

# The PRN Report

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### **A Note from President Brad Boucher...**

#### **PRNs and the ACCP Strategic Plan**

My first opportunity to serve the College came in 1992 when I was elected to the office of Treasurer. Coincidentally, at or near that time, the College began the process of developing the first ACCP Strategic Plan. Throughout the next decade, the College's Strategic Plan would undergo two major revisions, each seemingly more ambitious than the preceding plan. Despite the increasing challenge posed by each succeeding strategic plan, the College has always risen to the challenge and fulfilled the plan, typically ahead of schedule.

Approximately 24 months ago, the College leadership embarked on the third and most recent major revision of the ACCP Strategic Plan. An enormous amount of time and energy has gone into crafting the current strategic plan, which will be unveiled in its entirety over the next two months. The outcome is a document that I believe the entire membership will be extremely proud to claim. Nonetheless, members may find the task ahead to be somewhat daunting considering the far-reaching agenda outlined for the College in the new Strategic Plan. Appreciating the enormity of the challenge at hand, it is my desire in this communication to highlight several of the critical issues contained within the new ACCP Strategic Plan where the ACCP PRNs will play an integral role.

**CRITICAL ISSUE:** *How can ACCP and its members enhance or expand their respective leadership roles within the College, the profession, and health care?*

The PRNs are ideally positioned to nurture the development of leaders not only within our organization and profession but health care in general, since by definition the PRN members are individuals involved extensively in practice and research activities. Recognizing this opportunity, the College is working diligently to create a formal leadership development program for PRN officers and other ACCP members to utilize. With the PRNs now numbering 19, literally scores of leadership opportunities

exist across the networks for our members to further hone their skills and talents.

**CRITICAL ISSUE:** *How does ACCP most effectively advocate for those legislative and regulatory issues that promote optimal patient care through the rational and safe use of medication?*

Grassroots advocacy is an incredibly important yet difficult activity to foster within the ACCP membership as a whole. The PRNs are one of several conduits within ACCP's organizational structure. PRNs are well positioned to enhance facilitation of the College's advocacy agenda because of the ongoing communication that occurs among PRN members, often on a daily basis. The PRNs are also extremely well situated to develop and promote College policy and position statements in each of the respective areas of expertise as needs and opportunities arise. The PRNs can also serve as a means to bring legislative and regulatory issues in front of the College leadership as issues arise within a particular practice or research arena.

**CRITICAL ISSUE:** *How does ACCP assure that pharmacists can derive their income from professional services not necessarily tied to sale of a product?*

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The concept of pharmacists being recognized as health care providers under Medicare and payment for clinical pharmacy services (e.g., CDTM agreements, etc.) are issues that resonate throughout the organization as well as the PRNs. PRN members who are practitioners will be needed to generate data necessary to support advocacy efforts relative to securing payment for clinical pharmacy services. In addition, PRN members will be needed to assist in defining, describing, and promoting core business-practice models related to payment for services in ambulatory and inpatient care environments.

**CRITICAL ISSUE:** *How can ACCP embrace a membership fully representing the broad diversity of clinical pharmacy practice and research, while maintaining the organization's distinctive characteristics?*

The PRNs are unquestionably central in addressing this critical issue. As the College membership has grown dramatically throughout the years, and will undoubtedly continue to grow in the years ahead, the heterogeneity of the membership has increased dramatically as well. In order to meet the educational and practice needs of this increasingly diverse membership, the concept of members having a "home within a home" is essential. This is the niche that PRNs have so marvelously filled for over a decade. Members are able to avail themselves of the resources and professional services that only a larger organization can provide without significantly compromising their individual interests and needs, as well as enjoying the collegiality that a smaller group (i.e., PRNs) can provide.

ACCP has a longstanding tradition of not only developing strategic plans but using the plans in a very dynamic fashion. I firmly believe that it is the unwavering commitment made by the College to the overall process of strategic planning that has been a key element in the success ACCP has enjoyed for so many years.

