

# The PRN Report



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## 2004 Fellows Active in PRNs

Twenty-two ACCP members have been elected Fellows of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy in 2004, and every single one of them has been active in at least one Practice and Research Network! These new Fellows will be recognized during a special ceremony at the College's 2004 Annual Meeting on October 24 in Dallas, TX. Recognition as a Fellow is awarded to ACCP members who have demonstrated a sustained level of excellence in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research.

"I have been a member of the Education and Training PRN for only one year but have been a Cardiology PRN member for a long time," Judy Cheng said. "I was Secretary/Treasurer for the Cardiology PRN for one year and was the Chair for another year. I find being a member of the PRN allows me to maintain contact with people with similar practice interests, and it helps keep my motivation up in developing scholarly activities."

Cheng believes that serving as a PRN officer is a good way to build leadership skills. "PRN goals are usually very well defined, members are highly motivated, eager to participate and cooperative, and have similar interests as you. This makes the experience rewarding and stimulates one to want to pursue other leadership or administrative roles later."



Val Adams

Likewise, Val Adams said, "I am currently the Chair of the Hematology/Oncology PRN. The networking opportunities provided by the PRN have helped me with numerous clinical and administrative situations. It has also provided opportunities that helped me be promoted from assistant to associate professor."

John Siepler said, "I am a member of the GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN. Along with Rosemary Berardi, I am one of the founding members of this PRN. I was the Chair a few years back, too. I have found that being in the PRN is a good way to get involved in ACCP:"

Gretchen Brophy, a member of the Critical Care PRN, says the PRNs are worthwhile to new and longtime ACCP members. "I have been a member of the Critical Care PRN since I joined ACCP, and have been an active member ever since. I have participated in many PRN committees, including the newsletter, research, and networking committees. I have also been nominated for Secretary/Treasurer in the past. The Critical Care PRN has been a great way to network with others in critical care around the

country. This has led to the development of collaborative research, publications, and presentations. The ACCP PRNs are a great asset to the new and old practitioner, allowing for the exchange of information, as well as developing a network of collaborators in your specialty."



Gretchen Brophy

Curtis Haas has served in the Critical Care PRN as Secretary/Treasurer and is currently Chair-Elect. He will take over as Chair at the Annual Meeting. "As ACCP continues to grow and mature as a professional organization, I have found the PRNs to be the vehicle within the organization to maintain the small group, collegial atmosphere that originally attracted me to ACCP," Haas said. "Within the PRN you are networking and collaborating with clinical pharmacists with very similar interests and needs, whether that relates to clinical practice, research, or educational activities."

Haas sees the e-mail message lists as important benefits of belonging to PRNs. "The PRN listservs are huge successes that keep the PRN members in nearly continuous communication throughout the year," he said. "They have served to foster some very productive relationships among PRN members and across PRNs when issues of joint interest are raised. In my opinion, ACCP members who are not PRN members or are not active in their PRNs are missing out on one of the greatest benefits of being an ACCP member."

Being in a PRN is also a way to meet potential mentors, according to Tom Peddicord, who has served in the Critical Care

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and Pharmaceutical Industry PRNs. “Keith Olsen and Brad Boucher were early mentors for me within the Critical Care PRN,” Peddicord said. “Joan Korth-Bradley has been very instrumental in my involvement and leadership roles within the Pharmaceutical Industry PRN. She has been a great leader in our PRN and mentor for me personally.”



*Jacsi  
Bainbridge*

Jacsi Bainbridge has served in the Central Nervous System PRN and said, “The CNS PRN experience has provided an opportunity for me to be involved in peer-to-peer research collaboration, teaching endeavors, patient outcomes contributing to quality of life, and academic curricular design.”

After nomination by their colleagues, Fellow candidates undergo a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of their practice



*Katherine  
Chessman*

and/or research accomplishments by the Fellowship Subcommittee of the Credentials Committee. Among the criteria evaluated are examples of patient care service or educational programs developed by the nominee; certifications or other credentials earned; drug therapy management responsibilities; educational presentations; consultancies; service to publications; original research presentations, projects, funding, and publications; and other awards. Persons nominated as a Fellow also must have made a

substantial contribution to ACCP through activities such as attendance or presentation at College-sponsored meetings; service as an abstract, Research Institute, or Pharmacotherapy reviewer; contribution to College publications; or service as a committee member, Practice and Research Network or chapter officer, or elected officer.

