

# ACCP PRN Report

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## President's Column

### Practice and Research – and Leadership? – Networks

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* – Margaret Mead



Substitute the words “practitioners” for “citizens” and “clinical pharmacy practice” for “the world” and you have a perfect description of ACCP’s practice and research networks (PRNs). The PRNs were conceptualized and developed in the early 1990s as informal grassroots groups of members sharing a common area of practice or research. During the almost 20 years since they were established, the PRNs have grown in size and number, and their activities have evolved. There are now 22 PRNs, each of which provides important avenues and opportunities for members to interact; develop professional relationships, collaborations, and friendships; contribute important programming to ACCP meetings; and avail themselves of other educational and professional opportunities. Some PRNs have written position statements or guidelines regarding issues of importance for the profession and/or for specific areas of pharmacotherapy. PRN members are recognized as influential pharmacotherapy experts within ACCP, but also at their local institutions, by other pharmacy organizations and by agencies outside the pharmacy profession. Indeed, the PRNs are highly regarded by other pharmacy organizations; a prominent leader from another pharmacy association recently told me that ACCP’s PRNs have “set the standard” for networking opportunities within pharmacy organizations and should serve as a model for other associations.

The success of the PRNs is a testament to the dedication and expertise of the PRN membership overall and, in particular, a tribute to the networks’ elected leaders and the vision and direction that they have provided. Continued excellence in PRN leadership is crucial to the continued viability of the PRNs and, overall, to the continued vitality of ACCP as a whole. Many members of the Board of Regents and the Research Institute Board of Trustees have initiated

their leadership development through leadership functions within the PRNs. Indeed, most of ACCP’s leaders have come either from serving as Chair of one or more ACCP committees and/or from serving as an elected PRN officer. Through the years, and currently, outstanding elected leaders have clearly blessed the PRNs. However, in today’s complex and rapidly changing and evolving health care environment, continued excellence in PRN leadership should perhaps not be taken for granted.

How can we ensure that a continuous pipeline of skilled leaders will be available for the PRNs and, by extension, to ACCP overall? I suggest that each PRN devote time to considering strategic methods of cultivating the next generation of PRN leaders. I encourage each PRN to conduct some formalized leadership planning – that is, to consider preparing and implementing formal strategies for continuous development of future leaders for your PRN. There are many ways to achieve this, and the needs of each PRN may be network-specific. Numerous avenues are available within ACCP for leadership training and skills development (through the ACCP Academy’s Leadership and Management Certificate Program, for example), through other professional organizations, in published literature, or perhaps through members’ own institutions and practices. One suggestion is to consider forming a specific PRN committee or subcommittee that you could charge with preparing recommendations for leadership development within your PRN.

The PRNs continue to be the heart and soul of ACCP, and they are routinely cited as one of the important benefits of membership in the College. As you consider strategies for developing and cultivating future leaders for your PRN, please also let members of the Board of Regents know how we can serve you better and meet your needs. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jtisdale@iupui.edu](mailto:jtisdale@iupui.edu) or call me at (317) 613-2315, ext. 306 with suggestions or questions.

## PRNs to Hold Elections

The PRN election cycle is upon us. It is time for PRN members to begin the process of determining who will serve as officers in the coming year. If you are interested in being a PRN officer or in nominating someone, please contact your PRN’s Chair.



### Election Process

- The Nominations Committee will consist of at least two individuals appointed by the PRN Chair. These individuals may be the PRN's current elected officers.
- Those who comprise a PRN's Nominations Committee will be ineligible to run for office in that PRN's election that year.
- The Nominations Committee should prepare a slate of candidates and shall provide information to each candidate relative to the election procedures, a timeline, and a list of expected duties.
- Whenever possible, two or three candidates for each office shall be up for election. If only one candidate can be identified, an election will still be held, with voters given the option of identifying a write-in candidate. When there are more than three possible candidates, it will be the duty of the PRN's Nominations Committee to make the final selection of candidates for the slate.
- The Nominations Committee will obtain a brief (250 words) biographical sketch or candidate statement from each candidate included on the ballot.

### Election Timeline

March 2010	Call for nominations
June 16, 2010	Submission of slates and candidate biographies to ACCP
July 14, 2010	Electronic balloting opens
August 20, 2010	Electronic balloting closes
August 25, 2010	PRN Nominations Committee notifies all candidates of results

### Voting

As in previous years, PRN elections will be held online. PRN members will receive an e-mail from ACCP that outlines the voting procedure. Members will use their log-in and password to access the ACCP Web site. Each member will then be able to access the ballot for each PRN of which he/she is a current member. Review your e-mail and the ACCP Web site for further news about online voting as the election draws closer.

### New Dates and Times for PRN Business and Networking Forums at the 2010 Spring Forum



ACCP's PRNs provide a focal point for clinical pharmacists with common interests and needs in practice, research, and education. PRN members help ACCP develop educational programs and promote the activities of the PRNs.

In a departure from the traditional two-evening schedule for PRN business meetings and networking forums, the Spring Forum in Charlotte will provide meeting registrants the opportunity to attend a greater number of PRN meetings

during a 3-day period. A complete listing of PRN business meetings and networking forums is given below.

### Saturday, April 24, 2010

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

### Hilton Charlotte Center Hotel

#### Adult Medicine

*Gwynn Room*

During this business meeting and networking forum, current and prospective members will have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas. There will also be a business meeting followed by a research presentation.

#### Ambulatory Care PRN

*North Carolina Room*

The purpose of this meeting is to disseminate information, discuss the PRN status, and provide networking opportunities.

#### Clinical Administration PRN

*Graham Room*

This business meeting will include reports from the Board of Regents, PRN Officers Meeting, and Secretary/Treasurer, as well as a review of new business items.

#### Education and Training PRN

*South Carolina Room*

The Education and Training PRN is offering a very brief business meeting followed by a small-group, interactive hands-on workshop titled "Best of Both Worlds: Incorporating Research into Your Clinical Practice." Available for 1.0 contact hour of continuing education credit. A light lunch will be provided.

#### Pediatrics PRN

*Dunn Room*

Come join the Pediatrics PRN for a fun icebreaker, a business meeting, and then a discussion forum about pediatric postgraduate education. We will discuss the status of pediatric residencies and fellowships; debate the pros and cons of PGY1 with pediatric emphasis and PGY1 plus PGY2 pediatric specialty; and think about the future of pediatrics and postgraduate education.

#### Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN

*Walker Room*

This will be a networking forum for PRN members and guests to discuss current issues in pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacogenomics. Time will be allocated for members to discuss potential topics for PRN symposia at upcoming ACCP meetings and other topics relevant to the PRN.

#### Nephrology PRN

*Johnson Room*

This will be a casual meeting open to all ACCP members. There will be a brief business report and then a discussion of the current projects and initiatives of the Nephrology PRN. The remainder of the meeting will be dedicated to networking and social activities, and a light lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, April 25, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**  
**Hilton Charlotte Center Hotel**

**Cardiology PRN**

*Carolina Hall*

Join us for the Cardiology PRN business meeting, followed by research presentations by current residents and fellows. An informal reception will ensue, allowing networking with new and old members, members collaborating on PRN-related projects, and trainees looking for job opportunities.

**Central Nervous System PRN**

*Gwynn Room*

Please join the Central Nervous System PRN for a business meeting and networking session with your colleagues. Light snacks and drinks will be served.

**Geriatrics PRN**

*Graves Room*

Please join the Geriatrics PRN for a business meeting and for networking with colleagues, as well as friendly discussion and a debate of current topics relevant to the care of older adults.

**Health Outcomes PRN**

*Johnson Room*

Please join the Health Outcomes PRN for our business meeting and networking forum; members and interested meeting attendees are welcome to attend! We will discuss past and future PRN activities including 2010–2011 Strategic Planning. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Monday, April 26, 2010**

**12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**Hilton Charlotte Center Hotel**

**Critical Care PRN**

*North Carolina Room*

Join the Critical Care PRN networking forum and interact with colleagues while enjoying hors d'oeuvres. Presentations will include a summary of PRN activities, reports from PRN officers, and the Resident/Fellow Research Travel Award.

**Drug Information PRN**

*Graves Room*

The Drug Information PRN will hold a business meeting and networking forum for current and prospective members. The meeting will include an update of PRN activities, and it will provide an opportunity to meet the officers and other PRN members and to become involved with the PRN.

**Infectious Diseases PRN**

*South Carolina Room*

The Infectious Diseases PRN Business Meeting will include a discussion of current PRN initiatives as well as planned activities for future meetings.

**Pharmaceutical Industry PRN**

*Gwynn Room*

The Pharmaceutical Industry PRN business meeting and networking forum will include 30 minutes for networking,

a brief report from each of the standing committees, and an opportunity for working groups to convene and strategize next steps. All ACCP members with interest are welcome to attend.

**PRNs Hold Educational Focus Sessions at Spring Practice and Research Forum**

ACCP's PRNs consistently develop high-quality educational sessions for each ACCP national meeting. That tradition of excellence continues this spring in Charlotte, North Carolina. A complete listing of PRN focus sessions follows.