By briefly outlining the role that the PRNs can and will likely have in addressing several of the "Critical Issues" that are contained within the new ACCP Strategic Plan, I hope that I have made a convincing argument as to how important the PRNs are in assuring the College's prosperity in the future.



*Seated from left to right are Barry Carter, Thomas Hardin, and Brad Boucher. They listen as a consultant leads a discussion on the ACCP Strategic Plan at the 2001 Annual Meeting. During the session, PRN members were invited to voice their suggestions for improving the Strategic Plan.*

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## Annual Meeting PRN Calendar At-A-Glance

### Saturday, October 19

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Transitioning Your Practice: How to Market Your Clinical Pharmacy Services;** *Co-sponsored by Meniscus Educational Institute and ACCP. Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Merck and Co., Inc. (Separate registration required.)*

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **The Clinical Pharmacist's Guide to Career Development: The Early Years;** *(Separate registration required.)*

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

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

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **C.V.s, Cover Letters, and Interview Skills;** *Presented by the Bayer College for Professional Development. (Separate registration required.)*

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

- Acid Suppression in the ICU: Integrating Physiology, Pharmacology, and Clinical Evidence
- Conquering the Clinical Landscape: Understanding the Current Results and Future Trends in Dyslipidemia Clinical Trials
- Thinking Outside the Box: A Long-Term View of Antipsychotic Therapy

### Sunday, October 20

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

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

- Injectable Antithrombotics in Cardiology: Past, Present, and Future
- Maximizing the Value of Sepsis Management with Drotrecogin Alfa (Activated)
- Optimization of Oncology Supportive Care Through Innovative Biotechnology

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 21

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

- Combating Fungal Infections in High-Risk Patients
- A Pathophysiological Approach to Optimizing Pharmacotherapy of Schizophrenia and Psychosis
- Thromboprophylaxis: Is It Time to Change the Standard of Care?
- The Role of the Clinical Pharmacist in Perioperative Care

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

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **ACCP's Advocacy Agenda: Issues and Opportunities in 2003**

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

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

Adult Medicine—**Monitoring and Managing the Acute Care Patient**

Ambulatory Care—**Dimensions of Cultural Competency in Ambulatory Care**

Hematology/Oncology—**Chemoprevention;** *Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from AstraZeneca.*

Infectious Diseases—**Bacterial Resistance: New Concepts, New Challenges;** *Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Bayer.*

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **How To Be a 5-Star Scientific Journal Reviewer**

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

Critical Care—**Biological Monitoring in the Critically Ill**

Education and Training—**Trends in Residencies, Fellowships, and Academic Pharmacy**

Geriatrics—**Dementia in Older Minority Populations**

Nephrology—**Ethnic and Gender Disparities in the Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease**

Outcomes and Economics—**Outcomes Research: Genetic and Cultural Considerations**

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

**Drug Information and Informatics PRN**—Those interested in a possible PRN focusing on drug information and informatics should attend this exploratory meeting.

**Education and Training PRN**—Those interested in getting involved with this PRN are encouraged to attend its business meeting. PRN members will be discussing a variety of initiatives that the group will be working on in the coming year.

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

**Adult Medicine PRN**—Members and interested attendees are invited to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. Listen to presentations from residents and members regarding their current research. Food and beverages will be available.

**Central Nervous System PRN**—PRN members and those interested are invited to join this group for its business meeting and presentations from those who have participated in the CNS minisabatical program. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available.

**Critical Care PRN**—Those interested in critical care are encouraged to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking activities. Refreshments and food will be provided.

**Hematology/Oncology PRN**—Interested attendees and PRN members are invited to this PRN's business meeting and social hour, when mentors and mentorees can converse. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

**Immunology/Transplantation PRN**—Those interested are encouraged to join this PRN for its business meeting and for a discussion of pediatric kidney transplantation. Refreshments and food will be provided, courtesy of Wyeth.

**Nephrology PRN**—Those interested should join this group for its business meeting and a discussion of the clinical practice and research activities of various members. Food and beverages will be available, courtesy of Amgen.

