule, FAQs, and sample questions, click here.

Washington Report ACCP-PAC Advocacy Update: Opportunities for Clinical Pharmacy in the 119th Congress

John McGlew Director of Government Affairs

ACCP-PAC is the political voice of the clinical pharmacy profession. It is the only federal political action committee dedicated specifically



to advancing the practice of clinical pharmacists and the care of their patients. As the 119th Congress gets underway on Capitol Hill, ACCP-PAC has been active in its bipartisan support for members of Congress who have demonstrated leadership on issues important to ACCP members, such as Medicare funding for pharmacy residencies.

Through your support for ACCP-PAC, members of the College can attend fundraising events that provide a unique setting for educating representatives and senators about the essential work of clinical pharmacists in improving medication outcomes on behalf of patients.

ACCP-PAC recently attended an event hosted by Rep Earl L. "Buddy" Carter (R-GA), who is one of just 2 pharmacists currently serving in the US Congress.



ACCP's Senior Director of Government Affairs, John McGlew (right) discusses potential opportunities for clinical pharmacy with Congressman Carter at a 2024 Capitol Hill event.

About Representative Carter

Representative Carter is a pharmacist currently serving as the representative for Georgia's First Congressional District. The district is based in Savannah and includes most of the state's coastal southern area. Representative Carter was first elected to Congress in 2015 after serving the people of Georgia as a state representative (2005-2009) and state senator (2009-2014).

Representative Carter is a well-established leader on health care issues in Congress and will serve as chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health for the 119th Congress. In this powerful role, Representative Carter's committee will hold jurisdiction over key provisions in the Medicare program.

In a statement, Representative Carter highlighted his health care background:

As a pharmacist for more than 40 years, I am thrilled to sit atop the Health Subcommittee for the 119th Congress.... The goal of this subcommittee is as straightforward as it is consequential: help Americans live healthier and longer lives. We will work toward this goal, in lockstep with President Trump, to tackle our nation's chronic disease epidemic, increase price transparency, incentivize competition, combat harmful health care consolidation, fight the scourge of fentanyl, and build a health care system that puts patients before profits. Through transparency, competition, and innovation, we will Make America Healthy Again.

ACCP's Priorities for the 119th Congress

ACCP's top advocacy priority on Capitol Hill is to establish Medicare coverage and payment for comprehensive clinical pharmacy services that optimize medication use for patients. Beyond this vital initiative, ACCP will work with its pharmacy colleagues and other key health care stakeholders—including physician organizations to advance the following legislative efforts in the 119th Congress:

Protecting PGY1 Residency Funding

Substance Use Prevention and Pharmacy Oriented Recovery Treatment Prescription Act (SUPPORT Rx Act)

Advancing Medicare Coverage for Pharmacogenetic Consultations

About ACCP-PAC

ACCP's Political Action Committee (PAC) allows the College to participate in political campaign activities that strengthen its relationships with key policymakers on Capitol Hill. Providing financial support to influential leaders helps raise the profile of clinical pharmacy and demonstrates ACCP's ideological commitment to its core mission.

To maximize its impact, ACCP must be strategic in targeting its limited resources to the health policy leaders best placed to advance its agenda. Here's how ACCP's leaders decide who should receive financial support. Consistent with all of ACCP's initiatives, ACCP-PAC is member driven and is managed by a <u>Governing Council</u>, which is responsible for decisions related to how PAC money is spent.

- ACCP-PAC is nonpartisan—committed to working with health policy leaders across all political parties and ideologies.
- ACCP-PAC supports candidates on the basis of their alignment with ACCP's mission to advance the profession and improve human health through research, training, and education.
- ACCP-PAC strategically targets members of Congress who sit on committees with jurisdiction over health care. In the Senate, ACCP-PAC primarily supports members on the Finance Committee and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. In the House, ACCP-PAC focuses on those who sit on the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee.
- ACCP-PAC is committed to transparency—all contributions are reported to the <u>Federal Election</u> <u>Commission</u>, and the information is available to the public.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 ACCP-PAC PRN Challenge!

- Community-Based PRN: Total Dollars Raised
- Perioperative Care PRN: Percentage of Participating PRN Members

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 challenge! The winning PRNs will receive coveted preferential time slots for their business meetings at the 2025 ACCP Annual Meeting.

Outlook for ACCP-PAC in 2025

Despite the well-documented political dysfunction in Washington, ongoing conversations with congressional leaders continue to demonstrate solid, fundamental support on Capitol Hill for the core policy driving ACCP's effort to establish Medicare coverage for clinical pharmacists' services that optimize medication use for patients.

Looking ahead to the 119th Congress, ACCP has an opportunity to raise its profile on Capitol Hill by providing financial support for policymakers who work with the College to advance its issues. It is vital that ACCP be able to provide support to its friends in Congress so that these leaders can remain in Washington to advance policies that meaningfully address the health care issues the nation currently faces.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

VCU/ACCP/ASHP Congressional Health Policy Fellowship Applications Due January 31, 2025

<u>Clinical Research Challenge Team Registration</u> <u>Deadline</u> February 5, 2025

FIT/MeRIT Letters of Intent to Apply Due February 28, 2025

ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium - All abstract categories (except Research-in-Progress) Due March 24, 2025

FIT/MeRIT Full Applications Due March 31, 2025

ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium - Student, Resident or Fellow Research-in-Progress Due April 22, 2025

2025 ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium May 20 & 21, 2025

2025 ACCP Annual Meeting *October 18–21, 2025*

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

PAC contributions are a constitutionally protected part of the US political system under the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. ACCP-PAC is the only means through which the College can provide financial support for candidates for Congress. With its 16,000 members, ACCP is in a position to become one of the most prominent pharmacy PACs in Washington. To do this, the College needs the widespread support of its membership. All ACCP members should consider donating at least \$25 to ACCP-PAC. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to support your PAC today!

ACCP Oncology Genomics Certificate Program Begins March 4

This unique certificate program blends interactive live online learning (by Zoom) with self-study programming to equip clinical pharmacists with the necessary skills to apply oncology genomics to practice. From March 4 through May 19, participants will acquire skills to interpret genomic reports, develop treatment plans on the basis of genomic data, interact with an interprofessional molecular oncology team, and learn strategies for implementing a Molecular Tumor Board at their own institutions.

Expert faculty will lead weekly online sessions that provide foundational knowledge about somatic genomics, next-generation sequencing (NGS), and necessary tools for interpreting NGS reports to develop effective treatment plans. Faculty will delve into pertinent oncology specialty topics, including lung cancer genomics, gynecologic cancer genomics, and hematologic malignancies. Strategies for implementing a Molecular Tumor Board will be demonstrated together with exploration of related ethical, legal, and social issues for consideration. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in facilitated discussions, receive mentorship to solidify learning, and gain practice through practice sessions and case-based presentations with peers. Selfstudy modules and exercises will reinforce program topics.

Registered participants who complete this program will receive a certificate of completion and 2.0 CEUs (20.0 contact hours).

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the learning objectives, program faculty, and scheduled activities and to register.

	Registration Rates (<i>Note:</i> There will also be a separate nominal registration fee for Canvas LMS).
Members	\$390
Nonmembers	\$690

Member Recruiters

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