**Saturday, April 24, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

**Update on Hot Topics in Women's Health**

(Convention Center: 217A)

*Developed by the Women's Health PRN*

**Sunday, April 25, 2010**

**9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.**

**Train the Trainer to Implement a National Pharmacogenomics Education Program to Bridge the Gap Between Science and Practice**

(Convention Center: 217A)

*Developed by the Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN*

**4:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m.**

**Reviewing the Evidence for Antithrombotic Controversies in Medicine**

(Convention Center: 213 B and C)

*Developed by the Adult Medicine PRN*

**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

**8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.**

**Debates in Critical Care**

(Convention Center: 211 and 212)

*Developed by the Critical Care PRN*

**Influencing Prescribing: The Changing Role of Direct-to-Consumer Advertising and Counter Detailing**

(Convention Center: 213 D)

*Developed by the Drug Information PRN*

**10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

**Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Establishing Best Practices**

(Convention Center: 211 and 212)

*Developed by the Clinical Administration and Infectious Diseases PRNs*

**What's New with Vitamin D?**

(Convention Center: 213 D)

*Developed by the Ambulatory Care and Nephrology PRNs*

## PRN News Briefs

### Adult Medicine PRN



During the past decade, the Adult Medicine PRN membership has continued to grow and is now more than 800 strong. In addition to our “traditional” PRN activities, our Nominations Committee has been working to develop PRN Service Awards to recognize the outstanding work of our members. The Nominations Committee will present awards during the PRN Business Meeting at the ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum on April 24, 2010.

The Adult Medicine PRN has developed a focus session titled “Reviewing the Evidence for Antithrombotic Controversies in Medicine” for the 2010 Spring Practice and Research Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Congratulations to Renee M. Holder, Pharm.D., for receiving the \$1000 Adult Medicine PRN Resident/Fellow Research Award. Dr. Holder is currently completing her first year of a pharmacotherapy residency at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy at the Abilene campus. She will present her research project titled “Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Nasal Colonization and Correlation to Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Pneumonia in the Intensive Care Unit” at the upcoming PRN Business Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

#### Additional Congratulations for Notable Member Achievements

Barna MM, Kapoian T, O’Mara NB. Sevelamer carbonate. *Ann Pharmacother* 2010;44:127–34.

Lundquist LM, Moye PM. Resident physicians’ acceptance of pharmacy students’ pharmacotherapy recommendations during an ambulatory care advanced pharmacy practice experience. *Am J Pharm Educ* 2009;73:Article 145.

Monach PA, Arnold LM, Merkel PA. Incidence and prevention of bladder toxicity from cyclophosphamide in the treatment of rheumatic diseases: data-drive review. *Arthritis Rheum* 2010;62:9–21.

A. Thomas Taylor presented “Managing Heart Failure in the Mental Health Patient” at the 2010 Mental Health Pharmacotherapy Symposium at the College of Pharmacy, the University of Georgia.

A. Thomas Taylor presented “Adverse Drug Events” at the 2010 Mental Health Pharmacotherapy Symposium at the College of Pharmacy, the University of Georgia.

Olga Hilas presented a poster titled “Piperacillin-Tazobactam–Associated Acute Interstitial Nephritis” at the ASHP Clinical Midyear Meeting in December 2009.

Olga Hilas presented a poster titled “Utilization of Technology to Prevent and Minimize Inappropriate Use of Sedative Hypnotic Agents in Elderly Inpatients” at the ACCP/ESCP International Congress on Clinical Pharmacy in April 2009.

Pamela Moye presented an ACPE-accredited Web Continuing Education Program titled “HIV Treatment Updates for Pharmacists” in January 2010.

Lamis R. Karaoui, Pharm.D., BCPS, was appointed Acting Director of Experiential Education for the School of Pharmacy, Lebanese American University.

Stephanie Seyse became certified as an Anticoagulation Provider (CACP) and was awarded Fellowship with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Zachary A. Stacy, Pharm.D., BCPS, won the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award for outstanding classroom education in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Suzanne Wortman, B.S., Pharm.D., BCPS, Beth H. Resman-Targoff, B.S., Pharm.D., FCCP, and Rolee Pathak, Pharm.D., BCPS, received Volunteer Recognition by ACCP and the Adult Medicine PRN for significant contributions within the past 2 years.

#### Congratulations to the Following PRN Members Who Became Board Certified in 2009

##### Pharmacotherapy

Sarah Anderson, Lori Arnold, Russell Attridge, Melanie Bates, Christine Bercume, Matthew Bird, Christina Brizendine, Rodney Brumbelow, Christy Burrows, Laura Butkievich, Stefanie Chick, Andrew Crannage, Amy Dill, Rebecca Dunn, Julie Eckert, Y. Michelle Fagan, T. Michael Farley, Christopher Finch, James Forgione, Piyamas Gaston, Elaine Greene, Michael Gulseth, Susan Hamblin, Meri Hix, Shannon Holt, Jenna Huggins, Jolie Jantz, Lamis Karaoui, Lela King, Matthew Korobey, Jeffrey Kyle, Tyrone Lin, Jenna Lovely, Joseph Lovely, Christopher Malaban, Soonali Maniar, Robert Menak, Andrew Miesner, Benjamin Miles, Michael Monaghan, Marilyn Novell, Nathan Pinner, Dane Shiltz, Harleen Singh, Grant Sklar, Thomas Thompson, Tara Vlasimsky, Karen Wall, Diane Yu, Mary Zelazny, and Danielle Zola.

##### Oncology

Leila Mohassel

##### Nutrition Support Pharmacy

Yaman Kaakeh

#### Ambulatory Care PRN

The many committees of the Ambulatory Care PRN have been actively pursuing completion of their charges since last fall. Below is a summary of the work of each committee.

##### Advocacy Committee (Chair: Leigh Ann Ross)

The ACCP Ambulatory Care Advocacy Committee worked during 2008–2009 to develop a survey to be administered to the PRN to assess practice sites, billing processes, opinions regarding Medicare provider status, and advocacy practices. This survey has been completed and will be administered in 2010. This year, the Advocacy Committee is also focusing its efforts on creating an overall program (e.g., mini-sabbatical) for an ACCP member to spend time with the ACCP Government and Professional Affairs team in the

Washington, DC, office to learn more about the advocacy process and professional affairs of ACCP. Committee members will be asked to host or participate in congressional visits at their practice sites. From these experiences, the committee plans to provide a report on the do's and don'ts of hosting an elected official or staff site visit in various settings. We will continue to work with the ACCP Government and Professional Affairs office to facilitate communication to the PRN regarding advocacy issues.

**Budget and Finance Committee (Chair: Edith Nutescu)**

The Budget and Finance Committee is working to spend its money for scholarly and productive uses. We are working to increase PRN membership by offering free dues for PGY2 Ambulatory Care residents, to be implemented in July 2010. We have also been working with the Scholarship and Research Committee to evaluate other methods to spend PRN funds, such as continuing the PRN seed grant. The commitment has been made to offer \$1500 to one PRN member to attend the FIT Program. Finally, the PRN will be supporting travel awards for students and residents to the Annual Meeting (i.e., one student and one resident).

**Communications Committee (Chair: Sarah Westberg)**

The Communications Committee continues to sustain the ongoing tasks of completing the PRN spring and fall newsletters and monitoring the use of the PRN e-mail list. In addition, the committee has several subgroups working on completing the charges. One group is actively working with members of the Scholarship and Research Committee to prepare a poster presentation from its survey results for the 2010 Annual Meeting in the fall. In addition, several committee members are exploring options for a novel means of communication among the PRN members, such as social networking sites. This group will be drawing from the results of the full ACCP member survey completed on this topic. Finally, a subcommittee is reviewing the policies and procedures related to updating the *Ambulatory Care Survival Guide* and determining the best means to market and sell this guide to individuals outside the Ambulatory Care PRN.

**Education Committee (Chair: Mitzi Wasik)**

The Education Committee is in the process of finalizing the details for programming for the fall 2010 focus session at the Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. The session will focus on Updates in Antithrombotic Therapy. The committee will explore possible opportunities for collaborating with another PRN to develop focus session programming for the future.

**Networking Committee (Chair: Daniel Riche)**

The Ambulatory Care PRN Business Meeting and Networking Forum at the ACCP Spring Research and Networking Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina, has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m. Although there is no entertainment because of meeting time constraints, the committee has set up the education for this event. The committee assignments are set for implementing "walk rounds" at the Annual Meeting. During the spring/summer, the committee will set up the education and entertainment for the Annual Meeting. In addition, the committee will solicit and review nominations for the annual PRN Member Achievement Award.

**Nominations Committee (Chair: Alan Zillich)**

The Nominations Committee is charged with helping identify PRN members for ACCP awards, elected offices, and fellowship status. We are also responsible for seeking nominations for PRN offices and putting forth the slate of candidates. On March 1, we put out a call for Ambulatory Care PRN officer positions for 2010–2011. This year, we will elect a Chair-Elect (1-year term to be followed by 1 year as PRN Chair) and Treasurer (2-year term). We would like to encourage those who are interested in nominating someone or themselves to e-mail any member of the committee no later than May 1, 2010. Also in May, look for a call for nominations for the Ambulatory Care PRN Achievement Award. Last year, Stuart Haines received this award.

**Scholarship and Research Committee (Chair: Daniel Longyhore)**

The 2009–2010 Scholarship and Research Committee (SRC) was active in completing several charges that included compiling the results of the "Diversity and Needs Survey," ranking and funding two PRN seed grant applicants, and developing a funding line to partially fund an Ambulatory Care PRN member to the 2011 FIT Program offered by ACCP's Research Institute.

