

# The PRN Report

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### President's Column

*Joseph DiPiro*

#### PRNs Continue to Grow

As ACCP has grown—membership is now approaching 10,000—the PRNs have become the most important ongoing forum for members to be active in the College. Our elected officers make up a small fraction of our membership, and this group does not grow with the number of members. Even committee chairs and committee members make up only a small percentage of ACCP membership. However, membership in the PRNs is not limited and includes thousands of ACCP members in 21 PRNs.

The PRNs grow and change as ACCP grows and changes, keeping a large organization small in a way that allows members to connect and network within the College. The “official” function of the PRNs is to offer a venue for members of similar interests to gather for professional interaction, networking, and continuing education. It may be that many ACCP members do not fully appreciate the role of PRNs within the College and the potential that they have for professional influence and organizational change.

The PRNs can be as active as their members desire. They can accomplish their goals through many types of activities. They typically offer programming at ACCP meetings and communicate between meetings using electronic mailing lists. However, PRNs can go much beyond these functions. Some PRNs have authored position statements or guideline documents to set standards and lead the profession of pharmacy and other health professions for important issues. The structure of PRNs is designed to allow for more member-driven creativity than is provided through other College structures.

The PRNs are intended to be incubators for the growth of leaders. The PRN leaders gain experience in dealing with large groups of members with varying backgrounds. Leadership training is an important part of ACCP's agenda. We expect that PRN leaders will go on to become elected College officers. The experience they obtain will serve them well on the Board of Regents. Also, the members of PRNs are recognized as experts and specialists in their local institutions and organizations, and by agencies outside of pharmacy. Our PRN members are often called upon by outside agencies to speak for the profession or to provide informed opinions. In fact, the



Board of Regents often relies on the opinions of PRN members when issues come forward within their area of specialty. With the expertise and connections that PRN members have, advocacy becomes an important mechanism to further the PRN agenda, particularly in the political arena, for issues that are important to the College and the profession.

Any College activity has implications for costs, either in the form of staff time, facilities, meetings support, or needs for other resources, and PRNs are no exception. The PRN dues of \$15 per year are a modest contribution that, along with funding from the College through general member dues, can go a long way in supporting PRN activities. The PRNs have much discretion in how their funds are spent. Although many PRNs spend the majority of their funds on meeting programming and organizational sessions, funds can be directed to other activities should a PRN choose.

The ACCP officers, as members of the Board of Regents, recognize the importance of PRNs. We believe that PRNs will continue to lead change within the College as they provide the most direct and accessible mechanism for new members to get involved and exert their influence. In the year ahead, PRNs will play a prominent role in the strategic planning process. We will be looking for new ways to make the PRNs even more effective and to promote growth and change in the College. As PRN members, you will have opportunities to contribute your input to our strategic plan. I hope that as you become more involved in the PRNs you will let us, the Board of Regents members, know how we can better serve you and the long-term interests of the PRNs.

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## Attend Premeeting Symposia Before the 2006 Annual Meeting

Before the Annual Meeting, six premeeting symposia will be offered on Wednesday, October 25. Get more from your meeting experience by attending one of the programs described below. Each is tailored to meet specific professional needs. Please note that separate registration is required for these premeeting symposia.

The ACCP Academy presents **Basic Training for New Clinical Faculty and Preceptors** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Led by a team of experienced faculty, this highly interactive workshop will introduce the essential principles and concepts of teaching that every new clinical faculty member and preceptor should understand. Structured to engage participants in creating learning outcomes, designing teaching strategies, and using evidence-based assessment to enhance student outcomes, this full-day symposium will provide a solid foundation to clarify and improve your own purposes and goals for teaching and learning.

If improving your leadership skills is on your personal agenda this year, you will want to attend the full-day symposium, **The Leadership of Self and Others**, led by Robert E. Smith, Pharm.D., and Peter Hurd, Ph.D. This symposium begins at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 5:00 p.m. The focus of the morning program is on understanding yourself in order to better understand others and thereby increase your effectiveness as a leader. During the afternoon, you will learn how creating win-win environments can produce synergistic results. At the conclusion of this interactive program, you will have completed a draft mission statement to help guide future efforts toward a more meaningful (and successful) personal and professional life.

Members of the ACCP Critical Care PRN have developed the full-day symposium, **Current Controversies in Critical Care Pharmacotherapy: Incorporating Evidence into Practice**. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., this symposium consists of a patient case that will unfold throughout the day with each speaker presenting a complication within the patient's work-up and treatment. You will work in small groups to discuss the questions and controversies presented, and then formulate an optimal treatment and monitoring plan for each problem presented. This ongoing interaction with the symposium faculty will stimulate healthy debate and expand your perspectives in managing common ICU problems.

Want a little more time to explore St. Louis before the Annual Meeting starts? Consider registering for just a half-day premeeting symposium on Wednesday. Members of the ACCP Infectious Diseases PRN will offer **HIV Pharmacotherapy: An Update for the Practicing Clinician (and Occasional HIV Pharmacist)**, which will begin with breakfast (provided) at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 p.m. You will learn how to identify appropriate regimens for naïve HIV-infected patients starting therapy, as well as how to address practically the concerns of patients who are changing therapies. Also presented will be the newest approved antiretrovirals and the rationale behind continuing research efforts. By the end of this symposium, you will understand how to incorporate resistance patterns into your daily treatment decisions and how to use the latest research to minimize adverse outcomes in patients on antiretrovirals.

