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Ready to Run For PRN Office? Nominations Beginning

It is that time again ... time to run for office! PRNs are seeking candidates for their upcoming elections, nomination committees are forming, and the call for nominations has been issued.

If you are interested in serving as a PRN officer, or would like to nominate someone, contact your PRN's chair right away. A list of current chairs, their phone numbers and e-mail addresses is included in this newsletter. The process for conducting PRN elections is as follows:

A PRN nominations committee consists of at least two individuals who are appointed by the PRN's chair; these individuals may be the PRN's current elected officers. Those who make up a PRN's nominations committee will be ineligible to run for office in that PRN's election that year.

The nominations committee prepares a slate of candidates. As the committee does this, the members of the nominations committee should be certain to share the timeline and

procedures for the election, along with a list of expected duties, with each candidate.

Whenever possible, there shall be two or three candidates for each office up for election. In those infrequent cases when only one candidate can be identified, an election will still be held, and voters have the option of identifying a write-in candidate. In those cases when there are more than three possible candidates, it is 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 biographical sketch and statement of PRN goals from each candidate that shall be included in the ballot mailed to members.

PRN elections will occur according to the following timetable:

- Call for nominations March
- Submission of camera-ready ballots and candidate biographies by nominations committees to ACCP June 14
- Mailing of ballots July 14
- Receipt of ballots at ACCP headquarters August 22
- Nominations committee notifies all candidates of results of election August 31



Attendees have fun at the Research Institute/PRN Reception and Silent Auction held at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

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Ambulatory Care

The committees within the Ambulatory Care PRN have been quite active over the past few months.

The PRN has implemented an Achievement Award for the first time this year, and it will be given in the form of an engraved plaque at the ACCP Annual Meeting. This award will be given to a deserving PRN member who has been instrumental in serving the mission of ACCP and in meeting the goals PRN members have established. In addition, there are new seed grants available this year, and PRN officers look forward to supporting members in their various research endeavors.

The PRN has continued to encourage individual members to contribute to the ACCP Research Institute Frontiers Fund, and the PRN members are forming a new committee designated specifically to this task in the upcoming year. Also, advocacy is an important aspect of the PRN; members have continued to support and discuss Medication Therapy Management Services—a part of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003—which is now in the regulatory implementation phase.

PRN members look forward to visiting at the 2005 Spring Practice and Research Forum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, wrote Kelly Ragucci, Ambulatory Care PRN secretary.

The Ambulatory Care PRN Focus Session is “Metabolic Syndrome: Implications for Pharmacy Practice.

Cardiology

The Cardiology PRN members have been busy providing many benefits to ACCP members and planning programs for upcoming ACCP meetings.

Cardiology PRN Minisabbatical. This exclusive opportunity for Cardiology PRN members to gain or expand skills in practice and research under the guidance of experts in cardiovascular pharmacotherapy is available to interested members. A program description and application materials can be found at <http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/ricardmini.php>. Annual funding for the program is limited to \$2750 for recipients and \$750 for mentors. Up to two minisabbaticals will be available in 2005. The deadline for applications was March 1.

Added Qualifications in Cardiology. The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties recently approved slightly modified procedures recommended by the Pharmacotherapy Specialty Council in consultation with the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and the ACCP Cardiology PRN, original petitioners for these credentials. The revised procedures and scoring criteria should make it easier for applicants to assess their own eligibility and provide necessary information for Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties review. Go to www.bpsweb.org and click on the “Added Qualifications” button for more information on the process and application materials. Applications are due in late December each year.

Upcoming Business Meetings and Focus Sessions. At the Spring Practice and Research Forum in Myrtle Beach, the Cardiology and Nephrology PRNs will cosponsor a PRN Focus Session titled, “Cardiovascular Implications of Chronic Kidney Disease” on Wednesday, April 13, at 8 a.m. Topics include kidney disease as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, hypertension and lipid management strategies in CKD, and hypercoagulable states in chronic kidney disease. The Cardiology PRN Business and Networking Forum will be on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Also, the PRN will sponsor a focus session on acute cardiac life support at the Annual Meeting.

Critical Care

The Critical Care PRN has instituted many new committees to facilitate the progress and involvement of members. These committees include the Awards Committee, Program Committee, Nominations Committee, and Communications Committee. Also, the PRN members have reintroduced the travel award, which will benefit residents and fellows.