The "Diversity and Needs Survey" was conducted, and results were compared with data from the 2003 survey. The data are being organized and will be presented jointly at the ACCP Fall 2010 Meeting in conjunction with the Communications Committee. Research-specific needs scored low on this, and a focused survey on research needs is under development for 2010 to better understand how the PRN or ACCP can support this need of its members.

The SRC began publicizing the seed grant in July 2009 and received six strong applications to deliberate on. In the end, committee members agreed to partially fund two applications from Whitney Maxwell and Amy Kennedy. Two thousand dollars has been allotted from the Budget and Finance Committee for the 2010–2011 grants, and notice for new applications will take place in summer 2010. The SRC will then review, rank, and fund as indicated, with an announcement of recipients made in late fall 2010.

The SRC worked closely with the Budget and Finance Committee in 2009 to explore funding opportunities for the FIT Program offered by ACCP's Research Institute, and they agreed to contribute 50% of the tuition (\$1625) toward the funding of one PRN member. The SRC will develop an application form in 2010 and make it available to members by the time of the Annual Meeting in the fall.

**Resident and Student Committee (Chair: Kim Thrasher)**

This committee has identified Kelly Lempicki and Christie Schumacher to serve as StuNet liaisons. A subcommittee is actively working on developing activities for the Annual Meeting for residents and students. The committee is working closely with the Budget and Finance Committee to develop a plan to communicate the free dues initiatives to residents and to develop a plan to sponsor a student/resident travel award. Finally, this committee will be prioritizing a plan for the annual activities of this relatively new committee.

## Central Nervous System PRN

### Activities

#### Central Nervous System PRN Business Meeting and Networking Session

Sunday, April 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Charlotte Center City, Gwynn Room. Please join your colleagues for a networking and business meeting. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

### Member Highlights

**Jacci Bainbridge** has been promoted to full Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at University of Colorado Denver School of Pharmacy. **James Cloyd** would like to announce that his Center for Orphan Drug Research at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy will host a workshop on August 2–4, 2010. Anyone interested in developing a drug product for treatment of a rare disorder is invited to attend.

**Larry Cohen** has been nominated for President-Elect, and **Vicki Ellingrod** has been nominated for Research Institute Trustee for ACCP. I would like to encourage all of the Central Nervous System PRN members to vote for and support your fellow colleagues! You have until April 30 to cast your votes!

### Publications

**Chen JJ.** Parkinson's disease: health-related quality of life, economic cost, and implications of early treatment. *Am J Manag Care* 2010;16:S87–S93.

**Chen JJ,** Swope DM. Movement disorders. In: Tisdale J, Miller D, eds. *Drug-Induced Diseases: Prevention, Detection, and Management*, 2nd ed. Bethesda, MD: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, 2010:211–35.

**Lee KC,** Ma JD, Kuo GM. Pharmacogenomics: bridging the gap between science and practice. *JPhA* 2010;50:e1–e17.

## Cardiology PRN

Congratulations to the following Cardiology PRN members on their recent achievements:

#### **Karen McConnell, Kari Olson**

McConnell KJ, Olson KL, Delate T, Merenich JA. Factors associated with recurrent coronary events among patients with cardiovascular disease. *Pharmacotherapy* 2009;29:906–13.

#### **Margaret Thomson, Jean Nappi, Steven Dunn, Ian Hollis, Jo Ellen Rodgers**

Thomson MR, Nappi JM, Dunn SP, Hollis IB, Rodgers JE, Van Bakel AB. Continuous versus intermittent infusion of furosemide in acute decompensated heart failure. *J Card Fail* 2010;16:188–93.

#### **Cynthia Jackevicius**

Was appointed a member of the VA National Ischemic Heart Disease Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Executive Committee, which aims to improve

the care of veterans with ischemic heart disease nationally through research and implementation of best practices. Was nominated ACCP Research Institute Trustee, and elections will occur this spring.

#### **Jennifer Donovan**

Serebruany V, Rao SV, Silva MA, Donovan JL, Kanaan AO, Makarov L, Goto S, Atar D. Correlation of inhibition of platelet aggregation after clopidogrel with post discharge bleeding events: assessment by different bleeding classifications. *Eur Heart J* 2010;31:227–35.

#### **Kim Birtcher**

Was elected Fellow of the American Heart Association and Fellow of the National Lipid Association

#### **Andrew Smith**

Was awarded the Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP) Research and Education Board's Award for Best Practice for project titled "Truman Medical Center: Heart Failure Enhanced Education Pilot Program"

#### **Sarah Spinler**

Was elected inaugural Fellow of the Quality and Outcomes Research Council of the American Heart Association and was appointed to the Research Subcommittee of the American College of Cardiology's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) Practice Innovation And Clinical Excellence (PINNACLE) registry, the first national ambulatory care quality improvement registry.

#### **Toby Trujillo**

Was elected to the Clinical Pharmacology Committee – American Heart Association

#### **Zach Stacy**

Was awarded the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award – recognizes outstanding classroom educator(s) in the St. Louis metropolitan area

#### **Shannon Finks**

Was appointed to serve as a member of the PSAP Editorial Board and will be the *Cardiology* book liaison for the Editorial Board (when the next Cardiology PSAP module is published in 2013)

#### **Jo Ellen Rodgers**

Elected Fellow of ACCP

#### **Michael Crouch**

Has a new book and another article to add to his list: Crouch MA, ed. *Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy: A Point-of-Care Guide*, 1st ed. Bethesda, MD: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, 2010.

Maxwell CB, Crouch MA. Intrapericardial triamcinolone for acute pericarditis after electrophysiologic procedures. *Am J Health Syst Pharm* 2010;67:269–73.

#### **C. Michael White**

Baker BL, Coleman CI, Kluger J, Reinhart KM, Talati R, Quercia R, Phung OJ, White CM.\* Systematic review: comparative effectiveness of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors or angiotensin II-receptor blockers for ischemic heart disease. *Ann Intern Med* 2009;151:861–71.

\*Denotes corresponding author.

This year, he also received \$1.5 million in funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as primary investigator and another \$900,000 as coinvestigator (Craig Coleman and William Baker were PIs on the other projects) for comparative effectiveness review projects.

He also completed a methods guide chapter on systematic review for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: White CM, Ip S, McPheeters M, Carey T, Chou R, Lohr K, Robinson K. Chapter 12. Using existing systematic reviews in comparative effectiveness reviews. In: EPC Methods Guide for Comparative Effectiveness Reviews. Rockville, MD: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2009. Available at <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/healthInfo.cfm?infotype=rr&ProcessID=60>.

He received an *Annals of Internal Medicine* Best Reviewer Citation and was rated a premier reviewer of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Phi Lambda Sigma, UCONN Chapter – Honorary Member. Inducted on the basis of leadership provided in pharmacy education and research. School of Pharmacy, January 19, 2009.

He was a member of the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Committee (Review Panel C) 2009–2010 and the Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Committee (Pilot Trial Review Panel) 2009–2010.

#### **Rhonda DeHoff**

Elected Fellow of the American College of Cardiology

#### **Barbara Wiggins**

Elected Fellow of ACCP

#### **Anne Spencer**

Elected Fellow of ACCP

## **Clinical Administration PRN**

The Clinical Administration PRN is entering its ninth year as an official PRN. Currently, we are 250 members strong. Many of our members are in formal or informal leadership roles with medication management in health systems across the country. Our Vision and Mission Statements were approved in October 2009 and are stated below.

**Vision:** The Clinical Administration PRN is the PRN for clinicians and managers who are seeking to advance clinical pharmacy practice by developing leadership.

**Mission:** To facilitate networking and educational programming for pharmacy clinicians, coordinators, and administrators who seek to provide high-quality and cost-effective clinical pharmacy services.

Our PRN thrives on collaborating with other PRNs to develop programming that is of broad interest to other ACCP members. We are a dynamic group in the College. Members are passionate about what they do, and they have contributed time, effort, and money to advance practice, teaching, research, and advocacy.

## **Highlights of some ongoing projects include:**

- Initiation of a member-driven newsletter
- Development of a welcome packet/informational brochure about the PRN
- Development and conduction of a membership survey
- Seventy-six (76) Clinical Administration PRN members have received board certification:
  - BCPS – 65, BCOP – 8, BCPP – 1, BCNSP – 2
- Taking a leadership role in designing and teaching at the ACCP Leadership Academy
- Continued support of the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund/Focused Investigator Training Program
- Contributions to support StuNet
- The focus session for the 2010 Annual Meeting titled, “What Every Patient Deserves: How Do Hospitals Provide It?”
- Initiation of a PRN Opinion Paper

## **Some individual member highlights include:**

- **Michelle E. Allen, Pharm.D., FCCM, BCPS**, Clinical Coordinator and PGY1 Residency Director at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC, was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Critical Care Medicine and was elected Treasurer of the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists.
- **James M. Hoffman, Pharm.D., M.S., BCPS**, Medication Outcomes and Safety Officer at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, is serving on the Special ACCP Task Force on Governance. The committee’s charge is to expand the field of members considered for election to the Board of Regents, particularly those without primary academic appointments.
- **Charlene Hope, Pharm.D., BCPS**, wrote a chapter titled “When 10 Heads Are Better Than One” in *ASHP Safety and Quality Pearls 2*, Deb Saine (Editor). American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, 2009. She is also on the 2009–2010 Clinical Practice Committee. Her group is tasked with compiling a list of clinical/quality metrics for the acute care setting.
- **John Noviasky, Pharm.D., BCPS**, received Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy; in addition, he has been recognized by his peers at ACCP for his contributions to the organization and the profession of pharmacy.
- **Suzanne Wortman, Pharm.D., B.S., BCPS**, has been recognized by her peers at ACCP for her contributions to the organization and the profession of pharmacy.