Arriving in St. Louis on Wednesday morning? You will be



Courtesy of the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission.

*Be sure to attend one of the six premeeting symposia offered on Wednesday, October 25, at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis.*

just in time for the half-day symposium, **Update in Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy: an Overview and Application of Recent Guidelines**. Developed by members of the ACCP Cardiovascular PRN, this program is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Controversies surrounding the recently published guidelines from the Heart Failure Society of America, American College of Cardiology, and American Heart Association will be discussed. Specific guidelines presented will include coverage of percutaneous intervention, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and peripheral arterial disease. You will learn how to apply these guidelines to your own practice by examining practical patient case examples.

**Just for Students:** Students are encouraged to register for the **Career Development** symposium on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. This half-day symposium will include presentations on curriculum vitae development, interviewing skills, and selecting the right postgraduate residency and fellowship training options. Following these presentations, a panel of experts will answer questions and address such issues as curriculum vitae preparation for specific positions in pharmaceutical industry, academia, or other practice environments. The panel will also discuss successful pre- and post-interview pearls for students. This symposium is offered at no additional charge to all students who are registered for the Annual Meeting. Also, be sure to check out the reduced rates available exclusively for students. For just \$50, students can attend 2 days of programming and participate in ACCP's Annual Meeting career fair, the ACCP Recruitment Forum.

Go online today at <http://www.accp.com/am06.php> to reserve your spot in one of these half-day or full-day premeeting symposia. For more information about the 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting, please contact [wsirna@accp.com](mailto:wsirna@accp.com).

**For more information on the  
ACCP Annual Meeting,  
go to <http://www.accp.com/am06.php>.**

## PRN Annual Meeting Focus Sessions

See below for a schedule of all PRN focus sessions at the 2006 Annual Meeting. For more focus session details, go to the detailed meeting agenda online at <http://www.accp.com/am06schedule.php>.

### Friday, October 27, 2006

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.—America's Center, Room 120  
Hematology/Oncology PRN Focus Session—**Controversies in Oncology Pharmacy Practice: Debating the Issues**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 131  
Clinical Administration PRN Focus Session—**In Search of the Ideal Practice Model: An Informed Debate**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 132  
Critical Care PRN Focus Session—**What Is the Evidence and Clinical Conclusion to Common ICU Problems?**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 120  
Drug Information and Outcomes and Economics PRNs Focus Session—**Off-Label Medication Use: How Much Evidence Is Enough?**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 275  
Education and Training PRN Focus Session—**Academic Dishonesty in Pharmacy Education: From the Classroom to the Clerkship Site**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 276  
Pain and Palliative Care PRN Focus Session—**Health Disparities in Managing Pain**

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 130  
Infectious Diseases PRN Focus Session—**Therapeutic Updates and Controversies in Infectious Diseases**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.—America's Center, Room 276  
Adult Medicine PRN Focus Session—**Medical Myths and Clinical Controversies**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.—America's Center, Room 131  
Cardiology PRN Focus Session—**Debates in Heart Failure Management**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.—America's Center, Room 132  
Central Nervous System PRN Focus Session—**To Sleep and Perchance to Dream: An Update on Sleep Disorders**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.—America's Center, Room 275  
Nephrology PRN Focus Session—**Current Therapeutic Options for the Prevention of Contrast-Induced Nephropathy**

### Saturday, October 28, 2006

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.—America's Center, Room 130  
Geriatrics PRN Focus Session—**Insomnia in the Elderly: No Need to Lose Sleep Over It!**

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.—America's Center, Room 131  
GI/Liver/Nutrition and Immunology/Transplantation PRNs Focus Session—**Challenges in the Treatment of Viral Hepatitis**

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.—America's Center, Room 132  
Pediatrics PRN Focus Session—**Achieving Rational Drug Therapy for Pediatric Patients in Novel Care Settings**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 130  
Ambulatory Care and Women's Health PRNs Focus Session—**Osteoporosis: Approaches to Treatment and Clinical Applicability**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 131  
Endocrine and Metabolism PRN Focus Session—**Achieving Quality Diabetes Outcomes in Pharmacy Diabetes Services**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.—America's Center, Room 275  
Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN Focus Session—**Updates in Therapeutic Drug Monitoring**

## PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums

### 2006 Annual Meeting October 27–28, 2006

The ACCP PRNs will hold business meetings and networking forums at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Each PRN has an informative agenda planned. Annual Meeting attendees are encouraged to stop by the meetings and learn more about PRNs they are interested in joining. Dates and times for the PRN meetings are listed below.

All PRN business meetings and networking forums will take place at the Renaissance Grand Hotel.

### Friday, October 27 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### Clinical Administration—*Parkview Room*

There will be a business meeting and networking forum, along with informal presentations by PRN members. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Food and beverages will be provided.

#### Endocrine and Metabolism—*Aubert Room*

This PRN will hold a brief business meeting. There also will be a networking forum featuring a debate on a current topic, as well as a short talk by the outgoing chair, Kim Kelly. Members will have time to socialize. Food and beverages will be provided.