“Our most important accomplishment to date is the reinstatement of the travel award used to support the attendance of a resident or fellow, within the Critical Care PRN, at ACCP’s annual and spring meetings,” said Stephanie Mallow Corbett, Critical Care PRN communications committee chair.

The recipient of the travel award will deliver an oral presentation of his or her research at the PRN’s networking forums at the meetings. The first award will be granted for the 2005 Spring Practice and Research Forum.

Hematology/Oncology

The Hematology/Oncology PRN has developed its first premeeting symposium, which is scheduled for April 9, the Saturday afternoon before the 2005 ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum. The symposium is titled, “Advancements in Oncology Therapeutics for Colorectal Cancer and Lymphomas: What’s the Pharmacoeconomic Standard of Care?”

“With an outstanding faculty and interactive sessions, this is a symposium that you will not want to miss,” said Hematology/Oncology Chair Lisa Davis. “Thanks to Judith Smith for taking the lead in putting this together.”



Attendees have a good time at the 2004 Annual Meeting. ACCP meetings are good opportunities to meet old and new friends.

Spring Forum PRN Schedule At-A-Glance

Saturday, April 9

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Designing and Implementing Successful Business Models in Ambulatory Care/Community Practices**; developed by the ACCP Ambulatory Care Task Force (*Separate registration required.*)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Maximizing the Use of PDAs for Teaching and Clinical Intervention**; developed by the Education and Training PRN (*Separate registration required.*)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Advancements in Oncology Therapeutics for Colorectal Cancer and Lymphoma: What's the Pharmacoeconomic Impact on the Standard of Care?** developed by the Hematology/Oncology PRN (*Separate registration required.*)

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

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Newcomers' Get Together**

Sunday, April 10

6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Meeting Registration**

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Committee and Task Force Meetings**

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **PRN Officers' Meeting**

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Industry Classroom**

- **Evolving Trends in Resistance: New Antimicrobial Insights for Hospitalized Patients with Complicated Infections**; Supported by a grant from Wyeth in cooperation with Bimark Center for Medical Education.

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Opening General Session**

- **Keynote Address: Transitioning Practice to Provide Medication Therapy Management Services**—Daniel E. Buffington, Pharm.D., M.B.A., LeAnn Causey, Pharm.D., BCPS
- **Young Investigator Award Lecture: A Recipe for Preventing and Treating Arrhythmias: DTECT, AFIST, and AdMag**—C. Michael White, Pharm.D.

6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. **Opening Reception**—All attendees are invited to attend.

Monday, April 11

6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Meeting Registration**

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **PRN Focus Session**

Ambulatory Care—**Metabolic Syndrome: Implications for Pharmacy Practice**

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forum**

Women's Health—The agenda for this meeting includes an introduction of present members and 2004–2005 officers, as well as updates from the ACCP Board of Regents, PRN treasurer, public policy liaison, and PRN chair. Participants will discuss new business and PRN issues. Light snacks, desserts, and beverages will be available.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Industry Classroom**

- **Female Sexual Dysfunctions: A New Horizon**; Supported by a grant from Procter and Gamble in cooperation with Creative Educational Concepts.

3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **PRN Focus Session**

Education and Training—**Developing Successful Assessment Tools**

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums**

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Endocrine/Metabolism—This PRN will hold a brief meeting. There will be an opportunity to participate in networking games and activities. Light snacks with beverages will be available.

Hematology/Oncology—This networking forum will consist of a brief business meeting, followed by discussions of practice issues and pharmacy education in hematology and oncology. Food and beverages will be provided.

Infectious Diseases—This meeting will provide informal networking and socializing opportunities. There will be an update on issues relevant to the Infectious Diseases PRN's Annual Report, along with a brief summary and presentation of Infectious Diseases PRN Minisabbatical Award projects. Food and beverages will be available.

Outcomes and Economics—This session will include a networking and business meeting and recognition of Outcomes and Economics PRN members' accomplishments. Food and beverages will be provided.

Pediatrics—There will be a business meeting for the Pediatrics PRN. Also, two residents from the Medical University of South Carolina will deliver a presentation to the group. Food and beverages will be available.

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Medicine—At this meeting, 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. Beverages will be provided.

Central Nervous System—Past, current, and future activities will be discussed at this meeting. This forum will include brief research presentations by members. Food and beverages will be available.