**Outcomes and Economics PRN**—Learn more about this PRN by taking part in its business meeting and social hour. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Pharmaceutical Industry PRN**—All who are interested are invited to this group's networking forum and business meeting. Ongoing activities and plans for next year will be discussed. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Classroom**

- Optimizing Dyslipidemia Outcomes: A Novel Pharmacotherapeutic Pathway

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction**

**Tuesday, October 22**

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

- Anticoagulation Patients Undergoing Percutaneous
- Coronary Intervention: Is It Time to Replace Heparin?
- Treatment of Respiratory Infectious and Innovative Solutions to the Evolving Problem of Resistance
- Falls and Fractures: Legal Implications in Practice

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

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **The ACCP Research Institute Grants Review Process**

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

**Cardiology—Heart Failure: Current Controversies and Future Treatment Pathways**

**Immunology/Transplantation—Long-Term Complications Following Solid Organ Transplantation;** *Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Wyeth.*

**Pain Management—Treating Pain in Chemically Dependent Patients**

**Pharmaceutical Industry—The Business of Pharmaceutical Research: Perspectives from Academic Investigators and the Pharmaceutical Industry**

**Women's Health—Issues in Women's Health Pharmacotherapy**

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

**Central Nervous System—Neurobiology and Treatment of Acute and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder;** *Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer.*

**GI/Liver/Nutrition—The Hepatic Hype**

**Pediatrics—Education of Pediatric Patients and Their Caregivers**

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics—Clinical Trial Design and Application of Biostatistics**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meeting**

**Clinical Administration PRN**—Attendees with interests in clinical administration are invited to join this newly formed PRN for its business meeting.

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

6 p.m. **Ambulatory Care PRN**—Join this PRN for its business meeting and networking activities. Ice-breaking exercises will

take place, as well as a brief presentation by the Ambulatory Care minisabbatical award winner. Food and beverages will be served.

6 p.m. **Cardiology PRN**—Interested attendees and PRN members are invited to join this group, where residents, fellows, and new investigators will present their research projects. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available.

6 p.m. **GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN**—Members and interested parties are invited to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum, which will include a 20-minute presentation on a pertinent topic still to be decided. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available.

6 p.m. **Infectious Diseases PRN**—Those interested are encouraged to join this group for its business meeting and networking forum, where the winners of the PRN's travel grants will present their research. Food and beverages will be available.

6 p.m. **Pediatrics PRN**—Join this group for its business meeting and networking forum, where Patricia Marshik from the University of New Mexico will speak on the genetics of asthma, courtesy of Glaxo SmithKline. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided by TAP Pharmaceuticals.

7 p.m. **Geriatrics PRN**—Following this PRN's business meeting, members will provide updates on current therapeutic topics. Janet Pitner will discuss recent developments in the pharmacotherapy of vascular dementia. Carlos Rojas-Fernandez will speak on the evolving benefits of acetyl cholinesterase inhibitors for Alzheimer's disease. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available courtesy of Ortho-McNeil.

7 p.m. **Pain Management PRN**—Interested attendees are invited to join this PRN, where Lori Reisner, director-at-large to the board of the American Pain Society, will speak about the organization. James Ray will discuss state cancer pain initiatives and other initiatives regarding palliative care. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

7 p.m. **Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics PRN**—Join this group for presentation of the first annual PK/PD PRN Fellowship Award in memory of M. Kelli Jordan, Pharm.D. The awardee, to be announced, will present his or her current research project at the meeting. A session for younger members to discuss grant writing with senior members is also planned. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available.

7 p.m. **Women's Health PRN**—Those interested should join this PRN for its business meeting and a discussion of pregnancy in women with systemic lupus erythematosus by Tracy Skaer. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

**Wednesday, October 23**

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

- Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia: Is It Under-Diagnosed?
- In Vitro and In Vivo Analysis of Effective Antimicrobial Respiratory Agents
- Treatment of Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: A Time for Change?