#### Geriatrics—*Pershing Room*

A business meeting will accompany discussion of the opinion paper "Appropriate Methods to Dose Medications Based Upon Renal Function in the Older Adult." A presentation on current controversies in geriatric pharmacotherapy also is planned. Food and beverages will be provided.

#### GI/Liver/Nutrition—*Lindell Room*

The recipient of this PRN's Resident/Fellow Travel Award will deliver a 15-minute platform presentation during the business meeting. Interested attendees are invited to attend. Food and beverages will be provided.

#### Immunology/Transplantation—*Majestic Ballroom H*

Rita Alloway, Pharm.D., BCPS; Nicole Weimert, Pharm.D., BCPS; and Yasar Tasnif, Pharm.D.; will speak during this PRN's meeting. Topics of discussion include investigator-initiated research studies, tips for obtaining grant funding, and budgeting for research studies. Members also will hear about the research interests of colleagues and discuss possible collaborative opportunities. There will be time for networking, and food and beverages will be provided.

#### Infectious Diseases—*Majestic Ballrooms F & G*

Interested attendees are invited to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. During the business meeting, old and new business will be discussed. New business includes

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discussing educational programming, recruitment, awards nominations, contributions to the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund, and ways to promote student membership. There will be a formal presentation by Daryl DePestel, Pharm.D.: "Enhancement of Pharmacokinetic Services at Penn State Hershey Medical Center Through Post-Doctoral Minisabbatical Traineeship." Food and beverages will be provided. Supported by a grant from Cubist Pharmaceuticals.

**Outcomes and Economics—Kingsbury Room**

Interested attendees are welcome to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Pediatrics—Landmark Ballroom 1**

This meeting will consist of time for networking and discussing PRN business. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Pharmaceutical Industry—Landmark Ballroom 7**

Interested attendees are invited to this PRN's business meeting and networking forum. A presentation and discussion about careers in pharmaceutical industry are planned. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Women's Health—Westmoreland Room**

A business meeting will be followed by a discussion of current issues in women's health. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Saturday, October 28**

**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Adult Medicine—Majestic Ballroom B**

All interested attendees are invited to join this PRN for its networking forum, followed by a business meeting. There also will be a presentation by the recipient of the New Investigator Award. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Ambulatory Care—Majestic Ballroom E**

This meeting will include time for networking and business. The purpose of the business meeting is to disseminate information concerning past and future activities of each of the PRN's committees, current activities of ACCP relating to the PRN, and potential future activities of the PRN. Members are encouraged to interact during the networking time, and some entertaining activity will be planned. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Cardiology—Majestic Ballroom C**

This PRN's business meeting will be followed by an informal reception, providing time for networking between old and new members, members collaborating on PRN-related projects, and trainees seeking job opportunities. During the reception, trainees also will present research via moderated poster presentations. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Central Nervous System—Parkview and Aubert Rooms**

This PRN's business meeting will include presentations from its minisabbatical recipients. A continuing pharmacy education program, "The Pharmacist's Role in Vagus Nerve Stimulation Treatments," will be presented, supported in part by an independent educational grant from Cyberonics. See page 669 of the Program Book for full program information. A dinner and beverages will be provided. Attendance is limited to 40 people.

**Critical Care—Majestic Ballroom D**

This PRN will hold a business meeting, which will include a



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*Annual Meeting attendees will be able to visit area landmarks, such as the Gateway Arch.*

presentation on activities since the 2006 Spring Forum. The PRN officers will give reports, and the recipient of the PRN's Resident/Fellow Research Award will deliver a platform presentation. There will also be a networking forum for PRN members. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Drug Information—Majestic Ballroom H**

Namita Kothary, Pharm.D., will deliver a presentation titled "Evaluating Information Available to Consumers on the Internet Regarding the Use of Complementary or Alternative Medicines for Women's Health Issues" during this PRN's business meeting. Food and beverages also will be provided.

**Education and Training—Majestic Ballroom F**

A business meeting will be followed by an interactive networking activity related to educational research and practice. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Hematology/Oncology—Majestic Ballroom A**

Cindy O'Bryant, Pharm.D., BCOP, will speak about her minisabbatical experience. The business meeting will be followed by informal member discussions and networking. Food and beverages will be provided. Supported by a grant from Amgen.

**Nephrology—Majestic Ballroom G**

The evening will consist of opening remarks by the PNR chair, followed by a business meeting. Dr. Michael Bentley will deliver a presentation, "Enhancing Research Skills Using the Nephrology PRN Minisabbatical: A Personal Experience." There will be time for members to network and discuss topics related to research settings and the clinical practice of nephrology. A buffet and beverages will be provided. Supported by a grant from Abbott Laboratories.

**Pain and Palliative Care—Kingsbury Room**

There will be a business meeting, followed by a brief presentation on a topic pertinent to pain and palliative care. The presenter will be a resident under the preceptorship of Dave Craig, Pharm.D., of the Moffitt Cancer Center's Palliative Care Program. The business portion will include an introduction of new PRN officers and new members in attendance. Hilde Berdine, Pharm.D., editor of the PRN's newsletter, and Kenny Jackson, Pharm.D., the PRN's liaison with the *Journal of Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacotherapy*, will speak. There also will be discussions on how to increase minisabbatical participation and PRN membership. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics—Westmoreland Room**

Attendees are welcome to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum, which will include students and fellows delivering poster presentations. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.