Candidates for ACCP Fellow may be nominated by any two Full Members other than the nominee or by any Fellow. Letters of nominations should be addressed to the Chair of the Credentials Committee, in care of ACCP. Current members of the Board of Regents are ineligible for consideration. The nomination deadline is December 15, 2004.



*Melanie Joy*

The complete list of ACCP’s 2004 Fellows and their PRN affiliations are:

**Val R. Adams**, Hematology/Oncology  
**Jacquelyn L. Bainbridge**, Central Nervous System  
**Gretchen M. Brophy**, Critical Care  
**David S. Burgess**, Infectious Diseases  
**Michelle M. Chapman**, Nephrology and Outcomes and Economics  
**Judy W. M. Cheng**, Cardiology and Education and Training  
**Katherine H. Chessman**, Pediatrics and GI/Liver/Nutrition  
**Paul P. Dobesh**, Adult Medicine and Cardiology  
**Betty J. Dong**, past Board Liaison to several PRNs  
**Teresa S. Dunsworth**, Adult Medicine and Women’s Health  
**Curtis E. Haas**, Critical Care  
**Melanie S. Joy**, Nephrology  
**Mark S. Luer**, Central Nervous System  
**James A. Lyon**, Pharmaceutical Industry  
**Timothy L. Madden**, Hematology/Oncology  
**Steven J. Martin**, Critical Care and Infectious Diseases

**Howard L. McLeod**, Hematology/Oncology  
**Thomas E. Peddicord**, Critical Care and Pharmaceutical Industry  
**Denise H. Rhoney**, Central Nervous System and Critical Care  
**Mary T. Roth**, Ambulatory Care, Education and Training, and Geriatrics  
**John K. Siepler**, GI/Liver/Nutrition  
**Daniel M. Witt**, Hematology/Oncology

## PRNs Elect New Officers

The ballots are tallied and the following new officers will begin their duties at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX.

**Adult Medicine:** Brian Hodges, Chair; Brian Hemstreet, Chair-Elect; Ann Spencer, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Ambulatory Care:** Ila Harris, Chair; Sunny Linnebur, Chair-Elect; Eric MacLaughlin, Treasurer  
**Cardiology:** Dawn Bell, Chair; Ann Wittkowsky, Chair-Elect; Jo Ellen Rodgers, Secretary  
**Central Nervous System:** Melody Ryan, Chair; Vickie Ellingrod, Chair-Elect  
**Clinical Administration:** Lih-Jen Wang, Chair; Todd Nesbit, Chair-Elect; Susan Miller, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Critical Care:** Curtis Haas, Chair; Eric Wittbrodt, Chair-Elect; Steve Pass, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Drug Information:** Kelly Smith, Chair; Erin Timpe, Chair-Elect; Tonya Martin Criner, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Education and Training:** S. Dee Melynk, Chair; Patricia Orlando, Chair-Elect; Cynthia Sanoski, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Geriatrics:** Rebecca Sleeper, Chair; Marty Eng, Chair-Elect; Myra Belgeri, Secretary/Treasurer  
**GI/Liver/Nutrition:** Geoffrey Wall, Chair; Todd Canada, Chair-Elect; Mark Newnham, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Hematology/Oncology:** Lisa Davis, Chair; Cindy O’Bryant, Chair-Elect; LeAnne Kennedy, Secretary  
**Immunology/Transplantation:** Agnes Lo, Chair; Meredith Aull, Chair-Elect; Gordon Ingle, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Infectious Diseases:** Jeffrey Aeschlimann, Chair; Patrick Clay, Chair-Elect; Amy Pakyz, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Nephrology:** Thomas Dowling, Chair; Amy Barton Pai, Chair-Elect  
**Outcomes and Economics:** Patrick Meek, Chair; Paul Windisch, Chair-Elect; Pam Heaton, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Pain Management:** James Ray, Chair; Kenneth Jackson, Chair-Elect; Valerie Pennington, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Pediatrics:** Mark Haase, Chair; David Knoppert, Chair-Elect  
**Pharmaceutical Industry:** Timothy McNamara, Chair; Margaret Noyes Essex, Chair-Elect; Jill Chappell, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics:** Robert DiCenzo, Chair; Paul Hutson, Chair-Elect; George Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Women’s Health:** Laura Borgelt Hansen, Chair; Karen Gunning, Chair-Elect; Patricia Rozek, Treasurer; Shareen El-Ibiary, Public Liaison