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

- Announcement of the winners 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/02annual.php>

## PRNs Elect New Officers

Ballots are tallied and the following new officers will begin their duties at the ACCP Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Adult Medicine:** Teresa Dunsworth, Chair; Krystal Haase, Chair-Elect; Brian Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer

**Ambulatory Care:** Joe Saseen, Chair; Mary Roth, Chair-Elect; Bryan Yeager, Secretary/Treasurer

**Cardiology:** Judy Cheng, Chair; Cynthia Sanoski, Chair-Elect; J. Jason Sims, Secretary

**Central Nervous System:** Jacci Bainbridge, Chair; Sheila Botts, Chair-Elect

**Clinical Administration:** Eric Racine, Chair; Derek Smith, Chair-Elect; Thomas Gray, Secretary

**Critical Care:** Allan Anderson, Chair; Cory Garvin, Chair-Elect; Curtis Haas, Secretary/Treasurer

**Education and Training:** Mary Roth, Chair; Sarah Spinler, Chair-Elect; Mary Ann Halloran, Secretary/Treasurer

**Geriatrics:** Carlos Rojas-Fernandez, Chair; Tanya Knight, Chair-Elect; Nicole Jones, Secretary/Treasurer

**GI/Liver/Nutrition:** Jane Gervasio, Chair; Charles Seifert, Chair-Elect; Catherine Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer

**Hematology/Oncology:** Bill McIntyre, Chair; Val Adams, Chair-Elect; Suzanne Walton, Secretary/Treasurer

**Immunology/Transplantation:** Mary Hebert, Chair; Troy Somerville, Chair-Elect; Theodore Sievers, Secretary/Treasurer

**Infectious Diseases:** Steven Gelone, Chair; Richard Drew, Chair-Elect; Renee-Claude Mercier, Secretary/Treasurer

**Nephrology:** Naomi Dahl, Chair; Joanna Hudson, Chair-Elect

**Outcomes and Economics:** Daniel Touchette, Chair; Kenneth Shermock, Chair-Elect; Patrick Meek, Secretary/Treasurer

**Pain Management:** James Ray, Chair; Jeffrey Fudin, Chair-Elect; Shelley Raebel, Secretary/Treasurer

**Pediatrics:** Robert Aucoin, Chair; Emily Hak, Chair-Elect

**Pharmaceutical Industry:** Thomas Peddicord, Chair; Michael Horton, Chair-Elect; Beth Kiebler, Secretary/Treasurer

**Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics:** Judith Smith, Chair; Joan Korth-Bradley, Chair-Elect; Robert DiCenzo, Secretary/Treasurer

**Women's Health:** Karim Calis, Chair; Kim Thrasher, Chair-Elect; Laura Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer; Shareen El-Ibiary, Public Policy Liaison

A big thanks to these candidates who also ran in the elections: Jeffrey Aeschlimann, Erwin Aguilar, L. Hayley Burgess, Peter Djuric, Narinder Duggal, James Griener, Mark Haase, Pam Halin, Lynn Hamil, Daniel Hilleman, Kenneth Jackson, Michael Klepser, Teresa Klepser, Steven Kovacs, Neil MacKinnon, Robert MacLaren, Radha Manian, Harold Manley, Peggy McKinnon, Sherry Milfred LaForest, Tien M.H. Ng, Cindy O'Bryant, Christopher Paap, Jayne Pawasauskas, Cathy Poon, Roula Qaqish, Dennis Raisch, Sharon See, Lonnie Smith, Melissa Somma, Teresa Sterling, A. Thomas Taylor, Angela Treadway, Geoffrey Wall, Michael Wynd, and Ndidi Yaucher. ACCP's PRNs thank all these candidates for their willingness to participate and serve.

## PRN Officers' Meeting Scheduled

If you are a PRN officer, make plans to attend the PRN Officers' Meeting on Saturday, October 19, 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 the ACCP Handbook, go over commonly asked questions, and talk over ideas with other PRN officers. Officers will also meet their Board of Regents liaison, and a business meeting will be held. You will not want to miss out on 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).

