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Fosnight Receives CCGP Award

The CCGP Board of Commissioners has chosen Susan M. Fosnight as the recipient of the 2012 CCGP Excellence in Geriatric Pharmacy Practice award. Fosnight serves as the Clinical Lead Pharmacist in Geriatrics at Summa Health System (Summa) in Akron, Ohio as well as an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)

CCGP Launches New Website

CCGP has launched a new website with a revised and updated format. The new website has the same address as the old website: www.ccgp.org. The new website should be easier to navigate, making it easier to find needed information.

The new website provides features that were not available on the old website. The key difference is the ability for the CGP to log on to the website to view and update contact information directly. The new website has an interface with the CCGP database so that the update is made in real time. It is no longer necessary to send an e-mail and wait for a person to manually update the information.

To take advantage of this new feature, click the link on the upper right of the CCGP home page that says "Login" and follow the instructions to create an account. Once you have created an account, you can use your Login ID and password to access or update your information. You may also view your certification number and expiration date on this page.

Another option is to change how you are listed on the CCGP website. The "Locate a CGP" link on the CCGP home page allows users of the website to look up a CGP. If you wish to add a telephone number, a link for e-mail communication, or an address for a blog or business web page, you can indicate this in your login area. You may also change privacy options.

If you have comments on the new website or suggestions for improvements, please send an e-mail to info@ccgp.org.

Holmes, Richmond Appointed to CCGP Board of Commissioners

The CCGP Board of Commissioners has appointed two new members of the Board. Holly M. Holmes, MD, has been appointed as a Stakeholder Commissioner. Dr. Holmes is assistant professor of medicine at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and a fellow at the Sealy Center on Aging at the University of Texas. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy at the University of Texas and a geriatrics clinical and research fellowship at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Holmes is the author of numerous publications in the geriatrics field and has a special interest in polypharmacy. She recently served as guest editor for a theme issue of *Clinics in Geriatric Medicine* on polypharmacy. CCGP is very pleased to welcome Dr. Holmes to the Board of Commissioners.

Rodney G. Richmond, RPh, MHS, CGP, FASCP has also been appointed to the CCGP Board of Commissioners as a pharmacist member of the Board.

in Rootstown, Ohio. She also serves as an Acute Care of the Elderly (ACE) interprofessional team member and provides care to inpatients and conducts home visits.

Fosnight serves as the current President of the Ohio Society of Health-system Pharmacists. As one who fosters and promotes exceptional pharmacy practice and excellence in geriatric care, Susan Fosnight is well deserving of this recognition. The award will be presented during the opening general session of the annual meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, on November 7, 2012. Congratulations to Susan Fosnight!



Simonson, Youssef Appointed to CCGP Exam Development Committee

The CCGP Board of Commissioners has appointed two new individuals to serve on the Examination Development Committee. William Simonson, PharmD, CGP, FASCP, is an independent consultant pharmacist and Senior Research Professor, Pharmacy Practice, at Oregon State University College of Pharmacy. Dr. Simonson has a long history of involvement in CCGP, including service as chair of the Board of Commissioners. CCGP is pleased to welcome him back into service.

Maged Youssef, PharmD, CGP, has also been appointed to the EDC. Dr. Youssef is a consultant pharmacist with Medical Pharmacies Group, Ltd., in Ontario, Canada. He brings a needed international perspective to the EDC, to help ensure examination items have broad applicability outside the United States.

CCGP welcomes both of these new members, and bids farewell to two members who are rotating off the committee. Sally Ebsary of Ontario, Canada, and Sandra Bollinger of Sikeston, MO have both completed two three-year terms of service on the EDC. CCGP thanks them for their service and wishes them well in their future careers.

Live Option for Recertification – Pain Workshop at ASCP Annual Meeting

Mr. Richmond is Director of the Center for Drug and Health Information, and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the Harding University College of Pharmacy in Searcy, Arkansas. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from West Virginia University and a Master of Science in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The two new members of the CCGP Board of Commissioners are replacing two members who are rotating off the Board. Eldon Armstrong has served two terms as a member of the Board, including service as chair of the Board. His service and commitment to CCGP over these years is much appreciated. Fred Feinsod, MD, is also leaving the Board at the end of September 2012.

The new Board members will begin their three-year term of service on October 1, 2012. Congratulations to our new Board members!

CCGP Completes Role Delineation Study

Every five years, the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy conducts a role delineation study, also known as a job analysis. The purpose is to seek input from geriatric pharmacists on the current scope of geriatric pharmacy practice. This job analysis is used to create the content map that serves as the basis for the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination.

Since the practice of pharmacy changes over time, it is important to update the content map to ensure the CGP examination is current and reflective of actual geriatric pharmacy practice. In 2012, CCGP undertook to conduct this periodic job analysis. The results of the 2012 job analysis will be implemented with the 2014 CGP examination. The current job analysis will continue to be used until then.

For this year's job analysis, the Job Analysis Committee (JAC) conducted a comprehensive overhaul of the content map. The previous content map relied heavily on a disease-focused approach. On the old content map, 45% of the exam was devoted to "Disease-Specific Activities." This section provided a list of diseases and conditions that were important to geriatric pharmacy practice. This domain has been eliminated on the new content map.

Most older adults have multiple morbidities, especially those who are frail and elderly. The new content map reflects this multimorbidity approach. Diseases and conditions are not directly a part of the content map, although a list of diseases and conditions is provided as an addendum.