A big thanks to these candidates who also ran in the elections: Allison Bernknopf, Steven Boyd, Lee Ann Bradley, Dianne Brundage, Raymond Cha, William Dager, Daryl DePestel, Paul Dobesh, Karen Dominguez, David Foster, Stephanie Garrett, Rebecca Godesky, Darren Grabe, Ronald Hall, John Hanley, Sum Lam, Robert MacLaren, Julie Oki Maurey, Patrick Medina, Tien Ng, Olanrewaju Okusanya, Fred Segó, Stacy Shord, Scott Soefje, Alka Somani, Melissa Somma, William Spruill, Vicki Sternhagen, Liza Takiya, Margaret Thrower, Karen Whalen, Barbara Wiggins, Pat Willimann, Suzanne Wortman, Mary Worthington, Alan Zillich.

## 2004 Annual Meeting PRN Calendar At-A-Glance

### Saturday, October 23, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **The Essentials of Critical Care Pharmacy Practice: A Case-Based Symposium;**  
*Developed by the ACCP Critical Care Practice and Research Network (Separate registration required)*

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Combating Bacterial Resistance in Pediatric Community-Acquired Infections;**  
*Developed by the ACCP Pediatrics Practice and Research Network; Supported by an educational grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb (Separate registration required)*

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Career Development for Clinical Investigators and Practitioners: Guiding Your Life and Career**  
*Hal Wood, MSPH, MBA, CMC (Separate registration required)*

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Meeting Registration**

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **PRN Officers' Meeting**

4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. **How to Maximize Your Meeting Experience: Newcomer Orientation to the Annual Meeting**  
*(Pre-registration required)*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Classroom**

- Empirically Appropriate Antibiotic Therapy: From Pathology to Policy; Elan

### Sunday, October 24, 2004

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Opening General Session**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Exhibitor Classroom**

- Cancer Support Innovation: Pharmacy and Therapeutic Considerations in Chemotherapy-Induced Neutropenia and Anemia; Amgen

3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **ACCP Business and Town Hall Meeting**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Opening Reception**

### Monday, October 25, 2004

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Exhibitor Classrooms**

- Resolving the Unanswered Questions of Acid Suppression in the Hospital Setting; Wyeth
- New Developments with Peripherally Selective  $\mu$ -Opioid Antagonists; GlaxoSmithKline and Adolor
- New Concepts to Improve Health Outcomes for Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; Boehringer Ingelheim

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Scientific Poster Presentations**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Scientific Paper Platform Presentations**

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **PRN Focus Sessions**

Central Nervous System—**Managing Comorbid Neuropsychiatric Disorders in Children**

Drug Information—**Timely Topics in Drug Information**

Hematology/Oncology—**Updates in Selected Disorders in Benign and Malignant Hematology**

Infectious Diseases—**Advances in the Detection and Treatment of Viral Infections**

Nephrology—**Advances in Acute Renal Replacement Therapy**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Scientific Paper Platform Presentations**

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **PRN Focus Sessions**

Cardiology—**The Failing Heart Debates**

Education and Training—**Mentoring 101**

Pain Management—**Applying Balance to Chronic Opioid Use and Urine Toxicology Screening**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forum**

**Ambulatory Care**—Information about past and future activities of each PRN committee, current ACCP activities related specifically to this PRN, and potential future activities will be discussed. A special networking component is scheduled. Food and refreshments will be provided.

**Central Nervous System**—Speakers will discuss the latest CNS trends, and PRN members will present posters on their current research. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Clinical Administration**—Discussion of the most current trends and topics in clinical administration will take place. Food and refreshments will be available, courtesy of sanofi-aventis.

**Critical Care**—In addition to the usual business of reviewing the year, welcoming our new PRN officers, developing new charges for our PRN committees, and recruiting committee members, there will be a panel discussion/debate of common controversial areas in critical care practice. Food and refreshments will be available.

**Immunology/Transplantation**—Materials about transplant residency programs will be available. Following the business meeting, a debate about the pros and cons of corticosteroid withdrawal and avoidance regimens in solid organ transplant recipients will take place, followed by a roundtable discussion. Food and refreshments will be available.

**Infectious Diseases**—Special activities include presentations by recipients of the Infectious Diseases PRN Minisabbatical Award. Food and beverages will be available courtesy of Cubist.

**Outcomes and Economics**—Following the business meeting and networking forum, the winner of the best outcomes and economics poster competition will present her/his research findings. Food and refreshments will be available.