*The important work of ACCP's committees begins at the Annual Meeting and continues throughout the year.*

## PRNs Elect New Officers for 2006–07

The ballots are tallied and the following new PRN officers will begin their duties at the ACCP 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Adult Medicine:** Sharon See, Chair; Suzanne B. Wortman, Chair-Elect; Darcie L. Keller, Secretary/Treasurer

**Ambulatory Care:** Kelly R. Ragucci, Chair; Eric J. MacLaughlin, Chair-Elect; Jill S. Burkiewicz, Secretary; Nicole S. Culhane, Treasurer

**Cardiology:** Jo Ellen Rodgers, Chair; Toby C. Trujillo, Chair-Elect; Robert L. Page, II, Secretary/Treasurer

**Central Nervous System:** Collin A. Hovinga, Chair; Tawny L. Bettinger, Chair-Elect

**Clinical Administration:** John A. Noviasky, Chair; Keith B. Thomasset, Chair-Elect; James M. Hoffman, Secretary/Treasurer

**Critical Care:** Robert MacLaren, Chair; G. Christopher Wood, Chair-Elect; Catherine A. Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer

**Drug Information:** Wendy D. Smith, Chair; Allison Bernknopf, Chair-Elect; Jennifer Jones Robertson, Secretary/Treasurer

**Education and Training:** Miranda Andrus, Chair; Charles T. Taylor, Jr., Chair-Elect; Nancy L. Shapiro, Secretary/Treasurer

**Endocrine and Metabolism:** Samuel Ellis, Chair; Rachel L. Couchenour, Chair-Elect; Brian K. Irons, Secretary/Treasurer

**Geriatrics:** Lisa C. Hutchison, Chair; Angela Treadway, Chair-Elect; Heather L. Bieber, Secretary/Treasurer

**GI/Liver/Nutrition:** Ginger D. Langley, Chair; Marcus Ferrone, Chair-Elect; Lingtak-Neander Chan, Secretary/Treasurer

**Hematology/Oncology:** Scott A. Soefje, Chair; David Baribeault, Chair-Elect; Stacy Shifflett Shord, Secretary/Treasurer

**Immunology/Transplantation:** Sony Tuteja, Chair; Lisa McDevitt, Chair-Elect; Jeong Mi (Jamie) Park, Secretary/Treasurer

**Infectious Diseases:** Daryl D. DePestel, Chair; Erika J. Ernst, Chair-Elect; Craig A. Martin, Secretary/Treasurer

**Nephrology:** Harold J. Manley, Chair; Darren W. Grabe, Chair-Elect

**Outcomes and Economics:** Marianne McCollum, Chair; Gary L. Cochran, Chair-Elect; Paul Windisch, Secretary/Treasurer

**Pain and Palliative Care:** Jacqueline Piozet, Chair; Suzanne Amato Nesbit, Chair-Elect; Valerie R. Pennington, Secretary/Treasurer; Hildegard J. Berdine, Publications Editor

**Pediatrics:** Mary A. Worthington, Chair; David S. Hoff, Chair-Elect

**Pharmaceutical Industry:** Jill Chappell, Chair; Eun Mee Lee, Chair-Elect; Clara K. Song, Secretary/Treasurer

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics:** George A. Davis, Chair; Brian R. Overholser, Chair-Elect; Philip E. Empey, Secretary/Treasurer

**Women's Health:** Deborah Sturpe, Chair; Patricia R. Wigle, Chair-Elect; Jennifer L. Hardman, Secretary/Treasurer; Elizabeth W. Young, Public Policy Liaison

A big thank you to all candidates in this election:

Stephanie L. Anderson, Donna G. Beall, Steven T. Boyd, Timothy L. Brenner, Helen M. Calmes, Scott A. Chapman, Judy Cheng, Allison Chung, Amanda H. Corbett, Kristine Crews, Grace L. Earl, Jeremy D. Flynn, Karen Hardinger, Chris Herndon, Sheryl J. Herner, Steven J. Kovacs, Kerry (Tedesco) LaPlante, David L. Lourwood, Erik D. Maki, Julie Oki Maurey, John Murphy, Timothy V. Nguyen, Edith A. Nutescu, Jacqueline L. Olin, Mary H. Parker, Kalen B. Porter, Brian A. Potoski, Alicia M. Reese, Randy Regal, Dennis Reisch, Jennifer Riggins, Lori L. Schirmer, Amy H. Schwartz, John Siepler, Douglas Slain, Katherine P. Smith, Teresa Sterling, Christian J. Teter, Michael Toscani, Nicole A. Weimert, Barbara S. Wiggins, Patricia A. Willmann, and Alan J. Zillich.