The new content map has three domains:

- General Principles of Aging
- General Principles of Caring for Older Adults
- Population-Specific Activities

On the new content map, geriatric issues are specifically addressed. These include:

- Potentially inappropriate medications
- Prescribing cascade
- Polypharmacy
- Geriatric syndromes
- Transitions of care
- End of life care

The CGP examination in 2014 will reflect this new content map and thus will be significantly revised. The new content map will be posted on the CCGP website in 2013. In addition, the CCGP Self-Assessment Examination will be revised in 2013 to correspond to the new content map. ASCP also plans to update the Introductory Modules on the Geriatric Pharmacy Review website in 2013.

CCGP Congratulates New CGPs

Recertification of the CGP credential is required every five years. If the Professional Development Pathway is used, 75 hours of designated continuing education credits must be used. CCGP has recently approved a new program for use in the PDP.

"Management of Pain in Geriatrics and Advanced Illness" is an 8-hour workshop offered on November 10, 2012 in conjunction with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Annual Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland. A special discount for the program is available for Certified Geriatric Pharmacists.

Attendance at the workshop requires advance registration and completion of pre-workshop assignments. These include online modules and advance reading. The pre-workshop assignments provide 15 hours of continuing education credits. A post-workshop assignment can bring an additional 4 hours of credit, resulting in a total of 27 hours of credit towards recertification.

The only other live CE options for recertification are also workshops, presented periodically at ASCP meetings:

- Clinical Update for the Geriatric Pharmacist
- Geriatric Assessment for the Senior Care Pharmacist

CCGP continues to explore other options to make live CE programs available for recertification credits. Check the CCGP website for more details about recertification by PDP:

<http://www.ccgp.org/recertification/pdp>

Link to workshop info:

<http://www.ascpannual.com/program/workshops?id=74>

More Flexibility in Online CE for Recertification

CCGP has been working to improve options and provide more flexibility in availability of continuing education credits that are approved for use in the Professional Development Pathway. One recent change will be especially useful for pharmacists who have certified or recertified within the past year or two.

CCGP has worked with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists to create an online package of 15 hours of continuing education credit for use in the PDP. This is known as Recertification Package #1 and is available at:

<https://education.ascp.com/gpr/node/5595>

This package is a subset of the package of 26.5 hours that was posted in 2011 on the Geriatric Pharmacy Review website. An additional 15 hours of continuing education credit for recertification will be posted on this website before the end of 2012. CCGP plans to work

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy is pleased to announce that the following pharmacists have completed the requirements to qualify as Certified Geriatric Pharmacists during the July/August testing window:

Alison Hilet	Amanda Ryan
Amen Ogunmekan	Amira Michael
Amy Hulsey	Angela Koranek
Angus Thompson	Ann Isacc
Annie Wong	Antonio Carson
Barbara Jean Stokes	Brian Ferullo
Christina Patel	Christine Holman
Christopher P Sammon	Claudia S Castro
Crystal Pratt	Elizabeth Chiu Ha
Erin Falconer	Ginn Chin
Heidi Christine Trautwein	Janel Bailey Wheeler
Janemarie Viscardi	Jessica E Hall
Jia Shi	John Tonsetic
Joseph Richard Solien	Kathleen Susan O'Lenic
Kisha O'Neal Gant	Kit Lou Sage Botens
Kristle Ganapin	Lindsay Skomrock
Maihuyen Dang Tran	Marietta Ledonne
Melissa Tergesen	My Thi Phan
Rachel Busch	Reetesh K Jaiswal
Robert Menak	Sally Sloboda
Shabnam Rana	Susan Jean Rosen
Susan Bleeman	Tenna Lynn Rhonemus
Thi Doan	William Jefferson Helton
William Roger Lanier	Yvonne C LeBlanc

CCGP Annual Meeting to be Held November 8

The Annual Meeting of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy will be held at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the National Harbor 2 room in the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, MD. This meeting is in conjunction with the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Annual Meeting. Breakfast will be served at the meeting. An invitation will be sent by e-mail to all CGPs prior to the meeting so that an estimate can be made of the number of attendees.

This Annual Meeting is your opportunity to hear what is happening with CCGP and to provide your input to the CCGP Board of Commissioners and staff. Please make plans to attend.

CCGP Welcomes New Certification Manager



CCGP is pleased to welcome a new staff member. Courtney Moore is the new Certification Manager for CCGP. Courtney has a B.A. degree from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI. Courtney will be attending the CCGP Annual Meeting on November 8 and will also be staffing the CCGP exhibit booth at the ASCP Annual Meeting. Please stop by and welcome Courtney if you are attending the meeting.

Courtney replaces Carina Pascual, who has recently resigned from her position at CCGP.

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with ASCP to have an additional 15 hours of CE posted each year in the future.

The benefit of these 15-hour packages is that CGPs can complete 15 hours of CE each year, and be ready to recertify when the time comes for renewal. Recently certified pharmacists can begin right away to complete Recertification Package #1 and be ready to complete Package #2 after it is posted later this year. Over the five-year term of the certification cycle, the full 75 hours of CE will be completed.

With the availability of these 15-hour packages, the CGP will no longer need to wait until the last year or two of the cycle to complete all of the needed CE hours. Since these CE hours are approved by ACPE, these hours can also be used for license renewal.

More information about recertification by the Professional Development Pathway is available on the CCGP website.

<http://www.ccgp.org/recertification/pdp>



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