**Pediatrics**—Join a highly interactive PRN forum that will include discussion of members' practice sites and experiences. This should be a stimulating exchange about the important issues facing pediatric pharmacy clinicians. Food and refreshments will be provided.

**Pharmaceutical Industry**—Those interested are invited to join this PRN's networking forum and business meeting. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available.

**Women's Health**—Information about past, current and future activities of the PRN and PRN committees will be discussed. Interested attendees are also encouraged to participate in a discussion on "Emergency Contraception: Pharmacists' Role in Advocacy". Food and beverages will be available.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2004**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Exhibitor Classrooms**

- Evolving Concepts in Dyslipidemia: New Goals, New Challenges; AstraZeneca
- Emerging Changes in Diabetic Care: Insulin Analogues; Aventis
- Optimizing Antimicrobial Therapy in the Empiric Management of Respiratory Tract Infections; Aventis
- Therapeutic Decision-Making in Infectious Disease: Current Strategies and Future Possibilities; GlaxoSmithKline Oncology

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Scientific Poster Presentations**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      **The ACCP Research Institute Grants Review Process**

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **Scientific Paper Platform Presentations**

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **PRN Focus Sessions**

**Ambulatory Care—Medication Therapy Management Services Under Medicare: What Will Be the Impact on the Profession of Pharmacy?**

**Critical Care—Controversies in Critical Care: Debating the Issues**

**Immunology/Transplantation—Updates in Solid Organ Transplantation from the American Transplant Congress**

**Pharmaceutical Industry and Clinical Administration—Case Studies in Conflicts of Interest**

**Women's Health—Innovative Practices in Women's Health**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.      **Scientific Paper Platform Presentations**

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.      **PRN Focus Sessions**

**Adult Medicine—Off-Label Uses for Labeled Drugs**

**Geriatrics—Debate: Should Hypertension and Hyperlipidemia Be Treated in Elderly Patients?**

**GI/Liver/Nutrition—Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Critically Ill Patients**

**Outcomes and Economics—Improving Prescribing Through Shared Decision Making**

**Pediatrics Focus—Updates in Pediatric Critical Care**

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics and Women's Health—Sex-Based Differences in Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, and Research**

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.      **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums**

**Starting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Adult Medicine**—A special highlight of this PRN's business meeting and networking forum will include a "best practices" session. Practitioners will describe their innovative and effective practices and discuss the history, design, and maintenance of their practices and future practice goals. A question and answer session will follow the presentations. Food and beverages will be available.

**Cardiology**—Following adjournment of the business meeting, residents, fellows and new investigators will present their research projects via poster and oral presentation formats. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available.

**Drug Information**—Join the members of this PRN for its business meeting, including goals for 2005, introduction of new officers, and time for networking. Snacks and beverages will be provided courtesy of Pfizer.

**Endocrine Organizational Meeting**—Those interested in forming a PRN focusing on endocrinology should attend this exploratory meeting.

**Hematology/Oncology**—Following the business meeting, there will be a discussion of practice and research topics, highlighting innovative ideas and activities within the membership. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics**—Following the business meeting will be the presentation of the PK/PD PRN Fellowship Award in memory of M. Kelli Jordan, Pharm.D. The awardee will present his/her current research. Food and beverages will be provided.

**Starting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Education and Training**—This PRN will review and vote on a proposal for a PRN Minisabbatical which was developed by a PRN Task Force. Food and beverages will be available.

**Geriatrics**—New officers will be installed and past and future PRN activities will be discussed. Join in on a casual workshop discussion focusing on current trends in Senior Care, highlighting recent experiences with the new Medicare drug benefit. Food and beverages will be available.

**GI/Liver/Nutrition**—Following the business meeting, members will discuss their current research projects followed by an open floor discussion and question and answer session. Food and beverages will be provided courtesy of Tap.

**Nephrology**—PRN members will discuss their clinical practice and research activities, with emphasis on current approaches to treating hyperparathyroidism and renal osteodystrophy in CKD patients. Food and beverages will be included, courtesy of Amgen.

**Pain Management**—Discussion will focus on epidural and intraspinal medications. In addition, Jimmi Overton, Pharm.D., Scientific Services Manager from Allergan, will speak on "Botulinum Toxin Pharmacological Update: Use in Painful Conditions." Food and refreshments will also be courtesy of Allergan.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      **Exhibitors Classroom**

- Exploring Therapeutic Options in Infectious Disease Management; Wyeth

**Wednesday, October 27, 2004**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Scientific Poster Presentations;** announcement of winner of the Best Poster and Best Student, Resident, Fellow Paper Award competitions at 9:45 a.m.