PRN Membership Totals	
PRNs	Total # of Members
Adult Medicine	600
Ambulatory Care	1159
Cardiology	824
Central Nervous System	204
Clinical Administration	201
Critical Care	1055
Drug Information	226
Education and Training	221
Endocrine and Metabolism	144
Geriatrics	223
GI/Liver/Nutrition	140
Hematology/Oncology	574
Immunology/Transplantation	219
Infectious Diseases	978
Nephrology	203
Outcomes and Economics	173
Pain and Palliative Care	236
Pediatrics	376
Pharmaceutical Industry	341
Pharmacokinetics/ Pharmacodynamics	160
Women's Health	144
Total PRN membership as of October 1, 2006	8401

## PRN Officers Meeting, New Officer Orientation Scheduled

All new PRN officers are encouraged to participate in the New Officer Orientation to be held during the Annual Meeting on Wednesday afternoon, October 25, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The orientation will provide an overview of PRN functions, including the calendar of activities for 2006–2007 and important deadlines and responsibilities.

The PRN Officers Meeting will follow the New Officer Orientation, beginning at 5:00 p.m. PRN leaders will discuss a variety of business items during the meeting, which is scheduled to conclude at 6:30 p.m.

The New Officer Orientation and PRN Officers Meeting will be held in the America's Center Convention Center, room 124. For more information about the meeting, contact Nancy Perrin, ACCP Director of Professional Development, at [nperrin@accp.com](mailto:nperrin@accp.com).

## Creating Change in Your Profession

### Summary of Acceptance Speech Given by William A. Miller, 2005 ACCP Recipient of the Paul F. Parker Medal

*William A. Miller, Pharm.D., FCCP,  
FASHP, Professor, College of Pharmacy,  
University of Iowa.*



*Dr. Miller is a former ACCP President and serves as President and Chairman for the Pharmacotherapy Board of Directors.*

As I reflected on my successes and failures in trying to change pharmacy, I identified a number of key factors that I believe have enabled me and others to create change in our profession.

These key factors include setting high expectations or standards, leadership, personal commitment and passion, and working with others to achieve change.

### Setting High Expectations or Standards

The first key factor in creating change is setting high expectations or standards. Many of you that have worked with me in one capacity or another would undoubtedly say that Miller has high expectations and high standards. How did I develop such high expectations and standards? Are my high expectations an inborn trait or developed? My sense is that a little bit of my expectations for myself and others is inborn and a lot has been developed.

I believe that most pharmacists instinctively want to improve their own performance and the profession and attempt to meet new standards or requirements that raise the bar and eventually lead to improved individual or organizational performance. Thus, I am certain that I have influenced individuals and organizations by my high standards and expectations. My point about setting high expectations is that individuals who advance a profession set high standards for their own work, the work of others, and the profession. Many ACCP members have high expectations for themselves as practitioners, teachers, or scholars, and for ACCP as an organization. I encourage you to continue to set high expectations for all aspects of your life. I am convinced that if you have high expectations and are bold, you will create and

experience positive change in your life, as well as in the lives of others, and you will influence the profession.

### Leadership

The second key factor in creating change is leadership. Much has been written about leadership. I believe the most important characteristic of leaders, which distinguishes them from managers, is their ability to present a compelling vision for the development of a service, an organization or a profession, and then to get others to buy into this vision to help make the vision become reality. Leaders usually have high expectations and standards, so these two characteristics of people who create change are linked. To be a leader as a clinical pharmacist or specialist in your work setting, you must be able to present your vision and viewpoints for patient care services, and other services that caregivers provide, and get your co-workers to buy your vision or views and follow your direction. As an organizational leader, whether you are a director of pharmacy, a pharmacy owner, or a clinical coordinator, you must get others to believe in your vision and viewpoints and follow the direction that you feel will improve the service, organization, or profession. So I say to you: lead, influence, and do not set limitations on your sphere of influence. If you choose to lead, you will create change.

### Commitment and Passion

The third key factor in creating change is commitment and passion. Individuals who create change are committed and passionate about their work, profession, families, and friends. There is no doubt about their commitment level. Their commitment is evidenced by their actions, as well as their words. Some considered and labeled the early founders of ACCP as elitists or zealots. Being one of the founding members of ACCP, I considered all of us highly committed and passionate individuals who aspired to change or influence the profession through the establishment of ACCP to pursue clinical pharmacy practice, education, and research excellence. We felt that it was necessary to form ACCP to advance clinical pharmacy at a faster pace and higher level than was achievable through other organizations. The results from the formation of ACCP are clear: ACCP has influenced and will continue to influence the overall direction of the profession. Commitment and follow through on an individual's or an organization's commitments is essential to creating change. So be committed and passionate about changes that will improve your life, your work, the organization you work in, the professional organizations you are members of, and the profession at large.

### Developing Good Relations With Others

The fourth key factor in creating change is developing good relations with other people. Creating change in any organization is dependent on cooperation and good relations with other people and other organizations. So I suggest you develop good working relationships with other pharmacists and health professionals, and use these good relationships to create positive change in your profession.

#### Summary

I hope each of you as ACCP members will not choose to focus on why you cannot create change, but rather focus on how you can influence and create change by setting high expectations, leading, being committed and passionate, and developing good working relations with others to achieve change. I look forward to having the opportunity to help and watch many of you create change in the profession.