## **Critical Care PRN**

### **PRN activities at the 2010 ACCP Spring Forum**

#### **Critical Care PRN Business**

#### **Meeting and Networking Forum**

Monday, April 26, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Hilton North Carolina Room

Join the Critical Care PRN networking forum and interact with colleagues while you enjoy a light lunch. Presentations will include a summary of PRN activities, reports from PRN officers, and the Resident/Fellow Research Travel Award.

#### **Critical Care PRN Focus Session:**

Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,  
Convention Center: 211 and 212  
“Debates in Critical Care”

Topics will include “The Use of Procalcitonin Levels in Sepsis and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia,” “The Use of Recombinant Factor VIIa in Traumatic Brain Injury,” and “Empiric Use of Anti-fungal Agents in the ICU: Echinocandins vs. Fluconazole.”

Please join us in congratulating the Critical Care PRN Spring 2010 Resident Travel Award Winner:

Kathryn Connor, Pharm.D., for “Resolution of Clinical Signs in Trauma Intensive Care Unit Patients Following Diagnosis of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia.” Coauthors included Joseph M. Swanson, Pharm.D., BCPS, G. Christopher Wood, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS (AQ-ID), Bradley A. Boucher, Pharm.D., FCCP, FCCM, BCPS, and Louis J. Magnotti, M.D. The work was completed at The Regional Medical Center at Memphis/The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

### **Education and Training PRN**

Students who attended the Education and Training PRN’s Mock Interview Workshop during the 2009 Annual Meeting in Anaheim were surveyed by the PRN’s new Scholarly Activities Committee. Those participating in the survey agreed that the event improved their preparation and confidence in interviewing for a residency or pharmacy position and recommended the Mock Interview Workshop to a colleague. To participate, look for the call for volunteers in the fall.

### **Member Achievements**

**Heather Whitley** has had an active year for publications:

- Whitley HP. Monetary value of a prescription assistance program service in a rural family medicine clinic. *The Journal of Rural Health*. Accepted.
- Whitley HP. Innovative student-centered active-learning technique incorporating public health discussions into an advanced pharmacy practice experience. *American Journal of Pharmacy Education*. Accepted.
- Whitley HP, Starr J. Academic dishonesty among pharmacy students: does portable technology play a role? *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning*. Accepted.
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**Sarah McBane** has accepted an Assistant Clinical Professor position at the University of California, San Diego. She moved from North Carolina to California in January, so she changed jobs, time zones, and coastlines, as well as from a private school (Campbell University) to a public one.

### **Emergency Medicine PRN**

#### **Member Scholarly Activities**

##### **Stephen Chesser**

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##### **Darrel Hughes**

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**Asad Patanwala**

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Patanwala AE, Norris CJ, Nix DE, Kopp BJ, Erstad BL. Vancomycin dosing for pneumonia in critically ill trauma patients. *J Trauma* 2009;67:802-4.

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**Michael Thomas**

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**Kyle Weant**

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**Recent Member Accomplishments**

**Victor Cohen, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP**, was appointed by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists to the Emergency Department and/or Urgent Care Steering Committee of the National Quality Forum for the development of performance measures.

**Erica Merritt, Pharm.D., BCPS**, in December 2009 obtained Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy.

**Erica Merritt, Pharm.D., BCPS**, and **Michael Thomas, Pharm.D., BCPS**. We need a pharmacist STAT: establishing an emergency department practice. Presented at Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Spring Meeting in March 2010.

**Michael Thomas, Pharm.D., BCPS**. New treatments for hereditary angioedema. Presented at Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists Spring Meeting in March 2010.

**D.W. Hughes, Pharm.D., BCPS**. Free from harshness: gentle reversal of opioid intoxication. Presented at ASHP Midyear Clinical in December 2009.

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**Kyle Weant, Pharm.D., BCPS**, was appointed as program director of the new PGY2 Emergency Medicine Pharmacy Residency Program at the University of Kentucky.

**Endocrine and Metabolism PRN**

The Endocrine and Metabolism PRN has grown to 179 members who practice in a variety of clinical settings. The Networking Committee has been working on ideas for recruiting more fellow/resident/student members for the past year and has had some success in recruiting new members into the PRN this year. In addition, the PRN has contributed money for the Student/Resident Travel Award and the Frontiers Fund this year. Most recently, the PRN submitted an opinion paper that was accepted by *Pharmacotherapy* regarding insulin glargine and the risk of cancer. The PRN is working to establish guidelines for future collaborations within members of the PRN on other publishable topics.

The members of the Communications Committee have created new guidelines for an online journal club with the PRN e-mail list. The online journal club was implemented in February, and it has been going strong

ever since its implementation. The purpose of the online journal club is to provide an awareness of key articles that add new information to the fields of endocrine and metabolism. Members of the PRN are asked to contribute articles and comments periodically. Active members of the Communications Committee have been soliciting journal club articles from the PRN e-mail list and posting two articles each week. Since the creation of the online journal club, the officers have noticed an increased involvement of the members within the PRN and the e-mail list. The following members were involved in creating and implementing these guidelines: Marissa Quinones (Communications Committee Chair), Kim Kelly (Project Lead), Danny Riche (member), Jeremy Thomas (member), Kavita Dalal (member), and Jennifer D'Souza (member). Please contact [marissa.quinones@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.quinones@gmail.com) for more questions about the online journal club.

The Education Committee is working on the programming for the fall 2010 focus session for the Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, titled "Clinical Debates in Endocrinology and Metabolism." The goal of the session is to review three controversial topics in the fields of endocrinology and metabolism using a debate format.

### Member Accomplishments

**Nathan A. Painter, Pharm.D., CDE**, is President of the Southern California College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCCP) and member of the Inaugural Community Advisory Panel (CAP) of the ACCP PBRN.

**Susan Sirmans, Pharm.D., BCPS**, was recently recertified for the second time by examination on BCPS. She has maintained her certificate for 15 years.

**Marissa Quinones, Pharm.D.**, was recently recognized for her contributions as an officer to the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of ACCP for several years of service as Secretary and President of the local chapter since 2006.

## Immunology/Transplantation PRN

### New Members

We would like to welcome the following students, residents, and members to the PRN and encourage them to get involved and be sure to provide us with suggestions and comments to make our PRN even better.

Timothy Horwedel	Resident
Wad Kadi	Student
Ashley Pearson	Resident
Jilliam Descourou	Resident
Jennifer Deyo	Resident
Jay Eidem	Associate member
Jennifer Luppa	Resident
Lance Lindberg	Resident
Jill Logan	Resident
Charles Makowski	Student
Wana Manitpitkul	Member
Joelle Radosevich	Student
Basma Sadaka	Resident
Anne Spennings	Resident
Hector Ramirez	Member

Nicole Alvey	Member
Manijeh Hamed	Member

### Transplantation/Immunology Residency and Fellowship

More than 20 programs were recruiting for transplant residents and fellows for 2010–2011. The PRN would like to congratulate the following programs and individuals on their match. This list is incomplete because some programs are still in the process of completing interviews and participating in the scramble.

University of California–San Diego	Kevin Lor
Tampa General Hospital	Angela Tong
Duke University	Christina Teeter Doligalski
University of Cincinnati	Nicole Schmidt
University of Cincinnati	Basma Sadaka
University of Pittsburgh	David Johnson
Medical University of South Carolina	Holly Barrier
Vanderbilt University	Lance Lindberg
Methodist Hospital, Houston	Jenny Devos
University Health Systems, San Antonio	Barrett Crowther
University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics	Adrian Carlson
University of Illinois at Chicago	Lenley Heinrich

### Announcements

We would like to thank all members of the PRN who responded to the many postings soliciting feedback for our 2010 ACCP Annual Meeting PRN focus session. Our goal is again to plan a session that our members want on a timely topic of interest to a large majority. Based on the information you provided, we developed a program that focuses on clinical controversies in the new era of generic immunosuppressive agents. We are awaiting ACCP approval and comments. Stay tuned.

Through collaborative efforts between our PRN and the AST Transplant Pharmacists Community of Practice (CoP), a white paper to provide an overview of clinical pharmacists and pharmacist researchers practicing in the field of transplantation is being developed. A special thanks to Nicole Weimert for facilitating these efforts and the members of the PRN for their review and contributions.

Congratulations to the PRN members below who have had abstracts accepted to the 2010 American Transplant Congress (ATC), to be held in San Diego, May 1–5, 2010. Fifty-six PRN members are authors of 156 abstracts, of which 45 have a PRN member as first author. This shows the impact of pharmacists in advancing the field of solid-organ transplantation. We look forward to hearing about the exciting research in which our members have been involved.

