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# NYS ACCP Insider

A NYS ACCP executive team special edition

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## New and Improved NYS ACCP Logo!



Special thanks to William Eggleston, PharmD (President-Elect) for designing and officially designating our new NYS ACCP logo. The NYS ACCP membership recently voted this graphic as the logo of choice to represent our state chapter. We look forward to many years of use!

## NYS CDTM Update

On September 14, 2015, the Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) Bill, that passed The New York State Assembly and Senate, was signed into law by the Governor, extending CDTM beyond the initial 3-year demonstration project which started in 2012.

The current bill permits CDTM to be practiced in all hospitals, not just teaching hospitals, along with diagnostic and treatment centers and hospital-based outpatient departments. It also permits the practice in nursing homes that have an on-site pharmacy. (The full bill text can be found at:

[http://assembly.ny.gov/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=A05805&term=2015&Summary=Y&Text=Y](http://assembly.ny.gov/leg/?default_fld=&bn=A05805&term=2015&Summary=Y&Text=Y).)

The current legislation will be in effect for 3 years, and will sunset in September of 2018, at which point the CDTM bill will need to be renewed. The ultimate goal would be for the state Pharmacy Organizations to work cohesively to lobby to make this a permanent piece of legislation, without future sunset-period. As was done previously, Department of Education is required to submit a report to the legislature documenting the impact of CDTM on patient care. This report is due to the legislature approximately 4 months before the

sunset of the current CDTM bill (around May 2018.) Institutions impacted by CDTM may be contacted to again assist in data collection and reporting to aid in the development of the CDTM report.

Within the current legislation, credentialing by the State Board of Pharmacy (SBOP) is required prior to engaging in CDTM activities. To accomplish this, qualified pharmacists must submit the Pharmacist Collaborative Drug Therapy Management application form to the SBOP with the required supporting documentation prior to entering into CDTM practice. Recognizing that many facilities employing CDTM are teaching facilities, and that clinical experience is required to become a certified CDTM pharmacist, the SBOP does allow non-CDTM credentialed pharmacists to work under the supervision of a credentialed pharmacist in a CDTM practice site to complete these experience requirements. To date, 136 pharmacists have been credentialed to practice under CDTM agreement. The application form may be found at the SBOP Office of the Professions website: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmacdtmapp.pdf>.

**-Kelly Rudd, PharmD, BCPS, CACP  
NYS ACCP Member/CDTM Task Force Member**

## NYS ACCP Annual Meeting Information

As the final full month of summer begins the New York State chapter of ACCP's Annual Meeting Planning Committee is hard at work getting ready for this fall's Annual Clinical Meeting. We are excited to offer our members top-notch speakers and cutting edge clinical content from experts throughout the state.

The meeting will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse, NY at the Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool. Topics will include the role of the clinical pharmacist in patients receiving extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, information on new antibiotics, management of acute overdose, adjusting anticoagulants in patients with kidney disease, and dealing with difficult students (which I'm sure none of us ever were)! The meeting will offer six credit hours of continuing education, including one hour of medication safety continuing education. There will also be student posters on display and programming geared toward getting our New York State students ready for their professional careers. You can attend the event in-person or via webinar.

Hotel accommodations can be reserved at a discounted rate on a first-come first-serve basis by calling the hotel front desk (315-457-1122) and using the code "UMU". For more information and to register, visit the NYS ACCP website ([nys-accp.echapters.com](http://nys-accp.echapters.com)) and click the "Join Us" tab. Follow us on Twitter @NYSACCP for meeting updates and other chapter news!

**-William Eggleston, PharmD, DABAT  
NYS ACCP President-Elect**



## Fall Clinical Meeting

October 27, 2017    07:45-16:00    Syracuse, NY

Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool-Exit 37 (reservations: 315-457-1122 ; code - UMU)

6 CE hours (includes medication safety)

Registration information @ [nys-accp.echapters.com](http://nys-accp.echapters.com)

Questions: [williamdeggleston@gmail.com](mailto:williamdeggleston@gmail.com)



## ACCP Publishes Clinical Competency White Paper

ACCP recently published ‘Clinical Pharmacist Competencies’ in *Pharmacotherapy*, which outline the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors of practitioners delivering comprehensive medication management (CMM) in direct patient care settings.<sup>1</sup> These competencies support ACCP’s mission to advance clinical pharmacy and to ensure that practitioners actively engaged in clinical practice are appropriately educated and continually assessed on benchmarked professional standards. These original competencies from 2008 were updated by the 2016 ACCP Certification Affairs committee, and have been endorsed by the ACCP Board of Regents.

The document defines six core clinical pharmacist competencies which parallel practicing physician competencies, yet have a focus on pharmacotherapy and ensuring optimal medication-related outcomes. Competencies include direct patient care, pharmacotherapy knowledge, systems-based care and population health, communication, professionalism and continuing professional development. The article describes specifics of the six competencies and should be utilized to ensure that clinical pharmacists are proficient in all requisite areas in order to contribute to optimal medication use. Commitment by postgraduate training programs and healthcare organizations alike are necessary to achieving this goal. The *Pharmacotherapy* issue also provides an updated tool, ‘ACCP Template for Evaluating a Clinical Pharmacist,’ for which practitioners can be individually assessed on such competencies.<sup>2</sup> The NYS chapter of ACCP recommends that clinical pharmacy practitioners, administrators and other key stakeholders seek out these valuable resources to further promote our profession as part of the team-based approach to direct patient care.