*There are many opportunities at the ACCP Annual Meeting to reconnect with friends or meet new ones.*

## Minisabbaticals Help PRN Members Develop New Practice and Research Skills

Through their minisabbatical programs, several of the College's PRNs have opportunities for their members to gain new practice or research skills that will help them develop new clinical services or expand their research capabilities. The following minisabbaticals were awarded in 2006:

**Cardiology**—Robert Straka, Pharm.D., associate professor at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, will be working with Julie Johnson, Pharm.D., and others at the University of Florida Center for Pharmacogenomics. There he will further develop his knowledge and skills related to the techniques, methods, and approaches to the design and conduct of research on the pharmacogenetics of cardiovascular drugs.

**Central Nervous System**—The CNS Minisabbatical was awarded to Michele Splinter, Pharm.D., BCPS, from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. Dr. Splinter's minisabbatical will be mentored by Ruth Nemire, Pharm.D., at the Nova Southeastern College of Pharmacy and International Center for Epilepsy. Dr. Splinter will gain experience in the outpatient management of patients with epilepsy and the development of a clinical pharmacy practice in this area. Her plan is to establish a medication therapy management outpatient clinic within the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center Faculty Neurology Clinic.

**Infectious Diseases**—Angela Kashuba, Pharm.D., of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy received the Infectious Diseases PRN Minisabbatical. The support will allow her to work with Alan Forrest, Pharm.D., at the State University of New York at Buffalo to develop pharmacokinetic and dynamic models that correlate antiretroviral drug concentrations in the female genital track with local antiretroviral response. The experience is designed to complement a K23 Mentored Clinical Scientist Award that Dr. Kashuba has received from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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**Nephrology**—Renee Robinson, Pharm.D., MPH, an assistant professor at The Ohio State University School of Pharmacy, has been awarded the 2006 Nephrology Minisabbatical, which is supported by an educational grant from Amgen, Inc. During her program, Dr. Robinson will work with Annette O'Connor, Ph.D., at the Ottawa Health Research Institute to develop and evaluate an evidence-based decision aid for medication selection in adolescent renal transplantation. Such aids supplement practitioner counseling by providing patients with information about the benefits and risks of therapy, increase patients' participation in their care, and improve their understanding of options and consequences of therapy.

**Pain and Palliative Care**—As part of her minisabbatical, Tonya Pearson, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Piedmont Fayette Hospital in Fayetteville, Georgia, will work with Jennifer Strickland, Pharm.D., BCPS, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida. Her overall goals are to further enhance her clinical knowledge and skills related to pain management pharmacotherapy and to gain additional insight into the operation of an interdisciplinary pain team.

Learn more about the PRN minisabbatical programs, administered through the ACCP Research Institute, at <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/research.php>.

## Learn About the Research Institute's Grants Application and Review Process

In 2006, the ACCP Research Institute will provide more than \$500,000 in support of clinical pharmacy research and training. Learn how you can get some of this free money in 2007.



Plan to attend a one-hour overview of the research support expected to be available next year, 12:15 p.m., Saturday, October 28, during the College's Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Hear about—

- Investigator Development Research Awards,
  - Frontiers Career Development Research Awards,
- the application and review process, and hints to help prepare your best grant proposal.

## Have Some Fun, Do Some Good at the ACCP Silent Auction

The ACCP Research Institute Silent Auction/PRN Reception is one of the highlights of the College's Annual Meeting. So mark your calendar for Friday, October 27, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., and plan for a good time! All in support of the ACCP Frontiers Fund.



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## ACCP Announces New Student Initiatives

The College has initiated several programs designed to interest students in clinical pharmacy as a career, and to increase their awareness of ACCP. PRN participation will be integral to the success of these initiatives, one of which is the PRN StuNet Liaison program. Through this program, volunteers from each PRN have been recruited to serve as the PRN's identified contact for student inquiries related to the PRN's focus or activities.

Beginning this month and extending throughout the academic year, each liaison will serve as a facilitator for StuNet, the listserv for ACCP's student members, on a rotating basis. During a scheduled period, the PRN liaison will use the listserv to share information about the PRN and about a case, issue, or controversy within the PRN's focus area. The liaison also will be responsible for facilitating subsequent student discussion of the topic. For a listing of PRN liaisons and scheduled postings, visit the StuNet Web site at <http://www.accp.com/stunet>.

### College of Pharmacy Student Liaisons

A complementary initiative at the campus level is ACCP's new College of Pharmacy Student Liaison program. The program is designed to provide students at each college of pharmacy access to an ACCP member within the institution who can explain the rewards of a career in clinical pharmacy, and offer insight on how best to prepare for this professional pathway. The liaisons are clinical faculty members and preceptors who can give students at the institution direct access to informational resources from ACCP. Liaisons have been identified at more than 80 colleges and schools of pharmacy; ACCP is actively working to recruit liaisons at the remaining schools. For a current list of College of Pharmacy Student Liaisons, visit the College of Pharmacy Student Liaison page on the Web site at <http://www.accp.com/stunet/COPLiaisons.php>. The College of Pharmacy Student Liaisons will meet during the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 27, from 3:45–4:45 p.m. in the America's Center Convention Center, room 260.