Rita Alloway	Maya Campara
Winston Ally	Teresa Cavanaugh
Nicole Alvey	Jennifer Deyo
Anastasia Anamisis	Benjamin Duhart
Teresa Lynn Anderson-Haag	Matthew Everly
Meredith Aull	James Fleming
Iman Bajjoka	Steven Gabardi
Lyndsey Bowman	Reed Hall
Rebecca Brady	Matthew Harris

Jennifer Hibbs  
April Hildebrand  
Timothy Horwedel  
Heather Hurley  
Pamala Jacobson  
Scott Kaczvorski  
Nicole Kenyon  
Amy Krauss  
Sabrina Lee  
Pamela Maxwell  
Megan McCartan  
Lisa McDevitt  
Leandra Miko  
David Min  
Samir Patel  
Keri Roberts  
Christin Rogers  
Jennifer Ryan  
Basma Sadaka

Jenna Scheffert  
Kristine Schonder  
Adele Shields  
Theodore Sievers  
Lonnie Smith  
Eglis Tellez-Corrales  
James Thielke  
Eric Tichy  
Angela Tong  
Kathleen Tornatore  
Jennifer Trofe-Clark  
Crystal Truax  
Demetra Tsapepas  
Kimi Ueda Stevenson  
Ashley Vo  
Jennifer Walker  
R. Carlin Walsh  
Nicole Weimert  
Angela Wills

All PRN members attending ATC in May are invited to attend the AST Transplant Pharmacist Community of Practice (CoP) reception scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The agenda and location have not been finalized. We will forward the details by the PRN e-mail list when they become available.

## Nephrology PRN

### PRN Activities

In November 2009, the Nephrology PRN submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the proposed rule, "Medicare Programs; End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System" (also referred to as "bundling" of payments). Under this legislation, many services related to dialysis treatment would be bundled into one payment for reimbursement. The dialysis center would be reimbursed a fixed fee for all dialysis equipment, laboratory fees, and dialysis-related medications. In addition, the definition of a "dialysis-related" drug would be expanded to include not only injectable agents such as erythropoiesis-stimulating agents and iron products, but also oral, "home medications" such as phosphate-binding agents and calcimimetics. The allotted reimbursement for medications (around \$15 per treatment) would likely not meet the needs of many patients, and many members raised concerns. Dr. Wendy St. Peter compiled our comments and evidence into a cohesive document and petitioned CMS to reconsider many components of the proposal, positing,

We understand that bundling of payments for dialysis services is designed to reduce financial incentives for utilization of unnecessary dialysis services. However, we believe that the current proposed bundle will lead to unintended consequences including under treatment of certain vulnerable ESRD patients and further fragmentation of medication management in these patients. We are also concerned that bundling could stifle innovation in new medication therapies for ESRD patients and, thereby, reduce the likelihood of further improvement in patient care.

**The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's Manitoba Renal Program** received the 2009 Commitment to Care Award. Their initiative to increase the number of pharmacists providing direct patient care to patients with chronic kidney disease began in 1998. Their vision was to increase the pharmacy team (then 1.5 clinical pharmacists) using a unique, population-based funding structure. They have achieved their goal, increasing the team to 10 full-time equivalents (FTEs). In fact, their funding model for a fixed ratio of pharmacists to patients is now included in the planning process for every new dialysis unit, ensuring positions for clinical pharmacists and optimal pharmaceutical care for all patients in this setting. In addition to direct patient care, this program has allowed the clinical pharmacy team to demonstrate its value in providing training and education to pharmacy students as well as to other health professionals. Member of this team are also able to participate in research projects to improve medication use and have generated millions of dollars in drug-related cost savings. Their unique funding structure has definitely proved its worth!

The Nephrology PRN is currently writing a PRN Opinion Paper titled "**Using Cockcroft-Gault and Modification of Diet in Renal Disease Equations to Dose Medications.**" This paper will provide information and evidence pertinent to the controversy and debate that surround the issue of assessing kidney function and determining optimal drug doses in patients with chronic kidney disease. The final draft of the paper will be presented during the Nephrology PRN Networking and Business Meeting at the ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina. We have applied for a focus session at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, in October 2010 to present this debate in more detail.

### Significant Papers/Presentations by Nephrology PRN Members in 2009–2010

#### Events at the 2010 Spring Forum

##### Joint Focus Session

The Nephrology PRN will cohost a focus session with the Ambulatory Care PRN regarding at the ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina.

##### "What's New with Vitamin D?"

Tuesday, April 27, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Convention Center, Room 213 D

Moderator: Kathryn L. Kiser, Pharm.D., BCPS

The session includes three discussions:

- (1) "Vitamin D Physiology, Pharmacology and Supplementation: How Good Is It and How Much Is Enough?" Presented by Alan H. Lau, Pharm.D., FCCP
- (2) "The Use of Vitamin D in Chronic Kidney Disease." Presented by Wendy L. St. Peter, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS
- (3) "The Potential Role of Vitamin D in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice." Presented by Joseph Vande Griend, Pharm.D., BCPS

##### Business Meeting and Networking Forum

Please join us for our Nephrology PRN Networking and Business Meeting in at the ACCP Spring Practice and

Research Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina. This meeting will be held in the Johnson Room of the Hilton Hotel on Saturday, April 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

## Pediatrics PRN

The Pediatrics PRN, more than 400 members strong with an active e-mail list, is formally focusing on communication, collaboration, and collegiality this year. To this end, a needs assessment has been conducted, and action is being taken to address areas of interest to the membership. The topic "Formal Post-Pharm.D. Training in Pediatrics" was identified as an interest area, and it will be addressed at the Spring Meeting with the intent of proposing that the group write a formal position paper on the subject. Additional avenues of collaboration with other organizations will be explored through the leadership of the Collaboration Committee.

## Member Accomplishments

**Steve Plogsted** was appointed to ASPEN's Malnutrition Taskforce; he currently serves on ASPEN's Self-Assessment Committee. He is actively involved in new nutrition-related publications: "The A.S.P.E.N. Pediatric Core Curriculum" (section editor) and a chapter, "Gluten in Medications and Supplements" (chapter author), in an upcoming American Gastroenterological Society publication.

**Kalen Porter** has earned promotion to Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy.

## Pharmaceutical Industry PRN

The Pharmaceutical Industry, which has more than 240 members, is continuing to grow. The Pharmaceutical Industry PRN supports members working in the pharmaceutical industry and provides awareness and education to members who do not work in the industry. This year, the PRN is focused on highlighting the accomplishments of its members and networking with other PRNs to foster collaboration on a variety of projects.

### PRN Business

The PRN will host a networking lunch at the 2010 Spring ACCP Meeting at the Hilton Charlotte Center City in the Gwynn Room on Monday, April 26, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please join us to catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues. The Programming Committee has developed a symposium for the 2010 Annual Meeting that analyzes the quality of data that support recent changes to the prescribing information for drugs in the United States. The committee is now confirming speakers. The Nominations Committee is currently taking nominations for 2010–2011 PRN leadership positions. In addition, former Chair Andrea Anderson has completed revisions to the PRN's "Drug Development Overview and Opportunities for Pharmacists in the Pharmaceutical Industry" slide deck. The members who drafted this deck will review it for finalization. Once finalized, the information will be available to the Industry PRN members for use in discussions to educate other

pharmacists and pharmacy students on career opportunities and the process of drug development. Finally, Julie Maurey (Pfizer) and Marc Israel (Novartis) will represent the PRN at the ACCP Spring Forum Career Roundtable session on April 24, 2010.

## Member Achievements

We are honored to announce the following achievements of our fellow members:

- **Kay Uttech, Pharm.D., BCPS**, Director, Global Medical Services at Baxter Healthcare Inc., has been appointed to the advisory board for Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science's College of Pharmacy in Chicago, Illinois.
- **Leigh M. Vaughan, Pharm.D., MBA, RAC**, at Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc., is the current Treasurer and Board of Director on the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society (RAPS).
- **Dorothy L. Smith, Pharm.D.**, President and CEO Consumer Health Information Corporation, is currently serving on the National Consumers League (NCL) National Medication Adherence Campaign and the NCL Chronic Condition Working Group and will speak on "Strategies for Improving Medication Adherence and Compliance, Parts 1 and 2" at the APhA Foundation Meeting on April 30, 2010.
- **Patrick G. Clay, Pharm.D., FCCP, CCTI**, assumed the role of Chair (2010–2011) for the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Pharmaceutical Scientists Clinical Sciences Section in March 2010. This position affords a simultaneous appointment to serve on the APRS Executive Council of the American Pharmacists Association. In addition, he published articles in *Pharmacotherapy*, *Current Medical Research Opinion*, *Lancet*, and *Diabetes Care* in 2009–2010 and has presented several posters in the past year.
- **Ruth Ann Subach, Pharm.D., BCPS**, recently accepted a position at Trevena, Inc., as Director and Head of Clinical Operations. Trevena, Inc., is a privately held pharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing the next generation of G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) targeted medicines. Trevena's first compound is starting clinical trials in March 2010.

## Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics

The Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN would like to congratulate **Timothy Bensman** for winning the 2009 M. Kelli Jordan Travel Award. Timothy, a Pharm.D.-Ph.D. student at the University of Southern California, presented his research project, titled "Immunomodulatory Effects of Doxycycline in Cystic Fibrosis Airway Epithelial Cells," at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim. The travel award recognizes the accomplishments of a Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN member in training with an abstract accepted at the Annual Meeting for which travel support has been granted. Please watch for another travel award to be offered at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

We would also like to thank past Chairs **Phillip Empey** and **Brian Overholser** for developing the Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN history document presented at the Annual Meeting.