1. Saseen JJ, Ripley TL, Bondi D, et al. ACCP Clinical Pharmacist Competencies. *Pharmacotherapy* 2017;37(5):630-636 doi:10.1002/phar.1923)
2. Lee M, Badowski ME, Acquisto NM, et al. ACCP Template for Evaluating a Clinical Pharmacist. *Pharmacotherapy* 2017;37(5):637 doi:10.1002/phar.1927)

-Katherine Cabral, PharmD, BCPS  
NYS ACCP Past-President

## NYS ACCP Newsletter Feedback

A very successful first year of newsletters involving seven Schools of Pharmacy in NYS has surpassed! The NYS ACCP executive team is very pleased with the turnout and participation from all of the SOPs, and thank each of them for their hard work on the newsletters this past academic year.

We have likewise received great feedback regarding the newsletters from our membership via the annual member survey. The members are very pleased with the return of increased communication amongst the statewide organization, and appreciate the increased focus on statewide pharmacy initiative status updates. As always, you may find each issue of the newsletter located on the redesigned website (<http://nys-accp.echapters.com/> under “The News” tab).


The executive team looks forward to bringing you another great year of newsletters starting in October. Please let us know if you have any interest in becoming involved and/or authoring a section of the newsletter – the door is always open!

-Amanda Winans, PharmD, BCPS, CACP  
NYS ACCP Secretary/Treasurer

## NYS ACCP Chapter Website Update

Our chapter received a new website in July of 2015, replacing the old one which had become increasingly difficult to manage and support. The new one is far easier to use and to maintain, and is much less vulnerable to internet viruses and other types of invaders, a big problem for any website in today's world. One very nice feature is that It permits each member to maintain their own membership information.

The home page, shown below, is the public face of NYS-ACCP, available to anyone with access to the Internet at <http://nys-accp.echapters.com> and displays our new chapter logo. From the choices on the ribbon across the top of the home page, one may access the latest newsletters and announcements, as well as calendar information placed by chapter officers. There is a page listing the current chapter officers and committees, and a page called Join Us, where membership applications may be submitted, and membership renewals and payments for chapter activities may be made.



The screenshot shows the home page of the NYS ACCP Chapter website. At the top, there is a banner with the words "ADVOCACY EDUCATION EXCELLENCE INTEGRITY LEADERSHIP RESEARCH" and the text "NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CLINICAL PHARMACY". Below the banner is a navigation ribbon with links for "Home", "About", "Calendar", "The News", "Join Us", and "Login". The main content area features the title "NY State Chapter - ACCP" and the website address "nys-accp.echapters.com". It also includes the text "New York State Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy" and a "Send Email" link. The page contains several paragraphs of text, including a description of the chapter's mission, information about continuing education programs, and details about an upcoming annual clinical meeting. The ACCP logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Logging in as a member provides several more tabs on the ribbon across the top of the page. These provide information specific to the chapter, including the membership list, hints on how to use the website, how to create a secure password, the chapter by-laws, plus other information from time to time. There is also a page for links to other websites, and a survey page for quickly gathering facts and opinions from chapter members.



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## NY State Chapter - ACCP

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New York State Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy

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The New York State Chapter of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy is a professional and scientific society dedicated to optimizing patient drug therapy outcomes by promoting excellence and innovation in clinical pharmacy practice, research, and education in New York State.

We offer a variety of continuing education programs for the pharmacy community, including a Fall Clinical Meeting and live webinars. Please check our News section for all of the latest information.

\* An update to the May 2017 Newsletter has been posted. See THE NEWS for more details.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Clinical Meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Friday October 27, 2017 at Syracuse. Check back frequently for updates.

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-Roberta Schnur, RPh  
NYS ACCP Informational Technology

## Member and Non-member Annual NYS ACCP Survey Results: Survey Says...

On a yearly basis the NYS ACCP Membership Committee and Executive Board develop two surveys for pharmacists across New York State, which provide us with very valuable information. The first survey sent in April was emailed to all of our current NYS ACCP members and sought to gather feedback about our Annual Meetings, continuing education formats, our newsletter, future initiatives and voting for our new logo. We had 24 members respond to the survey (a 23.7% response rate). Just over half of the respondents attended our 2016 Annual meeting in Rochester and respondents ranked clinically focused topics, expert speakers, affordable fees and close proximity to my home/work as the top factors important to them regarding our Annual meeting. We also solicited suggested topics for future CE programming, as well as volunteers for our standing committees. Respondents provided feedback on our new NYS ACCP newsletter and updated website, which was primarily favorable, several stating that they find the newsletter “useful and informative,” “very well done,” and “love that it involves the students.” In terms of future initiatives members would like to see NYS ACCP pursue, suggestions included working with National ACCP to assist with membership renewal process, increasing collaboration between pharmacy organizations in NYS, increasing networking opportunities, increasing downstate representation, and enhancing membership and communication. This survey also asked members to vote on a new logo for our organization. The following logo beat out the other two logos by casting 72.7% of the votes:



The second survey developed was emailed in June to all members of National ACCP residing in NY. The goal of this survey was to capture feedback from those ACCP members who are NOT members of the NYS chapter. A total of 54 pharmacists responded and 35.9% of them stated they were not aware that a NYS chapter of ACCP even existed. The top factors that would influence a decision to join NYS ACCP was an affordable membership fee (\$30), networking opportunities, advocacy for clinical pharmacy in NYS and professional development opportunities. Many respondents were not aware that we held annual NYS ACCP meetings, as well as 50% of respondents were not aware of the benefits NYS ACCP could provide, such as professional development, awards and research grants. Additional ideas and comments about the organization included: increasing collaboration with statewide professional organizations, student member development programs, increasing effective advertisement, and recruiting young practitioners.

The NYS-ACCP executive board and membership committee appreciates those that took the time to respond to the survey and for their feedback. The current executive board is working to enhance the themes noted in both surveys: collaboration with professional organizations in the state, networking opportunities, advocacy for pharmacy, and increased advertisement. We have reached out to other professional organizations in the state and are currently planning a webinar in collaboration with NYSCHP-Rochester chapter. Over the last 6 months, we have also been working with other leaders from NYS pharmacy organizations to advocate for our profession (Tech bill, etc), as well as working on other future endeavors.

**-Katherine Cabral, PharmD, BCPS  
NYS ACCP Past-President**

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**Be on the *lookout* for upcoming announcements regarding this year's Research Grant Program!**



**Active members are invited to apply for a monetary research grant award. Grant proposal details and evaluation criteria will be forthcoming in a future email announcement.**

For questions, contact Katherine Juba, PharmD, BCPS, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
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# NYS Pharmacy Legislative Update

New York State legislators had an action packed 2017 session with a myriad of pharmacy legislation on the docket for consideration by both the Senate and the Assembly. Proposed legislation included expanding patient access to laboratory testing in pharmacies, broadening the scope of pharmacist administered vaccinations, improving pharmacy education in the state by allowing interns to immunize, facilitating medication synchronization, creating fairer pharmacy audits, enhancing patient safety through Pharmacy Technician registration, and modifying payment processes to improve reimbursement and reduce patient costs. The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York organized Pharmacy Lobby Day in Albany on April 25<sup>th</sup> to advocate for the latter items. The event was well attended with representation from all New York State pharmacy organizations, including NYS-ACCP, and hundreds of pharmacy students from across the state who met with their legislators to address these issues. By the end of the 2017 legislative session, many of these bills have gained significant traction with multiple co-sponsors, with some clearing one of the two legislative bodies.

The Pharmacy Technicians bill (A4611-A Englebright/S5584 Griffo) would require certification and registration of pharmacy technicians. The goal of the bill is to promote patient safety and reduce drug diversion. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and is currently being reviewed by the Assembly's Standing Committee on Higher Education. The bill has not been voted on by the Assembly, so at this time it is stalled in the legislative process.

The Interns as Immunizers bill (A2857 McDonald/S1043 Funke Interns as immunizers) would allow registered Pharmacy Interns in New York State to administer approved immunizations under the direct supervision of a licensed certified pharmacist. The bill would significantly improve pharmacy education in New York State and improve patient safety by allowing interns to hone their immunization technique under the guidance of experienced immunizers. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and is currently being reviewed by the Assembly's Standing Committee on Higher Education. The bill has not been voted on by the Assembly, so at this time it is stalled in the legislative process.

The pair of Medication Synchronization bills (A4306 Quart/S5196 Lanza, A7492 Gottfried/ S5622 Hannon) sought to address insurance coverage, co-pays, and dispensing fees associated with synchronized prescriptions. The bills would improve medication synchronization processes in order to reduce the burden on patients and increase medication compliance. A4306 passed the Assembly unanimously and is currently being reviewed by the Senate's Insurance Committee. The bill has not been voted on by the Senate, so at this time it is stalled in the legislative process. Both A7492 and S5622 remain in committee under review. Neither have been voted on by the Assembly or Senate.

The Fair Pharmacy Audits bill (A6733 Lavine/S2763 Golden) establishes fair pharmacy audit guidelines and criteria in order to protect pharmacies from unreasonable auditor behaviors. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and is currently being reviewed by the Assembly's Standing Committee on Health. The bill has not been voted on by the Assembly, so at this time it is stalled in the legislative process.

All other bills stalled in committee and did not make it to the Senate or Assembly floor. We will continue to keep you updated via email, newsletters, and social media with legislative updates and active advocacy campaigns. Advocating for our patients and our profession starts with us!

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**-William Eggleston, PharmD, DABAT, NYS ACCP President-Elect and  
Travis Dick, PharmD, MBA, BCPS, NYS ACCP President**

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