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CCGP to Drop Instant Scoring in January 2013

After much discussion, the CCGP Board of Commissioners has decided to change the process for scoring of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examinations. At present, candidates receive a score report at the testing center immediately upon completion of the CGP examination. Although candidates appreciate the instant gratification of being able to find out results immediately, there is a key drawback to this procedure.

Instant scoring requires that examination items be validated prior to use in scoring for the examination. The result is that only a very limited number of new examination items can be introduced each year. When instant scoring is dropped, examinations will be scored in batches and new examination items can be validated after use on the examinations. This will allow CCGP to introduce more new examination items each year, keeping the exam more current.



CCGP Receives Accreditation from NCCA

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has received accreditation from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. Certification programs that receive NCCA Accreditation demonstrate compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*, which were the first standards for professional certification programs developed by the industry. The term of accreditation is five years, through the end of January 2017.

"The accreditation by NCCA is a major milestone in the history of CCGP," stated Jag Khatter, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of CCGP. "The value of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist credential is enhanced by having this national recognition." Over 1,800 pharmacists are currently recognized by CCGP as Certified Geriatric Pharmacists.

The NCCA helps to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of individual certification programs that assess professional competency. The NCCA uses a peer review process to:

- Establish accreditation standards;
- Evaluate compliance with the standards;
- Recognize programs which demonstrate compliance; and
- Serve as a resource on quality certification.

More information about NCCA is available at their Web site:

<http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ProgramsandEvents/NCCAAccreditation/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

Thomas Clark is Appointed as Full-Time Executive Director of CCGP



The Board of Commissioners of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has appointed Thomas R. Clark, RPh, MHS, CGP as full-time Executive Director of CCGP. Clark has served in this capacity on a half-time basis since January 2010. The appointment to full-time Executive Director becomes effective on April 1, 2012.

CCGP has been growing rapidly over the last two years, as a number of significant changes have been implemented. These changes include:

- Revision of the test windows and deadlines for administration of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination
- Revision of the Professional Development Pathway for recertification, with all of the required continuing education credit now available online
- Revision of the fee structure, with a reduction in the fee for recertification

A number of changes and projects are in store for 2012, including:

- Conducting the periodic role delineation study for

CCGP will continue to use four test windows per year. Beginning with the January/February test window in 2013, all of the candidates who take the examination during that test window will receive examination results about 30 days after the close of the test window. Results will be sent by mail to the candidates.

The CCGP Board realizes that this will be a significant change for CCGP. The benefits of keeping the examination up to date, however, are believed to outweigh the inconvenience of having to wait to get the examination results. We hope that future candidates for the CGP examination will understand the need to make this change.

ASCP Survey on MTM Business Models

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) is conducting a survey of pharmacists to identify continuing education needs to help pharmacists create sustainable business models for delivering medication therapy management in a variety of settings. The information gained from this survey will be used by the ASCP Innovations Committee to determine a need for such professional development, and if so, to identify specific content areas to develop appropriate educational programs.

Survey participants will be entered for a chance to win a free 6-month subscription to *Monitor-Rx*, a unique web-based clinical tool that assists in identifying, resolving and preventing medication-related problems among older adults.

This survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete. Link to survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PrivPracDev>

CCGP Participates in APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition

CCGP had an exhibit booth at the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 9-12, 2012. Exhibit booths at pharmacy meetings are one way that CCGP is working to enhance visibility of the CGP credential and attract candidates for the CGP examination. The exhibit booth at APhA was successful, attracting significant interest and traffic. Pharmacists and pharmacy students are increasingly recognizing the importance of geriatrics in the future, especially with the aging of the baby boomers.

CCGP Mentioned in Pharmacy Times Story

The January 2012 issue of Pharmacy Times has a story, "Pharmacists in the Senior Center: Gateway to Better Communication" written by Jeannette Wick. The story includes a box about "Becoming a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist." This story has generated inquiries to CCGP from pharmacists interested in becoming certified.

Stories like this increase the visibility of CCGP. Thanks to Jeannette Wick for including this information in the story. Jeannette is a pharmacist and freelance writer from Virginia, who is a visiting professor at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy.

Link to story:
<http://bit.ly/zmbegR>

geriatric pharmacy practice

- Revision of the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination, with the revised exam (based on the new content outline from the role delineation study) scheduled for launch in January 2014
- Revamping of the CCGP Web site

"With the recent growth of CCGP and the exciting changes under development, the needs of the organization can no longer be met with a half-time Executive Director," stated Jag Khatter, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of CCGP. "We are looking forward to having Tom Clark devote full-time to improving and expanding the board certification program in geriatric pharmacy practice."