The PRN is providing a focus session at the Spring Meeting in Charlotte titled, "Train the Trainer to Implement a National Pharmacogenomics Education Program to Bridge the Gap Between Science and Practice." This session aims to provide a basic understanding and application of pharmacogenomics in clinical practice and is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2010.

## Women's Health PRN

The Women's Health PRN is looking forward to the ACCP Spring Meeting. We will host a session on "Update on Hot Topics in Women's Health" on Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., and hope you will join us. Topics will include:

Women's Mental Health Issues in Peri- and Postmenopausal Years

*Speakers: Kelly C. Lee, Pharm.D., BCPP, and Cathi Dennehy, Pharm.D.*

Emerging Issues in Hypertension in Women

*Speaker: Benjamin Van Tassell, Pharm.D., BCPS*

Menopause Management in 2010

*Speaker: Christine K. O'Neil, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS*

## Member Accomplishments

### Appointments/Promotions/New Positions

**Sarah McBane**, Pharm.D., BCPS, CDE, has accepted a new position as Assistant Clinical Professor of Pharmacy at University of California at San Diego Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

**Alicia Forinash**, Pharm.D., BCPS (St. Louis College of Pharmacy), has been appointed to the editorial board for *Annals of Pharmacotherapy* Women's Health Section.

### Research Funding

**Mary F. Hebert**, Pharm.D. (University of Washington) is PI for a grant award from NIH/NICHD for Obstetric-Fetal Pharmacology Research Unit.

**Anitra A. MacLaughlin**, Pharm.D. (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center), has received funding from the Women's Health Research Institute of Amarillo as coinvestigator for Motivating Women for Physical Activity at the Worksite.

**Katie McClendon**, Pharm.D., BCPS (University of Mississippi), has received funding from Allergan Inc. for the project "Assessment of Outcomes Following Bariatric Surgery for Mississippi State Employees."

### Awards and Fellowships

**Thomas Gochenour**, RPH, Pharm.D., BCPS, NCMP (Rush University Medical Pharmacy), was named Preceptor of the Year by the Chicago College of Pharmacy, a division of Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.

**Macary Weck Marciniak**, Pharm.D., BCPS (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), was recently recognized as a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association (FAPhA).

## Publications

Longo B, **Forinash AB**, Murphy JM. Levetiracetam in pregnancy. *Ann Pharmacother* 2009;43:1692–5. [Epub August 2009]. Available at <http://www.hwbooks.com/pdf/articles/08/08-18-09/aph.1M231.pdf>.

**McClendon KS**, Riche DM, Uwaifo GI. Orlistat: current status in clinical therapeutics. *Expert Opin Drug Saf* 2009;8:727–44.

**Rafie S**, Macdougall C, James CL. Cethromycin: a promising new ketolide antibiotic for respiratory infections. *Pharmacotherapy* 2010;30:290–303.

**Ragland D**, Payakachat N, Hays EB, Banken J, Dajani NK, Ott RE. Depression and diabetes: establishing the pharmacist's role in detecting comorbidity in pregnant women. *J Am Pharm Assoc* 2010;50:195–9.

Many of our members are editors and/or authors of the new textbook *Women's Health Across the Lifespan: A Pharmacotherapeutic Approach*. Editors were **Laura M. Borgelt**, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS; **Karim Anton Calis**, Pharm.D., MPH, FASHP, FCCP; **Mary Beth O'Connell**, Pharm.D., FASHP, FCCP, BCPS; and **Judith A. Smith**, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCOP. The book was published by ASHP in March.

### Poster Presentations at the Spring ACCP Meeting:

**Ragland D**. Impact of Emergency Contraception Status on Unintended Pregnancy: Observational Data from a Pharmacy Practice.

**McClendon K**, Pitcock M, Pitcock J. Using Blogs During Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences as Reflection Tool.



## Research Institute Report

The ACCP Research Institute is pleased to report updates to PRN members and leadership with respect to the ACCP PBRN and investigator development programs.

### ACCP PBRN

The ACCP PBRN continues to grow since its launch in February 2009. We have more than 600 members to date, including members who have joined through existing PBRNs



and whose data are not shown below. Table 1 below lists current ACCP PBRN members by PRN.

**Table 1.** ACCP PBRN Membership by PRN

No. of ACCP PBRN Members <i>(as of 3/30/10)</i>	PRN Name
61	Adult Medicine
96	Ambulatory Care
65	Cardiology
11	Central Nervous System
17	Clinical Administration
81	Critical Care
6	Drug Information
42	Education and Training
12	Emergency Medicine
19	Endocrine and Metabolism
14	Geriatrics
12	GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN
6	Health Outcomes
33	Hematology/Oncology
21	Immunology/Transplantation
76	Infectious Diseases
15	Nephrology
15	Pain and Palliative Care
31	Pediatrics
3	Pharmaceutical Industry
8	Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics
13	Women's Health

If you are new to PBRN research, you will find FAQs and specific information regarding the mission, vision, and features unique to the ACCP PBRN at <http://www.accpri.org/pbrn/whyJoin.aspx>. If you are providing direct patient care or have access to patients for research purposes, the ACCP PBRN invites you to join. Remember, no research experience is necessary to join the ACCP PBRN. Go to [www.accpri.org/pbrn](http://www.accpri.org/pbrn) to join.

### MEDAP Study Launch

The ACCP PBRN plans to launch its first project soon, called the MEDAP (Medication Error Detection, Amelioration, and Prevention) Study. All ACCP PBRN members will be eligible to participate in this project. The ACCP PBRN has received IRB approval, and preparations are under way for study launch later this year.... With the Cerner software donation (see story in *ACCP Report*, September 2009), the ACCP PBRN is well suited to meet the demands of a large network.

#### Live MEDAP Study Training in Charlotte

If you are attending the Spring Forum in Charlotte, plan to join us for two informational sessions on the MEDAP Study: Sunday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m., or Monday, April 26, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 214 of the Charlotte Convention Center. We will host walkthroughs of our data collection process and answer your questions about the study.

### 2011 Focused Investigator Training Program



The Focused Investigator Training (FIT) Program will be held June 11–17, 2010, at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy in Tucson. The FIT Program is an annual, intensive, 1-week, hands-on program for experienced investigators who have not yet been awarded significant peer-reviewed extramural funding as a principal investigator. Through this mentored program, research-track faculty will take necessary steps toward preparing a K, R, or similar investigator-initiated application for submission to the NIH or other major funding source. Online applications are currently being accepted.

We are pleased to report that two FIT attendees have already received federal grants, and several others are pending. This program works! (See *ACCP Report*, August 2009.)

### Apply Now for the PPD Bioanalytical Fluid and Tissue Grant Award



Do you have stored research samples and no money or resources to do the analysis? Apply for the PPD award through the ACCP Research Institute. Through this investigator development award, PPD grant award winners are reimbursed for their transportation and housing costs while performing sample analysis at the facility, provided by PPD, an international contract research organization. The grant covers the costs associated with the actual sample analyses and permits members to learn in a state-of-the-art laboratory setting under experts in bioanalytical methods. The Research Institute is pleased to announce the continued availability of funding opportunities for both full and associate ACCP members in 2010. Applications will remain open until 2010 funding is depleted.

Download an application from [www.accpri.org](http://www.accpri.org) and apply today.

### Support the Frontiers Fund



The financial support needed to operate a PBRN is substantial. Although cost estimates vary based on the structure and complexity of each PBRN, we estimate that the ACCP PBRN infrastructure will cost more than \$180,000 in 2010 alone. This is similar to other PBRNs across the country and does not take into account study-specific costs.

The Research Institute needs your financial support to bring the ACCP PBRN forward. If every current ACCP PBRN member donated \$100, we could easily raise \$60,000.

Help us “Go Forward” by making a personal tax-deductible contribution in 2010 to the Frontiers Fund. Online donations can be made at <http://www.accpri.org>.

## Advocacy Update

### Health Care Reform Update, Spring 2010

If the battle over health care reform taught us anything, it is, “never try to predict the future.”

Throughout 2009, informal deadlines to pass legislation slipped from the August recess to Thanksgiving, then Christmas, and then to the President’s State of the Union address in January.

Massachusetts, the commonwealth that has consistently elected Democratic heavyweights from Ted Kennedy to Tip O’Neill, from John Kerry to Barney Frank, surprised everyone apart from perhaps the charismatic candidate himself when voters sent Republican Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate.

Yet, despite the President’s plummeting approval ratings, the loss of the 60-seat supermajority in the Senate, and the overall perception of the Democrats as a party in disarray, President Obama signed a landmark health care reform package into law on March 23, 2010.

The new law, known as The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148), recognizes among its many critical reform provisions the medication use problems our country faces and provides support for expanding and supporting the role of the clinical pharmacist in addressing these problems. The law also delivers a series of health care delivery reforms to promote coordination among health care providers and several important changes to the Medicare Part D MTM benefit.

#### Clinical Pharmacy Services

Specific to clinical pharmacy services, the law provides for:

**MTM Grant Programs:** The new law establishes a stand-alone grant program to provide pharmacist-provided MTM services as defined by the pharmacy profession’s consensus definition on the Core Elements of an MTM Program. The program ensures testing of practice and care delivery models, such as patient-centered self-management programs, that improve patient outcomes through team-based collaboration between prescribers and pharmacists.