### Student Meeting Travel Awards

One of the best ways for students to fully experience organized clinical pharmacy in action is to participate in an ACCP national meeting. Through the generous support of the PRNs and individual members, ACCP has been able to provide travel

awards to a sizeable number of student members to support their participation in the 2006 Annual Meeting. The next opportunity for students to apply for a travel award is the 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum, April 22–25, in Memphis. To qualify for a student travel award, the applicant must be a student member enrolled as a full-time pharmacy student who is pursuing his or her first professional degree, and who has completed at least one academic year in the professional pharmacy program. Applicants are required to submit an essay, CV, and two letters of recommendation from faculty members or preceptors. Travel award applications for the Spring Practice and Research Forum are available at <http://www.accp.com/stunet>.

### Student Poster Submissions

When the Best Student Poster Award Competition was introduced at the 2006 Spring Practice and Research Forum, 9 students submitted abstracts for the competition. Student participation in the competition has tripled for the 2006 Annual Meeting, with 28 students competing. The award for Best Student Poster will be presented on Friday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Students are encouraged to submit abstracts for the Best Student Poster Award Competition to be offered at the 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum. Abstracts are submitted online at <http://accp.confex.com/accp/2007sp/cfp.cgi>. The deadline for student submissions is Friday, December 15, 2006.

For more information on ACCP's initiatives to engage student interest in clinical pharmacy, please contact Jonathan Poynter in ACCP's membership department at [jpoynter@accp.com](mailto:jpoynter@accp.com).

## PRN News Briefs

### Adult Medicine PRN

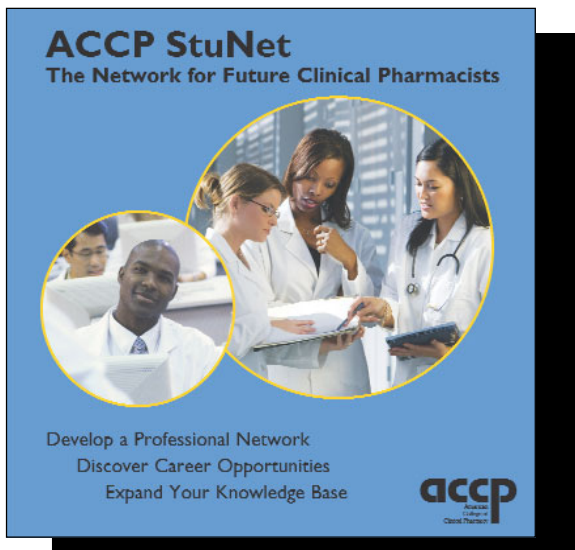
The Adult Medicine PRN, which is entering its 8th year as an official PRN, continues to be one of the fastest-growing PRNs within ACCP.

"Over this brief period, the members of this PRN have developed some of the most creative and original programming, and have presented material that advances the practice of adult medicine pharmaceutical care," according to PRN Secretary/Treasurer Suzanne Wortman, Pharm.D., BCPS. "It is a dynamic and diverse group in the College. The members are passionate about what they do, and have contributed time, effort, and money to advance practice, teaching, research, and advocacy."

Some of the past year's highlights for the Adult Medicine PRN include:

- Increasing PRN membership to 600 members.
- Forty-two Adult Medicine members receiving Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Certification.
- Inducting one member as an ACCP Fellow this fall.
- Continuing support of the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund with a PRN contribution of \$1000.
- Contributing \$250 to support StuNet.
- Creating two \$1000 research awards for new investigators and resident/fellows.

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- Upgrading the PRN's Web site to include listings of subcommittees, newsletters, and minutes, with ongoing plans for adding a "warehouse" for easy access to archived contributions.
- Publishing a member-driven newsletter.
- Organizing a focus session, Medical Myths and Clinical Controversies, for the 2006 Annual Meeting.
- Organizing a focus session for the 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum, which will concentrate on significant papers in adult medicine.
- Forming subcommittees to focus on programming, PRN business meetings and networking forums, and nominations and awards.

### **Ambulatory Care PRN**

To support Ambulatory Care PRN members in their research endeavors, the Ambulatory Care PRN is introducing a new seed grant program. The goal of the Ambulatory Care PRN Pilot Grant Program is to promote research and scholarly activity among PRN members and to foster the development of grant writing and research skills. The award is designed for Ambulatory Care PRN members who are junior investigators. One or two Ambulatory Care PRN grants will be awarded in an amount up to \$2,000 in support of the research. Residents and fellows who meet eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. The application and more information are posted on the PRN Web site, <http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/prnambu.php>.

Ambulatory Care PRN officers are pleased that the PRN has pledged \$5650 to the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund. The PRN members have donated money to the fund because of an incentive program developed within the PRN. The PRN officers would like to acknowledge and thank members who are participating through donations.

At the 2006 ACCP Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, the PRN will be partnering with the Women's Health PRN to present on the topic "Osteoporosis: Approaches to Treatment and Clinical Applicability." The session will occur on Saturday afternoon, October 28. The Ambulatory Care PRN business meeting will take place Saturday evening. At the business meeting, the second annual Ambulatory Care PRN Achievement Award will be presented.

