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Rhoney Chosen ACCP President-Elect



Denise H. Rhoney, Pharm.D., FCCP, FNCS, MCCM, was chosen as ACCP president-elect in the annual elections held this past spring. Rhoney is the Ronald and Nancy McFarlane Distinguished Professor in the Division of Practice

Advancement and Clinical Education at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She received her B.S. degree in pharmacy and her Pharm.D. degree at the University of Kentucky, where she also completed pharmacy practice and critical care residencies. In addition, she completed a clinical research fellowship at UNC/Glaxo. Throughout her career, Rhoney has built a multidisciplinary research program as an investigator on numerous clinical trials. Her research focuses on answering research questions directed toward improving the care of critically ill patients with neurologic injury through optimizing medication dosing and administration. Rhoney has served ACCP as a member of the Annual Meeting Programming Committee, chair of the Programming and Membership committees, member of the Research Committee for the Critical Care PRN, and chair of the Programming Committee for the CNS PRN. She was elected trustee and chair of the ACCP Foundation and serves as a MeRIT program mentor. She recently served on the ACCP Task Force on Residency Training and the Educational Affairs Committee.



In other election results, John M. Allen, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, BCPS, BCCCP, was selected as ACCP treasurer, and Deborah S. Bondi, Pharm.D., FCCP, FPPA, BCPS, BCPPS, and Sandra L. Kane-Gill, Pharm.D., M.Sc., FCCP, FCCM, were selected as regents. Allen is the associate dean for Student Success, Wellness, and Community Engagement and clinical associate professor at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy (UFCOP) and the program director for the



UFCOP Health Disparities Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. Bondi is a pediatric clinical pharmacy coordinator, clinical pharmacy specialist in the neonatal intensive care unit, and PGY2 pediatric pharmacy residency program director at

the University of Chicago Medicine, Comer Children's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Kane-Gill is a tenured professor and interim chair of pharmacy and therapeutics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and a critical care medication safety pharmacist in the Department of Pharmacy at UPMC.





Titilola M. Afolabi, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPPS, and Katie J. Suda, Pharm.D., M.S., FCCP, were each elected to 3-year terms as ACCP Foundation trustees. Afolabi is an associate professor at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Pharmacy. Suda is a clinical pharmacy specialist, investigator, and associate director with the VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion and professor at the University of Pittsburgh schools of med-

icine and pharmacy.

Rhoney will begin her term as president-elect after the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in October and will assume the presidency the following year. As president, she will serve as chair of the Board of Regents and guide College programs and activities. In an interview with the ACCP Report, she commented:

Becoming ACCP president-elect is a dream come true! ACCP has been my guiding light, and I'm humbled to lead this incredible organization forward. Imagine the impact we can make by bridging the past, present, and future of clinical pharmacy. We'll solidify our research foundation, champion innovative practices, and truly embody the spirit of advancing patient care. The future of health care and clinical pharmacy is bright, and together with ACCP, we'll blaze new trails!

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Each incoming member of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees will be installed during the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting for 3-year terms. Other candidates for office in the 2024 elections were William Baker, David Burgess, Elias Chahine, Allison Chung, and Mark Shaefer.

Members of the 2023 Nominations Committee who recommended the 2024 slate of candidates to the Board of Regents were Miranda Andrus (chair), Ty Kiser (vice chair), Keith Olsen (secretary), Jill Kolesar, Mary Lee, Eric MacLaughlin, and Kimberly Thrasher.

Phoenix: A Perfect Destination for the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting



This year's Annual Meeting will be held October 12–15 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown/Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona. In downtown Phoenix, attendees will be immersed in

a vibrant urban landscape where comfort, culture, and convenience converge.

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown: Where Comfort Meets Elegance

From well-appointed guestrooms to inviting community spaces, the <u>Sheraton Phoenix Downtown</u> ensures a comfortable stay. Attendees will love networking in the spacious community lobby, thoughtfully designed with exclusive amenities, innovative workspaces, and an energizing atmosphere. Grab coffee, pastries, sharables, and drinks at the café, or take advantage of the on-site dining venues. During downtime, attendees can enjoy the sun-drenched terrace pool or the firstrate fitness facility. To reserve your hotel room at a special discounted rate, visit <u>https://book.passkey.com/ event/50643223/owner/68648/home</u>.