### PRN Membership Totals

<b>Adult Medicine</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>Ambulatory Care</b>	<b>877</b>
<b>Cardiology</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Central Nervous System</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Clinical Administration</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Critical Care</b>	<b>489</b>
<b>Education and Training</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Geriatrics</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>GI/Liver/Nutrition</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Hematology/Oncology</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>Immunology/Transplantation</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Infectious Diseases</b>	<b>476</b>
<b>Nephrology</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Outcomes and Economics</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Pain Management</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Pharmaceutical Industry</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>Women's Health</b>	<b>126</b>

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WHERE PHARMACY IS GOING

Members hurry to bid on items at the first Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction held at last year's Annual Meeting. The second Silent Auction is shaping up to be just as much fun.



## Plan to Attend 2nd Silent Auction

If you attended the 2001 ACCP Annual Meeting in Tampa, you probably also participated in the ACCP Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction. If you did participate in the reception and auction activities, then you know first hand what a rousing good time and success the event was—netting more than \$60K for the Research Institute's Campaign 2005.

### *Planning to be at the 2002 Annual Meeting?*

Good news! The Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction will be back at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, Monday evening, October 21. PRN members can again help out in at least three ways:

- donate personal or professional items to be included in the Silent Auction;
- help staff the auction tables or other events;
- bring your checkbook and outbid the other comers for those must-have treasures put up for auction!

### *Not planning to be in Albuquerque?*

You can still support and participate in the evening's festivities by donating that special something for inclusion in the Silent Auction.

### *Need more information?*

Contact ACCP Executive Director Robert Elenbaas at (816) 531-2177 or at [relenbaas@accp.com](mailto:relenbaas@accp.com).

## Drug Information PRN Taking Shape

A new PRN focusing on drug information (DI) and informatics is in the works. An exploratory meeting to determine ACCP members' interest in the group will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ACCP's PRNs provide opportunities for members to keep in touch and share information with one another. Amy Peak is leading the effort to establish a Drug Information and Informatics PRN. "There isn't a really good network for people who practice DI," said Peak, who has been in drug information for four years. "We need a way for DI practitioners to meet other DI practitioners." Peak plans to survey ACCP members with an interest in drug information and

informatics to see how interested they are about this possible PRN. The exploratory meeting of this group will take place at the Annual Meeting on Monday, October 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

According to Peak, besides a chance to network with peers, there are many other benefits of creating a Drug Information and Informatics PRN. If created, the goals and objectives of the PRN may be to:

- provide opportunities for interested pharmacists to network, problem-solve, and discuss professional challenges related to drug information and informatics;
- promote practice, research, and education related to drug information and informatics;
- foster the growth of drug information and informatics in clinical pharmacy practice and college of pharmacy curricula; and
- encourage the practice of evidenced-based medicine.

"I truly think those practicing DI are looking for people who share their woes and stresses," Peak said. "The practice of DI today is different than it was even five years ago." Peak invites anyone interested in this possible PRN to contact her at (317) 940-9870 or at [apeak@butler.edu](mailto:apeak@butler.edu).

## 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).

## Minisabbaticals Provide Excellent Opportunities to Learn

Minisabbatical programs by the Cardiology, Central Nervous System, and Infectious Diseases PRNs provide excellent opportunities for their members to expand their skills in practice or research under the guidance of experts in their respective fields.

The following Cardiology minisabbatical was awarded for 2002:

- James Tisdale from Wayne State University will work with Cynthia Carnes at Ohio State University to learn a variety of animal research techniques related to atrial fibrillation and drug-induced Torsades de Pointes.

The following CNS minisabbaticals were awarded in 2001:

- Collin Hovinga from the Cleveland Clinical Foundation and Mark Luer from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences each worked with

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Susan Fagan in her laboratory at the Medical College of Georgia to gain experience with animal models of stroke injury and neuroprotection.

- Gerald P. Overman of the University of Illinois worked with the Substance Abuse Research Division directed by Charles Schuster at the Wayne State University School of Medicine where he focused on research methods in addictive disorders.