### **Cardiology PRN**

#### ***Minisabbatical Experiences***

Two minisabbaticals were supported by the Cardiology PRN this past year. Kevin Garey of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy attended a workshop hosted by the Center for Biofilm Engineering at Montana State University, where Garey acquired the skills to perform biofilm image analysis. Snehal H. Bhatt worked under the mentorship of William Dager at the University of California-Davis Medical Center to gain experience with a pharmacist-driven, in-patient antithrombosis service. Both recipients report that they are implementing knowledge and skills obtained during their minisabbaticals. This year's minisabbatical recipient, Robert Straka of the University of Minnesota, will train with Julie Johnson on various techniques related to pharmacogenomic research.



*Be sure to stop by the ACCP Bookstore at the 2006 Annual Meeting and check out the latest titles.*

#### ***Opinion Paper on Percutaneous Coronary Intervention***

On behalf of the Cardiology PRN, Sarah Spinler and Barbara Wiggins collaborated with the American Heart Association, representing the expert opinion of the two organizations in *Newer Pharmacotherapy in Patients Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Interventions: A Guide for Pharmacists and other Health Care Professionals*. The paper will be available in *Pharmacotherapy* soon.

#### ***Bibliographies in Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy***

In July 2006, members of the PRN published a fifth bibliography in *Pharmacotherapy*. This recent bibliography addresses dyslipidemia literature.

#### **Education and Training PRN**

The Education and Training PRN has been planning a minisabbatical. Currently, PRN members are identifying sponsors so that the program may be implemented during 2007. The minisabbatical's primary goal is to provide enhancement and documentation of teaching methods for classroom and clinical settings. A strategic plan has been completed and will be posted on the Web site to provide viewers more insight regarding the mission and vision of the PRN.

This PRN will also be teaming with the Ambulatory Care PRN to conduct a symposium at the 2007 Spring Practice and Research Forum about various ways to precept pharmacy students on ambulatory care rotations. Education and Training PRN officers invite ACCP members to consider joining this PRN to help promote teaching and precepting initiatives within the profession.

#### **GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN**

The GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN is proud to present its Annual Meeting Travel Awards to John Devlin, Pharm.D., BCPS, FCCM, FCCP, and Gordon Sacks, Pharm.D., BCNSP, FCCP. Dr. Devlin will be presenting his research titled "Administering Lansoprazole as a 2-minute Intravenous Injection Provides a Similar Pharmacokinetic, Pharmacodynamic, and Safety Profile to a 30-Minute Infusion." Dr. Sacks will present on "Efficacy

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of Pancreatic Enzyme Powder and Sodium Bicarbonate for Clearance of Occluded Enteral Feeding Access Devices” during the PRN’s business meeting on October 27.

Also at the business meeting, PRN members will discuss the value of a semiannual to quarterly newsletter as a networking tool to highlight PRN-member research and teaching excellence.

“Please join us at our business meeting in St. Louis to congratulate our travel award recipients and consider membership in our PRN,” says PRN Chair Todd Canada, Pharm.D., BCNSP.

### **Immunology/Transplantation PRN**

Pharmacist training is an important topic of discussion for Immunology/Transplantation PRN members, and it was revisited at the World Transplant Congress in Boston recently.

According to the Immunology/Transplantation PRN, pharmacists wishing to specialize in solid organ transplantation currently have 13 residency programs and five fellowship programs to choose from. Pursuing these specialty training opportunities is important because of the complete dependence on medications for successful outcomes, the complexity of post-transplant medication regimens, and the high incidence of problematic drug interactions and adverse effects. The United Network for Organ Sharing, the body that accredits organ transplant programs and sets national transplant practice standards, officially recognizes the importance of pharmacist input by suggesting that all transplant programs appoint a dedicated pharmacist to help manage transplant recipients’ complex medication regimens.

“Now that we have clearly established the importance of transplant pharmacists and have legal support for their incorporation into transplant teams, we must also ensure that transplant training is adequate,” said Lisa McDevitt, Pharm.D., BCPS, Immunology/Transplantation PRN secretary/treasurer.

Of the 13 transplant residency programs, only two are currently accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Does it matter? Does ASHP’s vision for specialty training fit the needs of transplant practitioners and programs? These questions formed the basis for a meeting of 22 transplant pharmacists during the World Transplant Congress in Boston, which took place July 22–27.

Of the 22 people who attended the meeting in Boston, 17 are members of the ACCP Immunology/Transplantation PRN, McDevitt said.

Attendees included directors of transplant residency and fellowship programs, transplant pharmacists interested in opening a specialty training program, and recent residency graduates. They discussed the pros and cons of pursuing ASHP accreditation, the value of setting standards for specialty training, and strategies for recruitment.

For more information regarding the outcome of this meeting or to share your opinion on this matter, please contact Bob Dupuis, Pharm.D., at [dupuis@email.unc.edu](mailto:dupuis@email.unc.edu) or McDevitt at [lisa.mcdevitt@bos.mcphs.edu](mailto:lisa.mcdevitt@bos.mcphs.edu).

“Our PRN commonly facilitates the promotion of current transplant residencies and fellowships, allows referral of qualified candidates for transplant programs and job openings, and has been the home of various discussions on transplant training for pharmacists,” McDevitt said.

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