The Sheraton also provides seamless access to the nearby Phoenix Convention Center, where most educational sessions and meeting events will be hosted. To view all meeting highlights and course offerings, visit www.accp.com/meetings/am24/index.aspx.

Downtown Phoenix: A Culinary and Cultural Haven

Downtown Phoenix offers many culinary delights and cultural experiences:

- <u>Wren & Wolf</u>: Start your day with a fresh-baked pastry at Wren & Wolf, a hotspot for breakfast and power meetings.
- <u>Hanny's</u>: Experience trendy American fare and DJ beats at Hanny's, housed in a former department store.
- <u>Arizona Wilderness DTPHX</u>: Beer enthusiasts will love Arizona Wilderness Brewing Company, known

for its locally focused brews and sustainable ethos.

- Arts & Culture: Explore the <u>Phoenix Art Museum</u>, the <u>Children's Museum</u>, and the <u>Heard Museum</u>. Take a self-guided art walk along Roosevelt Row to discover local street art.
- Live Music: Catch performances at <u>The Van Buren</u>, <u>Valley Bar</u>, and <u>Arizona Financial Theatre</u>. Jazz lovers can head to <u>The Nash</u>.
- Theaters: Attend a show at the historic <u>Orpheum</u> <u>Theatre</u> or enjoy classical music at <u>Phoenix</u> <u>Symphony Hall</u>.

Explore the City: Easily Accessible Transportation

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown/Phoenix Convention Center is only a short drive from the <u>Phoenix Sky Harbor</u> <u>International Airport</u>. Phoenix has several ways to move about the city, including public transportation, taxis, rental cars, car services, and ride share services such as Uber and Lyft. You can also try out a driverless ride in an autonomous vehicle with Waymo. For more information on travel, please visit <u>www.accp.com/meetings/</u> <u>am24/location.aspx</u>.

October Weather: A Delightful Escape

In October, Phoenix boasts an average high temperature of 90°F (32° C) and a low of 62° F (17° C). Attendees can expect sunny skies and pleasant evenings. While fall settles in elsewhere, Phoenix remains warm and inviting. Imagine exploring the city without worrying about heavy coats or umbrellas – a refreshing change for meeting attendees.

Secure Early Registration Rates: Register Today

Downtown Phoenix promises a delightful blend of comfort, culture, and culinary experiences. Don't miss your opportunity to connect with friends, colleagues, and mentors at the premier meeting of the year. Early registration rates end September 16, so visit <u>www.accp.com/</u> <u>am</u> today to secure maximum savings and start planning your trip.

Attention Students and Trainees: Apply for 2024 Annual Meeting Travel Awards

Have you thought about attending an ACCP meeting, but have limited financial resources available to cover your travel and registration costs? ACCP and its members want to help!

ACCP Student Travel Awards and Resident/Fellow Travel Awards enable students and postgraduate trainees to attend ACCP meetings by awarding travel stipends and/or complimentary meeting registrations. Apply online now for an award to attend the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting.

How to Apply

Students: Student members of ACCP who are full-time pharmacy students pursuing their first professional pharmacy degree are invited to apply for an award. Applicants are asked to submit a completed application, which includes a CV or resume, two letters of reference, and an essay detailing the applicant's objectives for attending an ACCP meeting. All application materials should be submitted online <u>here</u>. The application deadline is August 30.

Residents/Fellows: To qualify, applicants must be current members of ACCP who are enrolled in a residency or fellowship/full-time graduate studies program at the time of the meeting. Applicants must submit a CV, an essay detailing the applicant's objectives for attending an ACCP meeting, and a personal reference from the residency or fellowship program director or his or her designee. All application materials should be submitted online <u>here</u>. The application deadline is August 30.

For more information on ACCP travel awards, contact <u>membership@accp.com</u>.

Call for Late Breaking Original Research

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Late-Breaking Original Research Submission Deadline
 - August 25, 2024: Submission deadline for Late-Breaking Original Research
- Notification of Acceptance
 - September 6, 2024: Authors will be notified of acceptance or declination no later than this date.

