

Hello everyone!

I hope that winter is just a memory in your rearview mirror and that spring is bringing better temperatures your way!

Things are going well with the HemOncPRN. We continue to increase our membership numbers and have been busy with various projects within the committees and task forces. A report of their activities is below as well as things to be on the lookout for in the coming months.



Committee Activities

Nominations Committee

This committee has been hard at work this winter, nominating a number of our peers in the oncology community for various ACCP awards such as the Russell R. Miller Award, Education Award, Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture, Robert Elenbaas Award, and the Clinical Practice Award. They have been busy! Last week, they sent out a **call for nominations for PRN officers for the 2014-2015 year.**

Deadline for Nominations: Friday, June 13, 2014

The duties of each office are listed on the HemOnc PRN page for you to look over. Alternatively, feel free to contact Chris, Jocelyn, or myself to learn more about the responsibilities of the office if you think you might be interested.

PRN Focus Session Committee

The Focus Session for the fall annual meeting is a time for presentations that are of interest to the PRN members. This year, the committee developed a program to look at innovative practice models that various HemOnc pharmacists have created. The final submission went in last week so we hope to hear something soon!

Residency/Fellowship Awards Committee

This year, the focus for this committee has been to develop good criteria to create a standardized rubric to evaluate applicants. The criteria has been identified and the preliminary rubrics have been developed and will be ready to use for the travel awards this fall. **A deadline and description of the awards will be posted to the student and resident's page soon** so stay tuned! The applications will be due in mid-August to September so be on the lookout for notifications to the membership regarding the available travel awards with the required information as it gets closer. Also, please be on the lookout for coming information regarding the **Resident of the Year Award nominations.**

PRN Paper Task Force

We welcome Lisa Holle as the new chair of this Task Force! This committee has developed a manuscript idea to describe the types of clinical practices that HemOnc pharmacists are currently involved in as an effort to provide more literature documenting our involvement in the care of cancer patients. They want to expand on HOPA's Scope of Practice document and will be sending out a survey a little later to HemOnc pharmacists to gather more information about practices currently available.

Student/Resident Task Force

We welcome Matt Saylor as the new Chair of this Task Force! Currently, this committee is developing ideas to promote involvement in the PRN and ACCP. They have some great ideas so far and will be exploring these and others throughout the year. We are excited to have so many new students and those in postgraduate training that are interested in the HemOnc PRN! We hope that this task force will continue to evolve, ensuring that we meet the needs of this growing area of our membership and provide opportunities to further their interest and involvement in this area of pharmacy.



In Other News . . .

There has been some discussion on other PRN listservs regarding ACCP's position on H.R. 4190 and the Patient Access to Pharmacist Care Coalition (PAPCC) as compared to the Medicare Coverage initiative. If you are unaware of ACCP's position or have questions regarding this, please take a look at their website, **ACCP Medicare Initiative Homepage**: <http://www.accp.com/govt/medicare.aspx>

Don't forget that the **2014 ACCP annual meeting** is October 12-15 in Austin, TX. Mark your calendars! We will provide further information about oncology-related sessions occurring at the meeting a little closer to the meeting.

Have a great Spring!!

Christy