**Integrated Care Models:** The law also includes provisions to ensure that providers with expertise in pharmacotherapy, including pharmacists, are fully engaged in integrated, collaborative, team-based approaches to delivering care, including medical homes, accountable care organizations, community health teams, and home-based chronic care programs.

**Transitional Care Activities:** The law recognizes the gaps in care coordination and communication that often occur when patients are transferred from one setting of care to another. Problems arising from inappropriate medication use are a primary reason for hospital readmissions. Pharmacists, helping to manage pharmacotherapy as part of a transitional care team, will be able to play major roles in preventing these events. Transitional care activities might include medication reconciliation, improved use of personal medication records, and discharge planning that may include MTM services.



**Medicare Advantage Plan Incentives:** The law provides bonus payments to Medicare Advantage plans that conduct care coordination and management activities. In particular, it acknowledges the need for MTM programs to address medication use issues such as poly-pharmacy through medication reconciliation, periodic reviews of drug regimens, and integration of medical and pharmacy care for chronically ill, high-cost beneficiaries.

**Workforce:** The law establishes a National Health Care Workforce Commission that will study health care workforce supply issues and make recommendations back to Congress.

#### Next Steps

The inclusion of these provisions in the final law represents a formal recognition at the federal level that MTM is a vital component of the nation’s health care reform initiative and a recognition of pharmacists as health professionals uniquely qualified to deliver these services as members of the health care team.

This recognition is the result of an ongoing, profession-wide effort to educate lawmakers, advocate for expanded access to pharmacists’ services, and draw attention to the issue of medication use.

Even before the bill was signed into law, ACCP and our pharmacy stakeholder colleagues had initiated discussions with key leaders in Congress and the administration regarding the scope and structure of the clinical pharmacy provisions outlined in the legislation.

These discussions included meetings with congressional appropriators, who ultimately determine the funding of the provisions; outreach to the administration officials in Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies who will administer the programs; and ongoing participation in the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC). PCPCC is a coalition of more than 500 major employers, consumer groups, patient quality organizations, health plans, labor unions, hospitals, and clinicians who have joined together to develop and advance the patient-centered medical home (PCMH). PCPCC is considered the primary work group for the development of the PCMH.

#### How You Can Get Involved

ACCP’s [Legislative Action Center](#) contains a wealth of information about your elected officials and allows you to communicate with your members of Congress.

Remember, to maximize your impact, you are encouraged to edit and personalize the letter, providing background on your practice and professional experience.

In addition, you are strongly encouraged to make the following requests in your letter:

- Ask for a list of the dates your members of Congress will be available for meetings in their district or state.
- Ask about any “Town Hall” meetings your members of Congress have scheduled, particularly those focused on health issues.
- Request an in-person meeting with your members of Congress and/or staff while they are home for the recess.

#### Invite your legislators to tour your practice setting

Perhaps the single greatest challenge facing the pharmacy community in Washington is the enduring perception that

pharmacists are drug dispensers who do not play a role in patient care. The most effective step an ACCP member can take to help members of Congress understand the differences between traditional retail pharmacy and the patient care services provided by a clinical pharmacy is to invite members to tour a practice setting and to see firsthand what clinical pharmacy is all about.

ACCP has prepared a guide to help you reach out to members of Congress and schedule a visit. We have even drafted a letter you can send directly from the Legislative Action Center inviting your federal officials to tour your facility.

[Click here](#) to visit the site and send a letter yourself!

NOTE – Please be certain to secure the necessary approval from your organization before requesting that members of Congress tour your practice setting.

Please also be sure to work closely with ACCP staff in Washington to ensure that your practice tour is as effective as possible. We can help you prepare for the event and coordinate follow-up activities.

Contact John McGlew at (202) 621-1820 or [jmcglew@accp.com](mailto:jmcglew@accp.com) to discuss how to conduct a successful meeting with a lawmaker and how to maximize your political impact with that lawmaker.

## ACCP Political Action Committee (PAC)

ACCP's 2007 Strategic Plan called for an examination of the feasibility and value of establishing an ACCP Political Action Committee (PAC).

Based on research conducted by staff and outreach to ACCP membership, the ACCP Board of Regents at its February 2010 meeting approved the establishment of a PAC to support and advance ACCP's advocacy agenda in Washington, DC.

### What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?

- A PAC is a legally defined entity organized to help elect political candidates.
- PACs must report all financial activities, including direct donations and other expenses, to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), which makes the reports available to the public.

### Why Establish a PAC?

- A PAC is the only means by which ACCP can provide financial support to help elect pro-pharmacy candidates.
- Political contributions help raise our profile in Washington, DC.
- Attending fundraising events offers an opportunity to secure face time with members of Congress or congressional staff.
- ACCP members can also attend events on behalf of the College and help improve their relationships with elected officials.

### Why Support Your PAC?

The success of the ACCP PAC depends entirely on the support of ACCP members. Although we recognize the

commitment that ACCP members already make to the College and other professional organizations, this is clinical pharmacy's PAC, which presents a unique opportunity to raise our political profile and advance our advocacy agenda.

ACCP will roll out a newly launched PAC during the coming months. Watch for further updates on how you can get involved in this exciting venture.

## ACCP/ASHP/VCU Pharmacy Policy Fellow Program

In 2006, ACCP, together with the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), established the country's first Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow program.

Under the leadership of Gary R. Matzke, Pharm.D., of the VCU School of Pharmacy, Ed Webb, Pharm.D., MPH, of ACCP, and Brian Meyer of ASHP, the program was developed to provide active learning in multiple policy environments.

The initial month of the program consists of an orientation curriculum put on by faculty of the VCU School of Pharmacy and the government affairs staff of ACCP and ASHP. Fellows then spend 1 year working as special assistants/fellows on the staff of a congressional committee or the personal staff of a U.S. senator or representative.

The program provides a unique health care policy learning experience that allows the Fellow to make practical contributions to the effective use of scientific and pharmaceutical knowledge in government decision-making.

The Fellow will be actively mentored during his/her development of legislative evaluation and policy development skills as well as research and writing skills as he or she integrates practical policy experience with theory.

The Fellow will also be expected to undertake a wide array of responsibilities in the congressional office he or she serves, including researching and writing briefs on health care issues, assisting with policy decisions, drafting memoranda, and planning, organizing, and contributing to the management objectives of the office.

## Introducing the Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellows

**2006–2007:** The program's inaugural fellow – George Nayarapally, Pharm.D., MPH – worked in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for 6 months, followed by almost 6 months in the office of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (Independent-Connecticut).

Dr. Nayarapally went on to be a policy scientist in Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research in the Center for Outcomes and Evidence at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and is currently a pharmacist at the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE) within the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**2007–2008:** Our second Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow - Anna Legreid Dopp, Pharm.D. - took leave from her position as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University



of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy to move with her husband and dog to Washington, DC. Dr. Legreid Dopp also worked on health care issues in the office of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman. Anna returned to Wisconsin with her husband, John, and baby, Krista where she remains engaged in health policy and patient care.

Anna recently accepted a position with the WEA Trust, a not-for-profit health plan providing coverage for Wisconsin public school employees and their families. Anna also provides patient care services at a federally-qualified-health-plan in Wisconsin and is pursuing additional post graduate studies.

**2008–2010.** The third Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow - Stephanie Hammonds, Pharm.D. - served on the majority staff of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee under the leadership of Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA).

Dr. Hammonds was also selected as the 2009–2010 Fellow on the basis of her strong desire to continue her contribution to the health care reform initiatives overseen by the Senate HELP Committee. Dr. Hammonds currently serves under HELP Committee Chair Tom Harkin (D-IA).

### **Applications for the 2010–2011 Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow Program**

Interested candidates should visit the Pharmacy Healthcare Policy Fellow program's [website](#) for more information and instructions on submitting an application.

## **ACCP's New Address in Washington**

As a reminder, ACCP's Washington office has moved. Our new address is as follows:

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Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20004-1017  
Telephone: (202) 621-1820  
Fax: (202) 621-1819

## **Student Initiatives Update**

### **Student Member Demographics**

We thank the many PRN members and liaisons who have encouraged students to consider professional membership in ACCP. Your efforts to reach out to students have helped to significantly expand opportunities for students within the organization. During the past 4 years, the number of ACCP Student members has more than tripled reaching a total of 1760 members as of April 2010.

### **Student Travel Awards Program**

In 2006, ACCP initiated the ACCP Student Travel Awards Program to support and encourage student attendance at ACCP national meetings and expand opportunities for students throughout the organization. To date, ACCP

has awarded more than \$30,000 in travel stipends and complimentary meeting registrations.

ACCP thanks the many PRNs that have donated funds in support of the ACCP Student Travel Awards Program:

- Adult Medicine
- Ambulatory Care
- Cardiology
- Clinical Administration
- Critical Care
- Education and Training
- Endocrine and Metabolism
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics

Please encourage students at your institutions to attend an ACCP national meeting and apply for a Student Travel Award. For more information on the program, please visit <http://www.accp.com/stunet/award.aspx>.

## **ACCP National Student Advisory Committee**

Initiated as a working group in 2006, the National StuNet Advisory Group became a standing committee of the College in 2007 and its members are appointed by the ACCP President-Elect.

The present 11-member committee serves in an advisory capacity to the ACCP Board of Regents and staff, providing feedback and assistance in developing new programs and services for student members.