CCGP Launches Periodic Role Delineation Study—Please Participate!

The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy has begun the periodic role delineation study for geriatric pharmacy practice. CCGP conducts this study, also known as a job analysis, every five years. The job analysis is a formal study designed to define the practice of geriatric pharmacy, and the outcome of the study is a content map for the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination.

The CCGP Examination Development Committee serves as the core group for the job analysis study, with input from other designated content experts. Applied Measurement Professionals, CCGP's testing partner, will oversee the process. The Committee met on February 2-4, 2012 to begin development of a survey instrument, which will be used to gather input from geriatric pharmacists. The survey instrument is expected to be distributed in April/May 2012. The Committee will convene again in June 2012 to review the survey results and finalize the content map for the CGP examination. In January 2014, CCGP will launch a new CGP examination that is based upon this updated content map.

Most of the recipients of the job analysis survey will be Certified Geriatric Pharmacists. It is very important that CGPs participate in this survey, so that the survey results are comprehensive and accurate. The survey will be distributed by e-mail in early April, so please be on the watch for this e-mail and complete the survey in a timely manner. The survey should take no more than 30-60 minutes to complete. A robust job analysis is an important part of protecting the value of the CGP credential.

List of New CGPs for the 2012 January/February Testing Window

Brian Abernethy	Judi Wen Lee
Gokhan Acar	Mary Ho Lee
Thomas Aleksiejczyk	Charlotte J Lopacki
Dixie Aller	Carole Leigh Lundin
Reynald Arrojo	Kumar Maharaj
Joan Baird	Sheila R Mason
Jacob Balyeat	Jamie Lee McCarrell
Cynthia Kay Bell-DeRan	Lisa McCarthy
Zeina Berry	Lisa McDonald
Alisa Billington Morrison	Cody Midlam
Mark Bowie	Leigh Ann Ann Mike
Jerry Christopher Bucholtz	Marc Mortel
David Edward Burger	Jason Moss
Stephanie Ching Suen Chan	Shamshad Muscati
Sui Hung Chiang	Wendy Clary Nash
Aaron Chin	Oyebimpe Oguntola
Erin Elizabeth Clarke	Natalie Pirkola
Estella Collina	Judith Anne Poresky
Raina Ann Copenhaver	Selena Ready
Alpha Marie Villanueva	Jason Scott Renoud
Crucero	
Jacqueline A Desrosiers	Elizabeth Anne Richmond
Shari Deuschle	Christine Robbins
Taylor Richard Devens	Ashley Devon Rottenberk
Angela Digatono	Laura Ruekert
Neil Nissan Epstein	Christine Marie Rupp
Judy Erford	William Ruspantini
Douglas H. Espersen	Kelly A. Sanfilippo
Ahmad Joe Fakh	Ashley Ryan Schiefer
Ryan Joseph Fennick	Tiffany D. Self
Ashley Finamore	Mandy Sen
Lara Frick	Sonia B Sharma
Cathy W. Fuquay	Stacy Beth Shertok

Recertification Reminder

Certified Geriatric Pharmacists can recertify by either retaking the CGP examination or by completing 75 hours of designated continuing education credits through the Professional Development Pathway (PDP). The continuing education needed for the PDP is available online at:

<http://education.ascp.com/gpr>

More details about recertification are available at this CCGP Web site:

<http://www.ccp.org/pharmacist/recertification/index.htm>

Natasha Marie Hounshell
Sandra L Hrometz
Jamie Munnee Hwang
Patty Ibrahim
Cameron James
Erin Jennings
Jeane Johnson
Angela Patricia Jolly
Erin Jury
Angela Collins Kamer-Lay
Azita Alipour Khosravi
Cristy Diane Laster
Ernest Keydrell Lawson
Thienan Le

Jan Jy-Yean Tien
Lori Anne Uildriks
Suzette Marie Velez
Neil Jandro Dadiz Veridiano
Mei Qi Wan
Ravi A Wankhede
Katherine E Werner
Laurie white
Darla Ann Winburn
Bernd C. Wittke
Todd Woodard
Katherine Yep

Dates to Remember

March 29-30 – CCGP exhibit booth at Senior Symposium in Connecticut

April 19-20 – CCGP exhibit booth at Annual Meeting of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy in San Francisco, California

May 21-23 – CCGP exhibit booth at the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Spring Conference in Anaheim, California

June 15 – Deadline to sign up for CGP examination, for July/August test window

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