“The CNS PRN minisabbatical program was a great opportunity to forge new collaborations, share ideas, and acquire a fresh set of research skills,” Luer said. “These aspects, when combined, proved instrumental in the submission of an extramural grant application with a new research direction.”

Hovinga also spoke positively about his experience with Fagan. “I’m relatively early in my career and can’t speak too highly of Susan,” he said. “It was a very well-rounded experience.” Hovinga says that more quality mentors should become involved in minisabbaticals.

No CNS minisabbaticals have been awarded thus far in 2002, and the Infectious Diseases PRN hopes to award its first minisabbatical award in the near future.

## Interested in PRN Minisabbaticals?

For more information on the minisabbaticals, go to:

- Cardiology:  
[www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#cardmini](http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#cardmini)
- Central Nervous System:  
[www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#cnsmini](http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#cnsmini)
- Infectious Diseases:  
[www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#idmini](http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/Research.html#idmini)

## Many Electronic Services for PRNs

Technology is providing increasingly numerous ways for ACCP to serve the PRNs and their members. They are:

- automatic sign up of PRN members to PRN mailing lists, greatly facilitating their ease of communication;
- addition of searchable archives of mailing list discussions; and
- choice to receive mailing list discussions in real time, as a once-daily digest, or to not receive them at all!

Of course, the Web page for each PRN has all the usual helpful items, such as:

- listings of each PRN’s officers and how to reach them;
- access to the mailing lists and mailing list archives;
- searchable PRN membership directories;
- mission statements for each PRN;
- back copies of each PRN’s newsletters;
- back copies of *The PRN Report*; and
- other key documents and postings.

All you need to do is go to [www.accp.com](http://www.accp.com) and click on “PRNs”. From there, select any PRN of which you are a

member, and follow the links! If you would like to change how you receive the mailing list messages, just click on “Services for PRN Members”. If you would like to join a new PRN, just follow the instructions that appear when you click the PRN in which you are interested.

If you have questions or suggestions to improve the PRN sections, or any section, of the Web site, ACCP staff will gladly receive them. Please direct your inquiries to Elisa Case at (816) 531-2177 or [ecase@accp.com](mailto:ecase@accp.com).

## Benefits of Belonging to PRNs

“The Ambulatory Care e-mail group keeps me aware of many current clinical pearls, Web sites, and ground-breaking pharmacy issues. Additionally, the fact that I can request information from a large group of pharmacists in a similar position is outstanding. Many issues that I come across were discussed on this listserv, and the archived e-mail function provides me with easy access to past e-mails. Finally, the Web site has a new ambulatory care practitioner’s survival guide, which is valuable for establishing new services and ambulatory residency ideas. I recommend that pharmacists become a member of ACCP just for this PRN group.” – **Karen Abernathy**; member of *Adult Medicine and Ambulatory Care PRNs*

“I belong to PRNs to obtain and share valuable information with people around the nation and world! The listservs are awesome!” – **Joni Fukami**; member of the *Critical Care, GI/Liver/Nutrition, and Nephrology PRNs*

“I belong to a PRN to obtain current information from colleagues that, perhaps, have dealt with similar challenges.” – **Rob Hutchison**; member of the *Pain Management PRN*

“My primary reasons for belonging to PRNs are for networking at the Annual and Spring meetings, networking year round via the listservs, and for the valuable information sharing they provide.” – **Dwight Kloth**; member of *Hematology/Oncology and Outcomes and Economics PRNs*

“I belong to the Ambulatory Care PRN so that I can communicate with fellow clinicians through the listserv. The information exchange about problem patients, hot topics, news alerts, etc. is great! Definitely worth the money!” – **Nancy Shapiro**; member of the *Ambulatory Care and Education and Training PRNs*

“ACCP contributes so much information that is useful, and one of the tools we can use is belonging to a PRN. Problems discussed on a local level can be answered more informatively by reading about similar problems and answers from the larger group with the same interests. It has become an invaluable tool. There’s no substitute for networking.” – **Millie Wisdom**; member of the *Pediatrics PRN*

“In one simple answer: I am a member of PRNs to keep abreast of the latest therapeutics. I use this information almost daily and keep the physicians updated.” – **Tom Wise**; member of the *Clinical Administration, Infectious Diseases, and GI/Liver/Nutrition PRNs*

## Special Symposia Lead Off Annual Meeting

Get even more out of your 2002 ACCP Annual Meeting experience by attending one of these special pre-conference symposia on Saturday, October 19!