There is still time to participate in the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. **ACCP is now accepting "late-breaking original research" abstracts through August 25 at 11:59 p.m. (PST)**.

Authors of "late-breaking" research with important results are invited to submit their late-breaking abstracts for consideration. This is an outstanding opportunity to present cutting-edge research! All late-breaking original research abstracts accepted and presented by the designated presenting author will have full-text abstracts published online in *JACCP*, an official journal of ACCP. All accepted abstracts will be published full-text in the ACCP Meeting app.

Additional Information:

- Late-Breaker authors will be notified of acceptance/declination no later than September 6, 2024.
- All abstracts accepted and <u>presented</u> will have fulltext abstracts published online in *JACCP*.
- The person presenting the poster must be an author on the abstract and registered for the Annual Meeting.
- Abstracts must summarize quantitative or qualitative findings from *completed* research.
 Examples of acceptable research include basic, clinical, translational, dissemination/ implementation, and educational research.
 Topics should appeal to a clinical pharmacy audience and may include research in drug metabolism, education/pedagogy, health services, medication safety, patient/population outcomes, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, pharmacogenomics, pharmacology, or pharmacotherapy. Abstracts reporting in vitro or animal research are welcome.
 - Abstracts must be structured with the section headers of Introduction, Research Question or Hypothesis, Study Design, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.
 - All abstracts have a 300-word limit.
 - Abstracts will be evaluated on the basis of the merits of the research question/hypothesis, study design, originality, methods, data analysis, results, and conclusions.
 - Descriptions of planned research efforts or preliminary data will not be accepted.



Research-in-Progress Due August 15 Late-Breaking Original Research Due August 25

- A previously presented abstract may form the basis for a new abstract to be submitted for consideration in the Late-Breaking Original Research category if the previous abstract:
 - was a descriptive report of planned research only,
 - described preliminary results only and complete results are now available,
 - was presented at a student, resident, or fellow conference focused on gaining presentation experience and/or formative feedback,
 - was presented at an ACCP Chapter or PRN event, or
 - has added/modified conclusions based on a new hypothesis and data analysis of the original results database.

To review the complete submission instructions, guidelines, and review criteria, or to submit an abstract, visit <u>www.accp.com/abstracts/2024abstracts</u> on the ACCP website.

Available Now: 2024 ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam

The <u>ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam</u> is constructed to simulate the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) Pharmacotherapy specialty examination experience. Composed of 175 questions that reflect the domains and tasks outlined in the BPS Pharmacotherapy Content Outline, the Mock Exam covers a wide range of therapeutic areas you may see on the BPS Pharmacotherapy test.

After completing the Mock Exam, you will receive a personalized test performance analysis – an invaluable tool to help identify your strengths and potential weaknesses as a test taker. This analysis includes the amount of time spent on each question and the types of questions most commonly missed or skipped to help you

refine and target continued study. An answer key containing explained answers and supporting references is also provided.

The 2024 ACCP Pharmacotherapy Mock Exam is available at the discounted price of \$79.95 for ACCP members and \$124.95 for nonmembers. Purchase the 2024 Mock Exam at the <u>ACCP Bookstore</u> today.

Practice Advancement Programming at the 2024 Annual Meeting

We invite you to attend Annual Meeting sessions showcasing member expertise in practice advancement. Join us Saturday, October 12, at 9:45 a.m. for a session titled "The 340B Drug Pricing Program: Leveraging to Build Clinical Pharmacy Services." This session is designed for clinical pharmacists and clinical pharmacy administrators who wish to learn more about opportunities to leverage the 340B Drug Pricing Program to improve patient care and support clinical pharmacy services. The first presentation by Dr. Adriane Irwin will provide a foundation by explaining how the 340B program generates savings for covered entities and identifying examples of using 340B-generated revenue to expand and enhance health services for patients. Dr. Andrew Sowles will then describe the successful implementation of 340B funding to establish and expand clinical pharmacy services within a not-for-profit health system. The final presentation by Dr. Stacy Ramirez will showcase an example of 340B-funded clinical pharmacy service expansion within a federally gualified health center. Each presenter will share challenges and enabling factors for funding and sustainability of these services. A panel question-and-answer with session speakers will allow an opportunity for further engagement with these experts in the field. This session is open to all Annual Meeting registrants and offers elective credit for the CMM Implementation Academy and the Billing and Contracting for Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services Academy in addition to traditional CPE credit.