**For additional details on the Annual Meeting, go to**  
<http://www.accp.com/04am.pdf>

## Endocrine PRN Being Explored

An Endocrine PRN is in the exploratory stage of development and will hold an organizational meeting at the 2004 ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas on Tuesday, October 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If enough ACCP members show interest in the group, this PRN will join the 20 others that provide excellent opportunities for members to network with one another. The possible Endocrine PRN is being organized by ACCP member Kent Porter. Following the organizational meeting, the PRN's newly elected leadership will complete a PRN application and submit it to the Board of Regents for approval.

"We hope to see many people in Dallas at the meeting where the Endocrine PRN will be presented, hopefully accepted, and organized as a functional PRN within the ACCP," Porter said.

The goals and objectives of the Endocrine PRN would be to:

- Provide an opportunity for pharmacists with an interest in endocrine disorders to promote practice, research, and education in these areas;
- Provide a mechanism for members with similar interests to meet during ACCP meetings, to network, problem solve, and discuss professional issues and opportunities; and
- Promote practice involvement, educational needs of health care professionals, students and patients, and research activities in the area of endocrinology that may be favorably impacted upon by this ACCP PRN effort.

The Endocrine PRN would focus on a number of current therapeutic and research issues, including, but not limited to:

- Diabetes mellitus (DM)-prevention, detection, and management for type 1 and type 2 diabetes and other DM conditions (i.e., polycystic ovarian syndrome, cystic fibrosis, thyroid disorders) in adult and pediatric populations; and pre-diabetes possibilities for intervening in the progression of this disease's natural history; and
- Pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal, and pineal disorders as deemed appropriate by the Endocrine PRN.

"It appears appropriate for the Endocrine PRN to place a major focus on the diabetes epidemic that is not only noted among the adult population of the United States, but is also in pediatrics. There is research from the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the epidemic of type 2 diabetes among children and adolescents in our population," Porter said.

"Blood glucose control data do not give a good indication of successful management of diabetes in our society. Finding the diabetes 'pipeline' is also a very large challenge. With the Endocrine PRN, pharmacy - as a profession - has a wonderful opportunity to bring the dimension of its skills and training to bear on this challenging disease

management entity in a very progressive, innovative, and effective way." Porter believes the Endocrine PRN will be an excellent place for ACCP members to shine, share ideas and discoveries. "Pharmacists have distinguished themselves by getting more involved in managing hypertension, anticoagulation, dyslipidemias, and infectious diseases. They are involved in areas of psychiatry, managed care organizations, inpatient and outpatient arenas, and as consultant pharmacists. Diabetes mellitus begs our skills and attention. It is an area we should not leave to others to define for us by default."

Anyone interested in expressing interest in, or helping form, an Endocrine PRN can contact Porter at [kent.porter@aventis.com](mailto:kent.porter@aventis.com).

## Interested in Forming a New PRN?

Think there is a need for a new PRN? All it takes is 50 ACCP members who have expressed interest in belonging to the new PRN. Each PRN must serve a group of ACCP members in a defined area that is distinct from current PRNs. The Board of Regents must approve the designation of each new PRN. To find out more about forming a new PRN, contact Peggy Kuehl, ACCP Director of Education and Member Services, at (816) 531-2177 or at [pkuehl@accp.com](mailto:pkuehl@accp.com).

## Silent Auction at the ACCP Annual Meeting Monday Night, October 25

Plan now to attend the hugely successful and wildly fun Silent Auction to help the ACCP Research Institute achieve its funding goals.

The Silent Auction and PRN Reception will be held Monday evening, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., October 25, in the Landmark CD room at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Open to all attendees, this is a great opportunity to have some fun with your colleagues and demonstrate your support for the Research Institute.

## PRN Officers' Meeting Scheduled

If you are a PRN officer, make plans to attend the PRN Officers' Meeting on Saturday, October 23, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

During this meeting, new officers will be orientated to their roles and duties in leading an ACCP PRN. It will be a chance to review ACCP's PRN Handbook, go over commonly asked questions, and talk over ideas with other PRN officers. Officers will meet their Board of Regents liaison, and a business meeting will be held. Do not miss this important meeting!

For more information on the PRN Officers' Meeting, contact Peggy Kuehl, ACCP Director of Education and Member Services, at (816) 531-2177 or at [pkuehl@accp.com](mailto:pkuehl@accp.com).