### **Transitioning Your Practice: How to Market Your Clinical Pharmacy Services; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

This practical, one-day program will provide you with the nonclinical tools needed to market and expand your clinical services in clinics, community pharmacies, and other ambulatory settings. If you benefited from ACCP's "How to Bill for Clinical Pharmacy Services", you will definitely want to attend this program. Move to the next level as you develop your business and practice!

This program is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Merck and Co., Inc. and is cosponsored by Meniscus Educational Institute and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy. The program will provide 7.5 contact hours of continuing pharmaceutical education credit.

### **The Clinical Pharmacist's Guide to Career Development: The Early Years; 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

If you are completing or have completed your clinical pharmacy training within the past few years, this session is a "must attend". You will gain ideas, tips, and knowledge to craft a professional vision and game plan, to set career goals and select opportunities to move you toward your vision, to seek a mentor, and to have a personal life. You will learn how to make the most of what ACCP has to offer to help you along your career. This program includes course syllabi and refreshments.

### **C.V.s, Cover Letters, and Interview Skills; 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

This interactive workshop will show you how to best present your education, training, and experience in curricula vitae and cover letters. You will learn to discriminate between essential and less important information and how to present yourself in effective and memorable ways. Information on typography, layout, organization, writing style, interview skills, and body language will be included. Those attending will receive a complimentary copy of *Writing, Speaking, and Communication Skills for Health Professionals* by Deborah St. James. This program is presented by the Bayer College for Professional Development.

The 2002 ACCP Annual Meeting will take place October 20-23 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

To register for any of the above programs or for more information, visit [www.accp.com/meeting.html](http://www.accp.com/meeting.html) or call ACCP at (816) 531-2177.



ACCP members enjoy a break between sessions at last year's Annual Meeting held in Tampa, Florida.

## Outcomes and Economics PRN Supports Campaign 2005

Members of the College's Outcomes and Economics PRN have joined the Ambulatory Care, Cardiology, Central Nervous System, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, and Women's Health PRNs in their support of Campaign 2005 with a donation of \$5001. (You might wonder at the odd number—It's so the PRN's contribution would at least match the largest provided by any of the other groups.)

"Responding to the needs expressed by ACCP members, Campaign 2005 seeks to establish an endowment of at least \$2.5 million by the end of 2005," noted Barry Carter, Chair of the ACCP Research Institute. "Once established, income from this endowment will allow the Institute to significantly expand its support of research that is important to clinical pharmacy, but that may not be a high priority to other funding agencies."

"The Outcomes and Economics PRN strongly supports the work of the ACCP Research Institute," commented PRN Chair Glen Schumock. "As a testimony to that support, we are very pleased to support the Research Institute's Campaign 2005 with this donation."

"We hope that all ACCP members recognize that their evidence-based practices are built on a foundation of science and research," added ACCP Executive Director Robert Elenbaas. "All clinical pharmacists—practitioners, educators, administrators, and researchers—will benefit from the investment in our profession enabled by Campaign 2005."

"We also hope that all ACCP members will support the campaign with their personal contributions," added Carter. "The contributions provided by several of the PRNs are obviously appreciated very much and are one important way that ACCP members can show their support for this critical program. However, eventual success in reaching the goal of Campaign 2005 will be achieved only if it is broadly supported by individual members with regular, annual contributions."

A personal appeal to support Campaign 2005 was mailed to all College members in June. Please lend your support so the ACCP Research Institute can grow its programs to meet your expanding needs.