Don't miss Billing, Contracting, and the Comprehensive Medication Management (CMM) Consultancy on Monday, October 14, at 3:30 p.m. This unique and engaging session format has received rave reviews from attendees at prior meetings. Drs. Todd Sorensen and Ryan Wargo will engage participants in problem-solving conversations on real-time practice implementation and sustainability challenges presented by session participants. This will be an "all teach, all learn" session during which the collective experience and creativity of the participants will be used to identify strategies to address the participant challenges shared during several 15-minute case presentations. Whether you are a seasoned or novice clinician or an administrator, this session is for you.

Take Charge of Your Professional Development with ACCP's Academy Programs!

Pharmacy information is dynamic and ever-changing. From emerging clinical evidence to changing policies, industry standards, and technologies, clinical pharmacy professionals always have something new to learn.

Access to professional development resources is critical to the always evolving pharmacy continuum. Although professional education helps pharmacists maintain licensure, it supports broader aims, too, such as learning skills that can have an immediate impact on professional environments. With the demands of career and life, clinician education needs to be evidence based and current as well as easy to access and supportive.

Guided and advised by ACCP's esteemed Academy faculty, we offer:

- Relevant programming: Participate in learning that transforms knowledge into impact by building confidence in your current role as a leader, clinician, educator, or researcher.
- National networking opportunities. Meet clinical pharmacists and be part of a growing network of pharmacists from across the country in both clinical practice and academic practice.
- Live instructor interaction and didactic learning: Interact and connect with exceptional program faculty as well as apply their learning in structured programming.

Find the right opportunity for your career advancement with one of our five professional development tracks:

Leadership and Management Academy – If you are looking for a program to propel your career forward, this dynamic program is designed to elevate your leadership capabilities, spur your individual growth within your life and career, and achieve within your organization.

Research and Scholarship Academy – For those interested in experts helping you develop foundational clinical research and scholarly abilities, integrate research theory with practical applications, and involve you in a curriculum charged with scholarly activities, this program is for you.

ACCP COMMENTARY

Best practices in online/ distance pharmacy practice course didactic instruction





Teaching and Learning Academy – Develop your clinical educator skills with a program that helps participants learn active strategies for planning, presenting, and assessing learning in both the classroom and experiential settings.

Comprehensive Medication Management Implementation Academy – This program provides clinical pharmacists and clinical pharmacy administrators with the knowledge and skills to implement, enhance, or expand CMM services in their practice sites. This program is delivered primarily as self-paced with on-demand modules.

Billing and Contracting for Outpatient Clinical Pharmacy Services Academy – Understand the complexities of applying billing and contracting strategies, and apply that knowledge to your unique setting. This program is delivered primarily as self-paced with on-demand modules together with application exercises that will give you the guidance needed to determine an individualized plan for your practice.

In each of these focused programs, you will explore experiential activities, case studies, and relevant challenges as a platform for delivering actionable concepts. The ACCP Academy 2024–2025 programming offers flexible learning options and begins with our in-person programs at the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, our live virtual programs, or our two self-paced programs, **CMM Implementation and Billing and Contracting**. You will have opportunities to engage in real-time interaction with faculty and peers, enjoy rich discussions, and acquire strategies and tools that are immediately applicable to your professional pursuits. Register before the Annual Meeting, to be held October 12–15, to get the most value out of this year's programming. Find out more information about ACCP's Academy programs and start your application by visiting the <u>Academy webpage</u>.