ACCP PRNS	Total # Members
Adult Medicine	431
Ambulatory Care	963
Cardiology	666
Central Nervous System	187
Clinical Administration	134
Critical Care	770
Drug Information	163
Education and Training	159
Geriatrics	164
GI/Liver/Nutrition	118
Hematology/Oncology	388
Immunology/Transplantation	154
Infectious Diseases	681
Nephrology	155
Outcomes and Economics	139
Pain Management	189
Pediatrics	294
Pharmaceutical Industry	299
Pharmacokinetics/ Dynamics	146
Women's Health	110
Total Number PRN Members	6350
Number ACCP Members in PRNs (% Total ACCP Members)	4448 (52%)

## PRN News Briefs

### Ambulatory Care

The Ambulatory Care PRN has been very busy during the past few months, according to the officers.

The PRN as a group has made significant contributions to the Frontiers Fund to develop pharmacy research and researchers and to support health services research. The PRN's Budget and Finance Committee has challenged members to contribute individually. The committee has demonstrated success in the form of new individual donations and will continue to monitor new donations from PRN members.

The Research and Scholarship Committee has been working with the Nephrology PRN and will be publishing two manuscripts in the near future, one in *Pharmacotherapy* and the other in the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*. The *Ambulatory Care New Practitioner Survival Guide* is now available. The guide is free to all PRN members and will cost \$18.50 for all other ACCP members (\$23.50 for non-members). More information on the Guide is available in this newsletter.

The Ambulatory Care Practice Advancement Primer (formerly titled "minisabbatical") will continue to be held at Kaiser Permanente Colorado Region, where it has been successfully held for the past two years. Applications are being reviewed. The PRN would like to congratulate Mary Roth, Ambulatory Care PRN Chair, who will be inducted as an ACCP Fellow at the 2004 Annual Meeting, and who has received an ACCP Frontiers Research Award too. In addition, PRN officers would like to congratulate those PRN members who have been nominated to hold an office within ACCP: Stuart T. Haines (President-Elect), Mary T. Roth (Secretary) and Joseph J. Saseen (Regent).

### Hematology/Oncology

The PRN congratulates Hong Xia Zheng, Ph.D., University of Southern California, as the recipient of the 2004 Hematology/Oncology PRN Minisabbatical. Dr. Zheng will work with mentor William Evans, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis to develop skills related to MDR1 haplotyping. Travel award recipients for the 2003 Annual Meeting were Stacey Zondor, University of Oklahoma, and Brad Stanford, Texas Tech University. Two awards will be given for the 2004 Annual Meeting. The PRN has planned a pre-meeting symposium for the 2005 Spring Forum titled *Advancements in Oncology Therapeutics: What is the Pharmacoeconomic Impact on the Standard of Care?*; it is scheduled for Saturday, April 9.

### Nephrology

The Nephrology PRN's Programming Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. David Humes will be presenting his latest findings on the "Bioartificial Kidney" at the 2004 Annual Meeting Nephrology Focus Session. This research involves renal cell therapy used in conjunction with continuous hemofiltration techniques, and it may provide important cellular metabolic and endocrine activities, such as renal tubular secretion, in addition to filtration, to patients with acute renal failure. (See the 2004 Annual Meeting PRN Calendar At-A-Glance for dates and times for all PRN focus sessions and networking forums.)

The Nephrology PRN also is in the process of initiating its minisabbatical program and plans to accept the first applications next spring. The purpose of the Nephrology PRN minisabbatical program is to provide an opportunity for members of the Nephrology PRN to gain or expand their skills in practice or research under the guidance of experts in nephrology pharmacotherapy. Watch for more information about the application process in the spring.

*Some ACCP members enjoy networking at the 2003 Annual Meeting. There will be many opportunities at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Dallas to socialize and share ideas.*



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## Get More from Your Meeting! Join a Saturday Program on October 23, 2004

### Career Development for Clinical Investigators and Practitioners: Guiding Your Life and Career

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed to give the young professional multiple applications for practical life skills. The skills can be used at work, at home, and in the community, and they can be taught to others whom they will influence. Successful lives and careers don't just happen! In this session you'll learn how to develop an overall strategy for a balanced life, out of which will come a specific career development plan. Along the way, you'll learn skills for simplifying complex situations, setting and achieving goals, managing multiple priorities, and better understanding what motivates you and others who may influence you. You'll leave with a plan in hand!

