

Academic Pharmacy Committed to Setting the Standard of Patient-centered, Team-based Care

What: 2010 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) Interim Meeting

When: February 7-10, 2010

Where: Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202

Who: Thomas E. Menighan, MBA, Executive Vice President and CEO, American Pharmacists Association; Mary Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Cost: Free to credentialed members of the press

Information: Pharmacy educators from across the country will meet in the nation's capital to answer the question, "How can health professions education generally, and academic pharmacy specifically, heighten its commitment to educating collaborative professionals who are competent to meet the needs of both individuals and communities?"

The 2010 AACCP Interim Meeting, *Patient-centered, Team-based Care: Setting the Standard*, will provide attendees the opportunity to contemplate a healthcare system reorganized around the needs of patients and populations. Meeting these needs through high quality acute and preventive care that is collaborative and team-based becomes the focus and expectation of health professions education.

Two keynote speakers at this year's Interim Meeting will discuss the significant opportunities available for academic pharmacy, through their teaching, research and service, to meet the challenges of moving our healthcare system toward the patient-centered, team-based ideal. Thomas E. Menighan, executive vice president and CEO of the American Pharmacists Association, will address ways in which academic pharmacy can influence the future of pharmacy and the patient-centered medical home model.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is dedicated to reinvigorating and renewing federal commitment to interprofessional education and developing a more unified health professions workforce strategy. Dr. Mary Wakefield, administrator of HRSA, and other HRSA officials will share their thoughts on opportunities for interprofessional education to meet the public health expectations of federal agencies and other organizations.

Visit <http://www.aacp.org/interimmeeting10> for more information about these and other program speakers. To register, contact Rebecca M. Morgan, director of communications, at 703-739-2330 ext. 1032 or rmorgan@aacp.org.

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