President's Column Access to Clinical Pharmacy Services in Rural Areas: Opportunities and Challenges

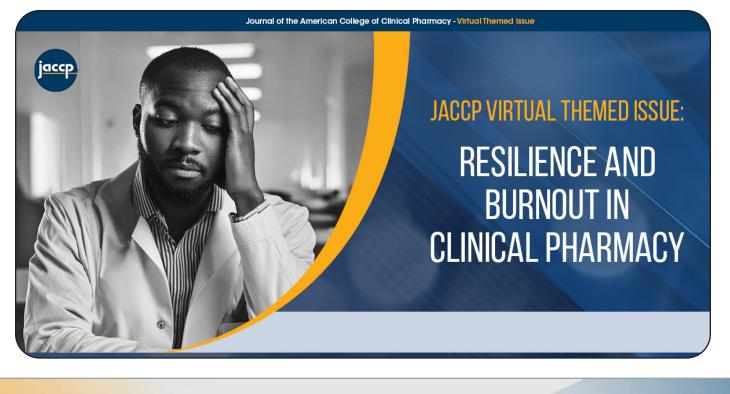


Brian Hemstreet, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS

Like many other ACCP members, I was born and raised in a rural area. In my case, it was in the town of Perth, a largely agricultural and farming community in Upstate New York with an

estimated population of 3600. Many of you, like me, may have family that reside in *rural areas*. I've lived in Colorado for the past 24 years, where about 73% of the state's footprint is considered rural but the largest percentage of the population resides near major metropolitan areas. There's no universal definition of rural area, but according to the <u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u> <u>Economic Research Service</u> (USDA ERS), the term is often based on population density or geographic location in relation to population hubs. It's estimated that 46 million Americans live in rural areas, according to the <u>Rural Health Information Hub</u>.

Although we continue to make great strides in advancing health care treatments and preventive



strategies, access to care in rural areas remains a major area of need. A <u>recent article</u> published by the USDA ERS indicates that access to health care services significantly declines in most rural counties in the United States. This includes an insufficient number of health care facilities, as well as fewer primary care, dental, and mental health providers. <u>Rural Healthy People 2030</u> notes that the overall health status of those residing in rural areas is lower, with higher rates of obesity, smoking, and addiction; activity limitations because of chronic conditions; and lower income and insurance coverage compared with urban dwellers.¹ Given these findings, there is great potential to positively influence health care and patient outcomes in rural areas.

Some of the main challenges of accessing care in rural areas involve insufficient infrastructure and workforce. The presence of a community pharmacy has typically been a staple of health care delivery in rural areas. However, pharmacy closures across the country threaten to reduce the number of practice sites available to serve patients. Other facilities geared toward care for rural communities, such as rural health clinics, critical access hospitals, and federally qualified health centers, also depend on adequate funding, reimbursement, and personnel to function. Attracting health care professions students who ultimately wish to practice in rural settings is becoming a focus of recruitment strategies, as is exposing trainees to rural health care during their experiential training. Indeed, recent data suggest that clinical trainees from rural areas are more likely to pursue practice in a rural setting.² Nonetheless, significant barriers still exist for health professionals, including clinical pharmacists, such as patients' mistrust of public health interventions in rural settings and lack of access to electronic health records in the community pharmacy setting.³

Despite these challenges, there are many great opportunities for clinical pharmacists in rural settings. The advent of telehealth has reduced barriers related to transportation and geographic location. Telehealth can also facilitate interprofessional collaboration and team-based care. States that have adopted collaborative practice agreements and statewide protocols allow clinical pharmacists to provide more direct patient care for both disease prevention and treatment. Many states have opportunities for clinical pharmacists to be involved in advocacy efforts focused on telehealth. Finally, emerging areas such as veterinary pharmacy have the potential to expand clinical pharmacy services beyond humans. As we continue to seek opportunities for clinical pharmacists to positively influence patient care, keep in mind how we can address the needs of those who live in rural America.

Have a great summer – I hope to see you in Phoenix this fall.

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2024 ACCP Foundation FIT and MeRIT Programs Provide a Productive Week of Investigator Development

Fourteen investigator-participants and mentors teamed up for 5 days of intensive investigator development at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy, June 3–7.

This marked the 9th offering of the ACCP Foundation Mentored Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) program and the 14th offering of the Focused Investigator Training (FIT) program. The 5-day primer session kicked off the 2024 individualized, 2-year longitudinal program, designed to mentor participants throughout the research process – from research idea and study design to IRB and funding application to data collection, results presentation, and manuscript submission.



