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**ASHP AND ACPE ANNOUNCE NEW COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

BETHESDA, MD—The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) are pleased to announce the inaugural Commissioners for the Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (PTAC). PTAC is tasked with promoting, assuring, and advancing the quality of pharmacy technician education and training programs in the United States. Beginning in the fall of 2014, PTAC will advise the ASHP and ACPE Boards on measures to ensure standardized quality pharmacy technician education and training programs. The ASHP and ACPE Boards will agree on the final accreditation actions. Appointed Commissions include:



Angela Cassano, PharmD, BCPS, FASHP is President of Pharmfusion Consulting, LLC in Midlothian, Virginia, where the integration of pharmacy technicians into pharmacy practice models is a focus. She facilitated the 2011 Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) C.R.E.S.T. Summit focused on the areas of consumer awareness, resources, education, state policy and testing for pharmacy technicians. Dr. Cassano assisted in drafting the pharmacy technician scope of practice document for the Virginia Pharmacy Congress and is the content expert for the ASHP Pharmacy Technician CE portal. Dr. Cassano will serve as a PTAC Commissioner through 2017.

Michael Diamond, MSc is President of World Resources Chicago in Evanston, Illinois, where his primary focus is to improve health outcomes in resource challenged communities. For more than 30 years, he worked with global health, refugee, rehabilitation, and social and economic development programs in over 100 countries. He is also a Visiting Assistant Professor at DePaul University School of Public Service and lectures on global health, management of civil society organizations, and the reduction of health disparities at Northwestern University. Diamond previously served on ACPE's Public Interest Panel. He will serve a two-year term on the Commission.



Jacqueline Hall, RPh, MBA is a Pharmacy Manager with Walgreens, the Director of Pharmacy services for St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, and an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in Xavier University College of Pharmacy in New Orleans, Louisiana. She served as a National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Task Force Member on Standardized Pharmacy Technician Education and Training. Hall is also a member of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. She will serve on PTAC through 2015.

Jan Keresztes, PharmD is the Pharmacy Technician Program Coordinator and Instructor at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois. For over 20 years, Keresztes was a consultant editor to the *Journal of Pharmacy Technology* and worked with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Professional Affairs Committee to review their stance on pharmacy technician education and training. She co-founded the Pharmacy Technician Educators Council (PTEC) and served as its second president. Dr. Keresztes was also a member of the first PTCB Council and will serve as a PTAC Commissioner through 2016.





Barbara Lacher, BS, RPhTech, CPhT is the Assistant Program Director and an Associate Professor of the Pharmacy Technician Program at North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota. She is the founding member of the Northland Association of Pharmacy Technicians, a member of PTEC, and was a member of ASHP's Pharmacy Technician and Support Services committee. Lacher served on the Editorial Advisory Board for *Tech Teaching Tips* and has volunteered as a surveyor with ASHP. She will serve on the Commission through 2017.

Douglas Scribner, CPhT, MEd is the Program Director for pharmacy technology at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He served on the PTCB advisory board during the initial development of the certification exam. He also served as a member and chair of the ASHP Pharmacy Technician Advisory Group (PTAG). Scribner served as president of the New Mexico State Association of Pharmacy Technicians and the American Association of Pharmacy Technicians (AAPT) and was the first technician member of United States Pharmacopeia (USP). He will serve as a Commissioner through 2015.



John Smith, Ed.D. is the Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs for Corinthian Colleges, Inc.



in Santa Ana, California where he is responsible for all Programmatic Accreditation of programs in the U.S. and Canada. He served as a member of PTAG and currently serves as an ASHP accreditation surveyor of pharmacy technician training programs. Dr. Smith has held several leadership positions for the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He will serve a 2-year term on the Commission.

Donna Wall, PharmD has worked as a clinical pharmacist, PGY-1 Residency Director, and P&T secretary and drug information director at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as an adjunct associate professor of clinical pharmacy at Purdue and Butler Universities. She is currently a member of Indiana's Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Wall served as the Vice President of ACPE's Board of Directors and was President of the NABP Board. She will serve on the Commission through 2015.



LiAnne (Webster) Brown, CPhT is an adjunct faculty member at Richland College in Dallas, Texas, and the administrator of Pharmacy Technology Certificate Programs. She is a technician educator and the author of *Pharmacy Practice Today for the Pharmacy Technician*. Brown served as an ASHP site surveyor, has experience as a technician and technician

supervisor, served on a task force for the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, and contributed expertise to PTCB's national scope of practice analysis. She will serve a 3-year term on PTAC.

The Boards of ASHP and ACPE have also appointed Board Liaisons to PTAC. **Anthony Provenzano, PharmD** will serve as ACPE's Board Liaison. Dr. Provenzano serves as Director of Clinical Services for New Albertson's, Inc., where he is responsible for the execution, quality, and profitability of all clinical services provided within the organization's community pharmacies. The ASHP Board of Directors has appointed **Kelly Smith, PharmD** to serve as their Board Liaison. Dr. Smith is Assistant Dean, Academic and Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science for the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

"As ASHP and ACPE embark on this new collaboration to enhance the education and training of pharmacy technicians, we are privileged to have experienced, high caliber professionals guiding us in this important endeavor," remarked ASHP President Gerald Meyer, MBA, PharmD, FASHP. ACPE President Stephanie Gardner, PharmD, EdD added, "The diverse expertise of these newly

appointed PTAC Commissioners will be invaluable as we focus on developing strategies that support quality and standardization of pharmacy technician education and training programs.”

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ABOUT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS

ASHP is the national professional organization whose more than 40,000 members include pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians who serve as patient care providers on healthcare teams in acute and ambulatory settings. For over 70 years, ASHP has been on the forefront of efforts to improve medication use and advance healthcare. For more information visit ASHP's website, ashp.org, or its consumer website, safemedication.com.

ABOUT THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION

ACPE is the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. In collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, ACPE accredits pharmacy technician education and training programs. ACPE also offers evaluation and certification of professional degree programs internationally. The mission of ACPE is to assure and advance excellence in education for the profession of pharmacy. ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose Board of Directors is derived through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the American Council on Education (ACE). To learn more about ACPE, visit www.acpe-accredit.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).