The current committee's work has focused on two distinct charges:

1. Devise mechanisms to promote to students the roles of specialization and board certification in clinical pharmacists' career development. In particular, communications that focus on "what a specialist is," "what a specialist does," and "why become a clinical pharmacy specialist?"
2. Develop student-authored communication vehicles that recognize newsworthy student accomplishments, convey useful and timely information to students, and otherwise help increase student visibility within ACCP while also increasing the organization's relevance to students

## **Applications for 2010–2011 National StuNet Advisory Committee Now Open**

Please encourage students at your institution who are interested in learning more about clinical pharmacy to apply for appointment to the 2010–2011 National StuNet Advisory Committee. This is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their leadership skills, network with students across the country, and interact with clinical pharmacy leaders. Students appointed to the committee will receive complimentary student meeting registrations to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting and the 2010 Spring Practice and Research Forum.

Applicants must submit a current copy of their CV, a 500-word essay detailing their interest in serving on the committee, and a letter of recommendation from an academic dean. Applications are due June 18, 2010. To learn more about the StuNet Advisory Committee or to access the online application portal, please visit <http://www.accp.com/stunet/advisoryCommittee.aspx>.

## ACCP to Launch New Pharmacy Student Competition

There's a new game in town! ACCP is pleased to announce the development of a novel national pharmacy student team competition. The "ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge" will debut in the fall of 2010.

The concept, developed by members of the 2008–2009 National StuNet Advisory Committee, will allow teams of three students to compete against teams from other schools and colleges of pharmacy in a "quiz-bowl" type format.

Preliminary rounds of the competition will be conducted virtually, and semifinal and final rounds will be held live at the ACCP Annual Meeting this October in Austin, Texas. Additional details regarding the competition format, eligibility, and registration information will be available online later this month. Please check the ACCP Student Web site at <http://www.accp.com/stunet/index.aspx> for updates.

## ACCP Expands Roles for Post-Graduate Trainee Members

In an effort to expand opportunities for professional growth and leadership opportunities within the college, ACCP has established a new standing committee. The National Resident Advisory Committee provides postgraduate trainees the means to enhance their leadership skills, network with their colleagues from across the country, and interact with clinical pharmacy leaders. Members of the committee have an integral role in the development of new programs and services for postgraduate trainee members, including live programming specific for post-graduate trainees at the Annual Meeting. Committee service and chairmanship is a common pathway toward future leadership positions within ACCP.

The ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee is composed of 8-12 postgraduate trainee members of the College appointed by the ACCP President-Elect. Members generally serve a 1-year term. The committee meets in person at the College's Annual Meeting in October and communicates via conference calls and e-mail to complete its assigned charges. Appointees to the National Resident Advisory Committee receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the ACCP Annual Meeting held during their committee term.

Postgraduate trainee members interested in serving on the ACCP National Resident Advisory Committee can apply for appointment to a leadership position, or can serve as a member-at-large. Members-at-large are selected based upon their responses to the ACCP Member Volunteer Survey. The survey identifies an individual's interest to serve on a particular committee, as well as attributes he/she would contribute to achieving the committee's charges. The ACCP Member Volunteer Survey is distributed every summer. Applications for committee leadership positions are due Friday, June 18, 2010.

For additional information or to enter an application for a leadership position please visit <http://www.accp.com/membership/rac.aspx>.

## Plan Now to Attend the 2010 ACCP Annual Meeting—

**October 17–20, 2010,  
in Austin, Texas**

October in Austin: Temperatures are in the comfortable low '80s as you explore Austin's miles of hike and bike trails. The cool evenings are just right for checking out some of the nearly two hundred live music venues that have earned Austin the title of Live Music Capital of the World.

This is the backdrop for ACCP's 2010 Annual Meeting. The meeting opens with a keynote address by Christopher M. O'Connor, MD, who will examine the current state of clinical research, and efforts underway to train new scientists capable of performing high level research that will significantly impact patient care. Dr. O'Connor is Director of the Duke University Heart Failure Program and Associate Director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will offer many more high-level education programs in these curricular tracks:

- Pain Management: Current Controversies in Ambulatory Care
- Clinical Controversies in the Management of Obese Patients
- Experiential Education: Maximizing the Practice Based Experience
- The FDA Safety Sentinel Initiative

The lineup of education activities also includes programs within each of ACCP's four Academy certificate programs, and PRN-developed Focus Sessions.

The Annual Meeting schedule of events will again include scientific paper platform presentations and poster sessions, the Town Hall meeting, and pharmacy industry forum exhibits. New this year, ACCP will conduct the semi-finals and final rounds of the first-annual ACCP Clinical Pharmacy Challenge for students (*see related article*.)

Registration for the 2010 Annual Meeting will open in June. Watch the ACCP Web site for details. See you in Austin!



## Practice Research Network Membership Totals (03/10)

Practice and Research Network	Total Members
Ambulatory Care	1186
Adult Medicine	837
Cardiology	863
Clinical Administration	261
Central Nervous System	169
Critical Care	1413
Drug Information	249
Education and Training	310
Emergency Medicine	260
Endocrine and Metabolism	188
Geriatrics	230
GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN	145
Health Outcomes	163
Hematology Oncology	534
Immunology/Transplantation	286
Infectious Diseases	1319
Nephrology	192
Pain and Palliative Care	245
Pediatrics	508
Pharmaceutical Industry	253
Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics	140
Women's Health	152

## PRN Calendar

April 23–27, 2010	2010 ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course, Charlotte, North Carolina
April 24, 2010	PRN Officers Meeting, 11:00 a.m.–noon; Charlotte, North Carolina
April 24–26, 2010	PRN business meetings and networking forums: Saturday, April 24, 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.; Monday, April 26, 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
May 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
May 28, 2010	Completed applications due for PRN and chapter networking forums at the 2010 Annual Meeting
June 2–3, 2010	ACCP Executive Committee Meeting, ACCP headquarters
June 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
June 15, 2010	Abstract deadline for the 2010 ACCP Annual Meeting

June 16, 2010	Final slates for PRN elections due at ACCP office
July 5, 2010	Student abstract submission deadline for the 2010 Annual Meeting
July 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
July 14, 2010	Electronic distribution of PRN ballots
July 20–22, 2010	Board of Regents Meeting; Kansas City
August 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
August 20, 2010	PRN balloting closes
August 25, 2010	PRN Nominations Committee notified of PRN election results
August 31, 2010	Deadline by which PRN Nominations Committee notify all candidates of election results
September 2010	ACCP staff notifies new officers of PRN Officers Meeting and New Officer Orientation schedule at the 2010 Annual Meeting
September 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
October 2010	PRN Handbook updated and made available by PRN Web pages
October 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
October 15–16, 2010	Board of Regents Meeting, Austin, Texas
October 16, 2010	PRN Officers Meeting and New Officer Orientation, Austin, Texas
October 17–20, 2010	ACCP Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas
October 18–19, 2010	PRN business meetings and networking forums
October 18–20, 2010	PRN focus sessions at the 2010 Annual Meeting; all that submit proposals
November 2010	Deadline for nominations for the (1) fall 2011 awards (Clinical Practice, Education, Russell Miller, and Elenbaas Service Awards); (2) 2012 Therapeutic Frontiers Lecturer; and (3) 2012 elected officers
November 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
November 19, 2010	Program synopsis due from all planning a focus session at the 2011 Annual Meeting

December 10, 2010	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
December 17, 2010	Preliminary programs due from all planning a focus session at the 2011 ACCP Annual Meeting
December 17, 2010	PRN Interim Reports due (minutes from PRN business meetings, items for action by the Board of Regents)
January 2011	Deadline for submissions of completed applications for ACCP PRN business meetings and networking forums at the 2011 Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course
January 10, 2011	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
January 14, 2011	Deadline for submission of complete proposals for the PRN-initiated Premeeting Symposia for the 2011 Annual Meeting
February 2011	Deadline for nominations for (1) 2011 Parker Medal; (2) 2011 ACCP Fellows (FCCP); and (3) 2012 Spring Awards (New Investigator, New Educator, and New Clinical Practitioner)
February 7–8, 2011	Board of Regents Meeting; location to be determined
February 10, 2011	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
February 21, 2011	Feedback on 2011 Annual Meeting focus session proposals to PRN planner
March 2011	PRNs issue call for nominations for PRN office
March 10, 2011	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers
March 11, 2011	Final programs and speaker confirmation letters due from all PRNs planning focus sessions for the 2011 Annual Meeting
April 7–8, 2011	Board of Regents meeting, Columbus, Ohio
April 8–12, 2011	ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics: The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course. Columbus, Ohio
April 11, 2011	Monthly statement of PRN finances and member roster to PRN officers

## PRN Contact Information

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Clinical Administration:	Emilie L. Karpiuk, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCPS
Critical Care:	Steven Pass, Pharm.D., FCCM, BCPS
Drug Information:	Kristina E. Ward, Pharm.D., BCPS
Education and Training:	Tina H. Denetclaw, Pharm.D., BCPS
Emergency Medicine:	Victor Cohen, Pharm.D., BCPS
Geriatrics:	J. Mark Ruscin, Pharm.D., BCPS
GI/Liver/Nutrition:	Maria Ballod, Pharm.D.
Health Outcomes:	Brenda Marie Parker, Pharm.D.
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