### How to Maximize Your Meeting Experience: Newcomer Orientation to the Annual Meeting

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

Learn what ACCP can offer you as a "newcomer" to our Annual Meeting. Learn how to become active in ACCP and discover the career-oriented products and services we offer. Meet new friends and discuss the importance of networking, and the role of the PRNs. This is the perfect opportunity to make the most of your Annual Meeting experience! There is **no charge** to attend this session, but pre-registration is required.

### The Essentials of Critical Care Pharmacy Practice: A Case-Based Symposium

Developed by the ACCP Critical Care PRN

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

As the care of critically ill patients has become increasingly complex, an understanding of critical care therapeutics and its application is of paramount importance. This one-day workshop will provide practicing clinical pharmacists and post-Pharm.D. residents and fellows an opportunity to test and improve their skills and knowledge of critical care pharmacotherapy. The case-based, problem-solving format incorporates short didactic lectures on specific topics, small group discussion, and consultation from a faculty of expert critical care pharmacy practitioners. The patient cases progress throughout the day as various complications that commonly develop in the critical care setting are presented and addressed. Ongoing panel discussions and debate among the participants and expert faculty will expand the perspective of the participants when considering the management of patients with common ICU complications.

At the conclusion of this workshop, the participant will have a working knowledge and management of:

- relevant pharmacotherapeutic and nutritional issues that have global application for patients admitted to the ICU, including stress ulcer prophylaxis, DVT prevention, blood gas management, and therapeutic implications of mechanical ventilation
- differences and similarities associated with the pediatric ICU population
- sedation and analgesia in the ICU patient, including application of the SCCM guidelines, therapeutic alternatives, and monitoring responses
- pharmacologic paralysis in the ICU
- common shock states including hypovolemic, cardiogenic, and septic shock
- common infectious complications including the source of infection, microbiology, resistance-associated issues, and empiric versus specific therapy

## Combating Bacterial Resistance in Pediatric Community-Acquired Infections

Developed by the ACCP Pediatrics PRN

Supported by a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Community-acquired bacterial infections in children can include otitis media, sinusitis, cellulitis, pneumonia, and meningitis, among others, and they account for a significant percentage of pediatric contact with health professionals. For example, otitis media alone results in approximately 25–30 million office visits per year. And while there have been recent trends toward reductions in use of antimicrobials in children and adolescents, there continue to be millions of unnecessary prescriptions for antibiotics written annually. This is particularly concerning in the current era of increasing microbial resistance, to which over-prescribing contributes significantly. Since the early 1980s, the incidence of penicillin non-susceptible *Streptococcus pneumoniae* has increased significantly, ranging from 15% to almost 40% in some regions of the country. Community-acquired methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* has also recently become a significant pathogen, and recent data show that it is more likely to strike younger rather than older patients. These changes in the epidemiology of common pathogens in children have forced clinicians to utilize antibiotics not considered first-line, some of which do not have FDA approval and may have scant data in pediatric patients with which to help make prescribing decisions. This symposium will strive to address the changing epidemiology of community-acquired pathogens in children, and to provide attendees with the latest review of the efficacy and safety of new and established agents that may be utilized.

## Two New Survival Guides in ACCP Bookstore!

### Ambulatory Care Survival Guide

This must-have resource provides assistance to new pharmacy practitioners in ambulatory care and to those who are already practicing, but would like to expand their current role. The guide is divided into sections on clinical services and education, and it includes an appendix for pertinent references. All information contained in the guide was submitted and reviewed by members of the ACCP Ambulatory Care PRN. This is an excellent resource for sample collaborative practice agreements, protocols, evaluation tools, and policies applicable to ambulatory practice.

### Clinical Faculty Survival Kit

The Clinical Faculty Survival Kit offers the keys to a successful faculty appointment by focusing on solid career development. The guide focuses on personal development, professional development, and understanding the academic environment.

Focused toward new and junior faculty, this guide provides a foundation for properly developing a career while keeping a personal life in balance. The guide also targets senior faculty responsible for faculty mentorship and departmental leadership. Common barriers faculty encounter and how to overcome those barriers with appropriate planning and discipline are presented. Other key areas presented include scholarship excellence, time and project management, grantsmanship, personal development, research, and teaching. References and Web sites are included to aid the reader's development.