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Pharmaceutical Industry—Meeting attendees interested in the pharmaceutical industry are encouraged to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. Food and beverages will be provided.

Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics—This will be a networking forum for PRN members and guests to discuss current issues in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. Also, there will be time allocated for members to discuss potential topics for PRN symposia at upcoming ACCP meetings. The meeting will include presentations by current Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics fellows and a discussion of research posters presented at the meeting. Food and beverages will be provided.

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Meeting Registration**

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **PRN Focus Sessions**

Hematology/Oncology—**Novel Approaches to the Clinical Development of Cancer Therapies**

Infectious Diseases—**Antimicrobial Management Programs**

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forum**

Education and Training—Join the Education and Training PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. An open forum discussion regarding the ACCP Student Network will take place. The discussion will focus on the origins of the student network, the process of student involvement, how mentorship can occur, opportunities for students and ACCP members, and how members can get involved. Food and beverages will be served.

11:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **ACCP Classic Golf Tournament: A Fundraiser for the ACCP Research Institute**

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **PRN Focus Sessions**

Women's Health and Drug Information PRNs—**Media Blitz: How to Respond to Patients and the Media When They Get the Story First**

Critical Care—**Overcoming Barriers to Conducting and Interpreting Clinical Research in Critical Care**

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **PRN Business Meetings and Networking Forums**

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Ambulatory Care—This session will include a 2 1/2-hour meeting comprised of business and networking components. The purpose of the business meeting is to disseminate information concerning the past and future activities of each PRN committee, current activities of ACCP relating to the PRN, and potential future activities. The business component includes a presentation highlighting innovative practice within ambulatory care. The networking component is an opportunity for members to interact through entertaining activities. Food and beverages will be provided.

Cardiology—Information about past, current, and future activities of the PRN and its committees will be discussed. A special networking forum will be held, along with an informal reception, where members will have an opportunity to collaborate on PRN-related projects and meet trainees looking for job opportunities. A light buffet with beverages will be provided.

Clinical Administration—Meeting attendees interested in clinical administration are encouraged to join this PRN for its business meeting and networking forum. Light snacks and beverages will be available.

GI/Liver/Nutrition—In this meeting, members will discuss old and new business and develop a slate of new officers. Participants will have an opportunity to network and socialize. Food and beverages will be provided.

Nephrology—A PRN business meeting, informal discussion, socializing, and networking will take place in this session. Dr. Gary Matzke will lead an informal, interactive discussion on “Health Policy and Political Realities.” An open forum will follow for PRN members to discuss their clinical practice or research activities with other PRN members. Food and beverages will be provided.

Starting at 7:30 p.m.

Critical Care—Meeting activities will include a business meeting, reports by PRN committees, a presentation by the resident/fellow travel award recipient, and PRN officers will solicit feedback from PRN members concerning projects and programs being considered. Beverages and refreshments will be available.

Drug Information—The focus of this session will be a business meeting and discussion of past subcommittee activities, residency training, and exploring new directions for the PRN. Food and beverages will be provided.

Pain Management—Meeting attendees interested in pain management should join this PRN's members for their business meeting and networking forum. Food and beverages will be provided.

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Meeting Registration**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **PRN Focus Session**

Adult Medicine—**Managing Chronic Diseases in Hospitalized Patients**

Nephrology and Cardiology PRNs—**Cardiovascular Implications of Chronic Kidney Disease**

Immunology/Transplantation & Geriatrics PRNs
The Immunology/Transplantation and Geriatrics PRNs are not holding business meetings or networking forums at the 2005 ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum. For more information about Immunology/Transplantation, go to <http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/accp-prn.php?prn=IMTR>. For more information about Geriatrics, go to <http://www.accp.com/ClinNet/accp-prn.php?prn=GERI>

Endocrine and Metabolism PRN Up and Running; Committees Working Hard

The Endocrine and Metabolism PRN was created recently and has been very busy establishing committees and getting the PRN's list server up and running, according to PRN reports.

The Membership and Nominations Committee has been busy gaining members for the PRN, as well as working on the election process.

The PRN's Educational Planning Committee has been working on submitting an application for a focus session to be held at ACCP's 2005 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. In addition, the committee members are working on other topics for upcoming meetings.

The Communications Committee has been establishing the policies for the list server as well as developing ideas for the Endocrine and Metabolism PRN Newsletter.