2024 MeRIT and FIT participants and mentors.

Front Row: Natalie Gadbois-Mincks, Alice Hemenway, Megan Rech Second Row: Angela Baalmann, Robbie Parker, Karen Farris Third Row: Denise Rhoney, John Allen, Marissa Horrigan Fourth Row: Jennifer Stanislaw, Rebecca Cope, Sean Avedissian Back Row: Margie Snyder, Ryley Uber

The Foundation's flagship program, FIT, delivers an unparalleled, intensive, hands-on grant refinement experience for pharmacist-investigators pursuing funding from the National Institutes of Health and other similarly competitive sources as principal investigators. Assisted by skilled and successful research mentors, the 2024 attendees concentrated on developing and revising their individual proposals throughout the week. Small-group sessions and individual worktime allowed mentees to focus on their individual projects and immediately address questions and the recommended revisions. The small-group sessions were complemented by tip-rich lectures and discussions, one-on-one mentor appointments, and continual revision and feedback on ideas and proposals.

The 2024 MeRIT primer participants will present posters of their proposed research projects during the ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, October 12–15, 2024. Please stop by to learn about these projects, ask questions, and offer advice to these motivated researchers.

Learn more about FIT or MeRIT by chatting with program participants or at any time on the Foundation website (<u>www.accpfoundation.org/investigator</u>).

Watch for the summer 2025 FIT and MeRIT application materials on the ACCP Foundation website, and accelerate your growth as a clinical pharmacy researcher by submitting your letter of intent in February 2025 to attend one of the June 2025 programs. This approach to proposal development and investigator training with experienced and passionate mentors is unmatched by any other pharmacist training program.

2024 Investigator-Participants:

Angela Baalmann, Pharm.D., BCACP Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy High Point University

Rebecca Cope, Pharm.D., MPH, BCACP The Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences at Long Island University

Natalie Gadbois-Mincks, Pharm.D., MPA, BCACP Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Alice Hemenway, Pharm.D., MPH, BCIDP, BCPS University of Illinois Chicago, College of Pharmacy Marissa Horrigan, Pharm.D. Children's National Hospital

Megan A. Rech, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Jennifer Stanislaw, Pharm.D., BCACP Oregon State University/Oregon Health and Sciences University College of Pharmacy

Ryley Uber, Pharm.D. Geisinger Health System

2024 Mentors:

John Allen, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, BCPS, BCCCP University of Florida

Sean Avedissian, Pharm.D., M.Sc. University of Nebraska Medical Center

Karen Farris, BSPharm, MPA, Ph.D. University of Michigan

Robert Parker, Pharm.D., FCCP University of Tennessee

Denise H. Rhoney, Pharm.D., FCCP, FNCS, MCCM University of North Carolina

Margie E. Snyder, Pharm.D., MPH, FCCP Purdue University

DEIA at the ACCP Annual Meeting

ACCP invites you to attend DEIA-focused programming at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. On Saturday, October 12, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Drs. Sally Arif, William J. Moore, Jordan Rowe, and Kruti Parikh Shah will present a session titled "Longing for Belonging: Cultivating an Inclusive and Accepting Environment for All." Developed by the DEIA Task Force, this session will describe the benefits of enhancing DEIA initiatives within the College and the profession to foster a greater sense of belonging and inclusion. With a focus on multi-partial moderation, which brings in multiple views, narratives,



and experiences, the session is designed to cultivate an environment where everyone feels heard. This session will include a diverse panel of clinical pharmacists who will share how marginalization, stigmatization, and bias have affected their own personal and professional journeys. Alternative perspectives shared as part of ACCP's DEIA member assessment will be incorporated into the session, and members with varied views on these topics are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

On Monday, October 14, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., the DEIA Task Force will host an Affinity Groups Building Session. Affinity groups are intended to represent social identity frameworks rather than personal or professional interests (e.g., practice areas) and create additional opportunities for interaction with ACCP members who may have similar self-identified personal/social traits. Initial groups identified by the DEIA Task Force include Black or African American persons, Hispanic and Latino persons, Asian American and Pacific Islander persons, persons of Middle Eastern and North African descent, LGBTQIA+ persons, and persons with disabilities/chronic illnesses. The Task Force recognizes that this list is only a starting point and that other dimensions of diversity likely exist that will benefit from an affinity group in the future. Each of the initial groups will have a dedicated roundtable during this session to discuss workplace challenges, desired support and resources, expectations, and shared experiences. Roundtable discussions will help inform affinity group implementation within the College.

ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge for Postgraduate Trainees

ACCP is pleased to announce the 2024 ACCP Visual Abstract Challenge for postgraduate trainees. This competition is open to current residents and fellows. It combines skills to evaluate the primary literature with the ability to creatively communicate key components of published research. In today's digital environment, authors can increase the impact of their research through graphical representation of their work in visual abstracts. This innovative and unique competition offers individuals an opportunity to build their visual abstract creation skills for prepublished work in preparation for their own future publications. Prizes and complimentary registration for the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting will be awarded to the top five participants. Submissions are due by August 15, 2024.

More information is available at <u>www.accp.com/</u> resfel/vac/.

2024 ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge: Team Registration Deadline Is September 3



ACCP's novel pharmacy student team competition returns for its 12th season. The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge offers eligible teams the opportunity to compete in up to four online rounds, with the top eight teams in

2024 advancing to the live quarterfinal competition at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, October 12–15. Team registration is now available <u>online</u>. **Plan now to participate this fall**.

Competition Overview

The ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is a team-based competition in which teams of three students compete against teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a "quiz bowl"–type format. Only one team per institution can enter the competition. Institutions with branch campuses, distance satellites, and/or several interested teams are encouraged to conduct a local competition. ACCP provides a local competition exam that institutions can use in selecting their team. Faculty members interested in using the exam can send an email request to Michelle Kucera, Pharm.D., BCPS, at mkucera@accp.com.

Preliminary rounds of the 2024 national competition will be conducted virtually in August and September. The quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds will be held live at the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

ACCP POSITION STATEMENT

Educational Outcomes Necessary to Enter Pharmacy Residency Training: 2023 Update



Each round will consist of questions offered in the three distinct segments indicated below. Item content used in each segment has been developed and reviewed by an expert panel of clinical pharmacy practitioners and educators.

- Trivia/Lightning
- Clinical Case
- Jeopardy-style

Each team advancing to the quarterfinal round held at the 2024 ACCP Annual Meeting will receive three complimentary student full-meeting registrations. Each team member will receive an ACCP gift certificate for \$125 and a certificate of recognition. In addition, semifinal teams not advancing to the final round will receive a semifinal team plaque for display at their institution. The second-place team will receive a \$750 cash award (\$250 to each member) and a commemorative team plaque. The winning team will receive a \$1500 cash award (\$500 to each member), and each team member will receive a commemorative plaque. A team trophy will be awarded to the winning institution.

Students are not required to be members of ACCP to participate. Team registration may 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 <u>faculty liaison</u>. If no ACCP faculty liaison has been identified, any faculty member from the institution may initiate the

registration process. The registering faculty member must confirm the eligibility of all team members and/ or alternates online before a team will be permitted to compete in the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge. **The deadline to complete team registration and confirm eligibility for the 2024 Clinical Pharmacy Challenge is September 3, 2024**.

For more information on the Clinical Pharmacy Challenge, including the competition schedule, sample items, and FAQ section, please click <u>here</u>.

Washington Report

ACCP Action Alert: Support Medicare Coverage for Pharmacogenetic Consultations Delivered by Clinical Pharmacists

John McGlew Director of Government Affairs

<u>Click here now to send a message to</u> <u>Capitol Hill</u>.

In 2021, a potentially prece-



dent-setting piece of legislation was introduced on Capitol Hill that included a provision to cover payment for clinical pharmacists delivering "pharmacogenetic consultations."

<u>H.R. 6000, known as "CURES 2.0"</u> – introduced by Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) – was aimed at speeding up the delivery of groundbreaking, lifesaving cures;



2024 ACCP Annual Meeting Recruitment Events



Residency and Fellowship Poster Showcase October 12

Professional Placement Forum October 13 and October 14 treatments; and innovations to those needing them the most. Cures 2.0 generated over 100 cosponsors on Capitol Hill, but despite ACCP's <u>continued advocacy</u>, Congress ultimately failed to pass the bill into law.