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## 1st Frontiers Research Awards Among Nearly \$400K in 2004 Grant Support Provided by ACCP Research Institute

The ACCP Research Institute Board of Trustees has announced the recipients of its 2004 Fellowships and its Investigator Development, Career Development, and Frontiers Research Awards. Fellowships provide stipend support for an intensive research training experience for a developing clinical pharmaceutical scientist. The Investigator Development Research Awards provide \$15,000 – \$20,000 to support specific research projects by ACCP members who are five or fewer years since completion of their formal training or first academic appointment. This is the third year that the ACCP Career Development Research Award has been given. It provides \$50,000 over two years to support the research of a College member who is more than five years since completion of their formal training or first academic appointment.

New this year are the ACCP Frontiers Research Awards. Supported by generous contributions to the Frontiers Fund by individual College members and several of the PRNs, these grants support either clinical or pharmacy-related health services (practice) research in areas of unmet need. Based on Frontiers Fund contributions received during 2003, the ACCP Research Institute was able to fund nearly \$143,000 in new health services and clinical research this year. The Frontiers Fund's goal in 2004 is to further expand its support of important research that benefits patient care and the practices of all ACCP members to at least \$250,000.

A call for proposals for the 2005 Fellowships and Research Awards will be issued this fall. Watch your e-mailbox and future issues of the ACCP Report for additional information and application deadlines.

### 2004 Fellowship and Research Award Recipients Research Institute, ACCP

#### Fellowships

##### *ACCP Ortho-McNeil Infectious Diseases Fellowship*

Courtney V. Fletcher, Pharm.D., Preceptor  
Jennifer Justice Kiser, Pharm.D., Fellow  
University of Colorado, Denver, CO

##### *ACCP Career Development Research Award*

Daren L. Knoell, Pharm.D.  
Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
“Topical Phosphoinositides to Prevent Acute Lung Injury”

##### *ACCP Frontiers Research Awards*

Sean Hennessy, Pharm.D., Ph.D.  
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA  
“Evaluation of a Program to Improve Hypertension Care”

Melanie S. Joy, Pharm.D.  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
“Pharmacogenomic Reasons for Poor Lupus Nephritis Outcomes”

Thomas Charles Dowling, Pharm.D., Ph.D.  
University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD  
“Evaluation of Diabetic Nephropathy in Hispanic Americans”  
*also supported by the Amgen Nephrology Research Award*

Mary T. Roth, Pharm.D., MHS  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
“Improving the Quality of Medication Use in Older Adults”

#### *Investigator Development Research Awards*

##### *ACCP Pharmacotherapy Research Award*

Christina L. Aquilante, Pharm.D.  
University of Colorado, Denver, CO  
“Modulation of Adiponectin in the Metabolic Syndrome”

##### *Amgen Hematology/Oncology Research Award*

Scott Alan McConnell, Pharm.D.  
University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR  
“Pharmacogenomics and Melphalan Pharmacokinetics”

##### *Amgen Nephrology Research Award*

*with additional support provided by the ACCP Frontiers Fund*  
Thomas Charles Dowling, Pharm.D., Ph.D.  
University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD  
“Evaluation of Diabetic Nephropathy in Hispanic Americans”

##### *AstraZeneca Cardiovascular Research Award*

John M. Dopp, Pharm.D.  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
“Xanthine Oxidase and Vascular Function in Sleep Apnea”

##### *AstraZeneca Health Outcomes Research Award*

Marianne McCollum, Ph.D.  
University of Colorado, Denver, CO  
“Impact of Depression on Health Status in Diabetes”

##### *Aventis Infectious Diseases Research Award*

Amanda Harris Corbett, Pharm.D.  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
“Antiretroviral Pharmacokinetics in Malawian Children”

#### **Bayer Pharmaceuticals Infectious Diseases Research Award**

G. Christopher Wood, Pharm.D.  
University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN  
“Biomarkers for Diagnosing Ventilator-associated Pneumonia”

##### *Kos Dyslipidemia Research Award*

Issam Zineh, Pharm.D.  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
“Atorvastatin Immunomodulation in Early Atherosclerosis”

##### *Roche Laboratories Transplantation Research Award*

Pamela C. Heaton, Ph.D.  
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH  
“Are Renal Transplant Recipients Provided Adequate Prophylaxis to Prevent Fractures?”

##### *Sanofi-Synthelabo Central Nervous System Research Award*

Darcie-Ann D. Streetman, Pharm.D.  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
“Impact of Ketogenic Diet on Drug Transport and Metabolism”

##### *Sanofi-Synthelabo Thrombosis Research Award*

Jeremy D. Flynn, Pharm.D.  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
“Clinical Utility of the Rapid Platelet Function Analyzer”