The Networking Forum Committee has been busy planning networking meetings for upcoming ACCP meetings.

In addition to the existing committee activities, the PRN members have been considering establishing additional committees, including Budget and Finance, and Research and Scholarship, as well as task forces for minisabbaticals and strategic planning.

For more information about the Endocrine and Metabolism PRN, go to www.accp.com/ClinNet/prnendo.php.

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 Robert Elenbaas, ACCP director of education and member services, at (816) 531-2177 or at relenbaas@accp.com.

PRNs Provide Important Support to Frontiers Fund

The ACCP Frontiers Fund campaign is breaking new ground within the College.

Support for the campaign has included virtually every segment of the organization: individual members, chapters, PRNs, and industry.



The following PRNs acted at their business meetings, held during the 2004 ACCP Annual Meeting in Dallas, to provide contributions to the Frontiers Fund from their respective budgets:

- Adult Medicine—\$1000
- Cardiology—\$2000
- Central Nervous System—\$1000
- Clinical Administration—\$150
- Critical Care—\$2500



Meeting attendees enjoy one another's company beside the pool at the 2003 Spring Forum in Palm Springs, California.

- Drug Information—\$750
- Geriatrics—\$500
- GI/Liver/Nutrition—\$2500
- Hematology/Oncology—\$2500
- Outcomes and Economics—\$2500
- Pain Management—\$500
- Pediatrics—\$500
- Pharmaceutical Industry—\$2000
- Women's Health—\$500

In addition, the Education and Training and the Infectious Diseases PRNs have both pledged to donate 15% of their 2005 dues income to the Frontiers Fund.

"The support that the PRNs have provided to the Frontiers Fund has contributed significantly to the overall success of the campaign," said John Rodman, chair of the Frontiers Fund Committee. "We've been extraordinarily pleased and encouraged by the broad support provided to the Frontiers Fund campaign. This allowed the ACCP Research Institute to fund nearly \$150,000 in expanded clinical and health services research last year and will allow us to increase that support to as much as \$250,000 this year."

The Frontiers Fund is creating the means for ACCP members to:

- enable health services research to document the value of clinical pharmacy services.
- support clinical and translational research that extends beyond that funded by existing ACCP grants.
- facilitate the development of qualified researchers.

More information about the Frontiers Fund, including a 7-minute video that highlights the campaign's goals and contains interviews with College members, can be found on the ACCP Web site at <http://www.accp.com/frontiers/>. A roster of 2004 contributors to the Frontiers Fund was published in the February ACCP Report.

PRN Officers to Meet at Spring Forum

If you are a PRN officer, plan to attend the PRN Officers' Meeting on Sunday, April 10, from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This is a chance to review commonly asked questions about PRN procedures and talk over ideas with other PRN officers. For more information on the PRN Officers' Meeting, contact Robert Elenbaas, ACCP director of education and member services, at (816) 531-2177 or at relenbaas@accp.com.

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Benefits of Belonging to PRNs

"I currently am a member of the Adult Medicine PRN and have been since its inception. I initially viewed it as a networking opportunity but, moreso, it has become a great way to gain information from colleagues in similar practice settings."—*Yvette Morrison, member of the Adult Medicine PRN*

"(I joined) to keep updated on issues within the GI PRN, either via ACCP meetings or questions and answers posed to members by e-mail, and to network with others that have the same interest that I have."—*Al Roach, member of the GI/Liver/Nutrition PRN*

"I belong to the Critical Care PRN because the listserv is an effective forum for interesting clinical pearls and challenges colleagues are facing on a daily basis. It helps me keep on top of controversial issues and provides a perspective from around the continent. The dialog is often entertaining yet evidence-based. It is an easy way to connect with past colleagues, students, and friends."—*Deb Skaar, member of the Critical Care PRN*

PRN Membership Totals

Adult Medicine	521
Ambulatory Care	1156
Cardiology	798
Central Nervous System	228
Clinical Administration	187
Critical Care	951
Drug Information	222
Education and Training	204
Endocrine and Metabolism	23
Geriatrics	210
GI/Liver/Nutrition	154
Hematology/Oncology	493
Immunology/Transplantation	191
Infectious Diseases	814
Nephrology	190
Outcomes and Economics	183
Pain Management	221
Pediatrics	347
Pharmaceutical Industry	383
Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics	191
Women's Health	138