In June 2024, Representative DeGette <u>wrote to ACCP</u> indicating her intention to reintroduce Cures 2.0, and she invited ACCP to submit recommendations on the draft proposal. Now we need your help.

Members of Congress need to hear directly from clinical pharmacists about the importance of pharmacogenetic testing and the emerging world of precision medicine. Contacting the offices of your elected officials is simple. We have prepared a letter for you to review and edit. <u>Click here now and follow the instructions to</u> <u>send this message to Capitol Hill</u>.

Opportunities for Clinical Pharmacists

By directly calling for "clinical pharmacists" to be responsible for delivering pharmacogenetic consultations, Congress is deliberately recognizing the unique contributions of clinical pharmacists to the growing area of precision medicine. ACCP applauds this growing recognition on Capitol Hill of the unique value that qualified clinical pharmacists provide in advanced approaches to the treatment of complex conditions.

For this legislative proposal, the term *pharmacogenetic consultation* refers specifically to a consultation furnished to an individual with respect to a genetic or genomic test requested by a physician to provide advice and recommendations regarding the dosage, safety, and efficacy of particular drugs, biologicals, and other treatments on the basis of the individual's pharmacogenetic result.

ACCP has already held meetings with staff members from the lead congressional offices to help these policymakers better understand the potential for pharmacogenetic testing to allow for precisely specified and delivered medical care on the basis of the unique characteristics of an individual patient's genetic profile plus the patient's lifestyle and environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES:

DEIA Travel Awards for Residents, Fellows, Graduate Students, and New Practitioners Application Deadline August 1, 2024

Research-in-Progress Abstract Submission Deadline August 15, 2024

Late-Breaking Original Research Abstract Submission Deadline August 25, 2024

2024 Annual Meeting Travel Awards Application Deadline for Students August 30, 2024

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Next Steps

ACCP works with a wide range of coalitions focused on legislative and regulatory reform initiatives that integrate team-based, value-driven, evidence-based approaches to achieving patient care outcomes. The pharmacogenetic consultation provision that could cover clinical pharmacists in certain Medicare payment structures, together with growing interest in comprehensive medication management at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, provides further evidence of the growing success of ACCP's strategy to align the profession with high-profile, broadly endorsed, multi-stakeholder legislative efforts on Capitol Hill.

Working with its colleagues at the Colorado Pharmacists Society, ACCP is formally calling on leaders in Congress to include pharmacogenetic language in the Cures 2.0 legislative draft. If you would like to get more involved in this effort, contact ACCP's Director of Government Affairs, John McGlew, at <u>imcglew@accp.</u> <u>com</u>, or visit the <u>Pharmacogenomics Payment and Policy</u> <u>Taskforce</u> housed within GTMRx.

Pharmacotherapy Publishes Consensus Recommendations for the Use of Long-Acting Antiretroviral Medications in the Treatment and Prevention of HIV-1

Implementing the use of long-acting (LA) antiretrovirals (ARVs) into routine clinical practice requires a complex, interdisciplinary approach. These recommendations will assist clinicians in optimizing use of the five LA ARVs that are currently available in a limited number of countries worldwide for the prevention or treatment of HIV-1.

The consensus recommendations for the use of LA ARV medications in the treatment and prevention of HIV-1 were developed by a multidisciplinary panel of experts in infectious diseases, led by ACCP member Elizabeth Sherman. Five additional ACCP members contributed to the recommendations: Melissa E. Badowski, Humberto R. Jimenez, Nancy N. Nguyen, Neha Sheth Pandit, and Kimberly K. Scarsi. Five organizations have reviewed and endorsed the recommendations: the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American Academy of HIV Medicine, Canadian HIV and Viral Hepatitis Pharmacists Network, European AIDS Clinical Society, and Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

The consensus recommendations provide guidance on the clinical use of LA ARV agents for diverse patient groups in different practice settings. The <u>Consensus Recommendations</u> and <u>Executive Summary</u> are published open access in the July 2024 issue of *Pharmacotherapy*, an official journal of ACCP.

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