Home from the Hill-CCH 2012!

More than 300 community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from across the U.S. traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with their federal House and Senate delegations as part of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) 2012 Compounders on Capitol Hill 18th annual conference and legislative event held, June 23-26, 2012.

In addition to talking to Congress about the importance of having access to personalized medicines, IACP Members specifically addressed the importance of complete Medicare, Medicaid, and other prescription insurance coverage for all compounded preparations.

“Compounding pharmacists came to Washington to talk with Congressmen and Senators about several specific issues that directly affect their patients,” says IACP President Scott Karolchyk, RPh, FIACP. “We are particularly concerned that Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries are denied coverage for all compounds due to a statutory ‘glitch’ that requires our members to only use certain forms of medicines to make the personalized prescriptions that those individuals need. For pharmacists, this is an issue of science and professional judgment. For our patients, it’s an issue of affordability.”

“IACP is continuing to educate patients, prescribers, pharmacists, patient advocacy groups, congressional offices, state pharmacy associations, state pharmacy boards, and Medicaid divisions about the vital importance of continued access to compounded medications. These visits to Congress came at a particularly critical time for compounding pharmacies across the country and for the patients whom they serve. Every pharmacist, pharmacist technician, and prescriber who joined us on Capitol Hill this year and those patients and prescribers who have called and written their members of Congress were vital to ensuring that our voices continue to be heard,” says IACP Executive Vice President & CEO David G. Miller.

CCH in Action: Congressional Letters Sent to DEA on Constructive Transfer

The IACP Team hit the ground running after wrapping up another successful Compounders on Capitol Hill (CCH)! One of the primary CCH 2012 Asks involved a...
formal rule-making request issued to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on constructive transfer of controlled substances. Letters to the DEA on this key patient issue were sent from the House and the Senate to the agency at the end of July.

IACP Members who attended this year’s CCH played a vital role in lobbying their respective Members of Congress, asking them to support either the House or Senate letter.

The House letter, championed by Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX), and the Senate letter championed by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), quickly enlisted the support of several key congressional members due in large part to the groundwork done by pharmacists attending CCH 2012.

### The CCH 2012 Asks:
- Constructive Transfer - Request formal rule-making by the Drug Enforcement Administration on constructive transfer
- Request fair and equitable treatment of all pharmacy providers by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Request consistent policy on coverage of compounded preparations under CMS programs (Medicaid/Medicare)

### Hill Day 2012 Stats at a Glance
IACP once again worked with Soapbox Consulting, LLC, a DC-based consultant specializing in grassroots advocacy. Soapbox’s Christopher Kush shared insider tips with CCH participants on how to ensure an effective congressional office visit as well as insider tips on how to not only “get your voices heard, but your messages remembered!” IACP’s Executive Vice President & CEO David G. Miller, and Vice President of Government Affairs Sarah Dodge conducted a “Being a Good Advocate for Compounding” session. This interactive session provided techniques to successfully convey our position and message to legislators.

**Statistics:**
- 126 total participants representing 37 states
- 183 face-to-face meetings scheduled
- 74% of Senate offices scheduled
- 24.71% of House offices scheduled
- 42 meetings included the Senator/Congressman

Please Note: These stats do not include the additional “drop-in” congressional office visits that took place as opportunities presented themselves!

### Your Participation at CCH is Vital!
IACP’s mission for CCH 2013 is to encourage even more participation at the actual Hill Day event held during CCH.

Hill Day is one of the most important CCH events and will bring your DC experience full circle. Plan to stay through Hill Day next year so that you can ensure the IACP Asks are being communicated to your state’s representatives. States without CCH attendees this year included:

- Alaska
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Maine
- Maryland
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

*We look forward to having your colleagues’ representation in these states next year!*

More Online
Please visit IACP’s website at www.iacprx.org for a complete listing of all congressional support and current status for this effort.
IACP Announces New Fellows

During IACP’s Fellowship Recognition, IACP’s Fellowship Chair, Richard B. Moon, PharmD, RPh, FIACP, inducted and renewed the following IACP Members in recognition of his/her continuing contribution as a specialist in the art and skill of pharmacy compounding.

**New 2012 Fellows include:**
Dave Smith, RPh, FIACP
A&O SPECIALTY PHARMACY

Kate James, RPh, FIACP
BROADWAY APOTHECARY

Saad Dinno, RPh, FIACP
ACTON PHARMACY, INC.

David J. Miller, RPh, FIACP
KEYSTONE PHARMACY

Creighton Maynard III, RPh, FIACP
PCCA

**Congratulations to IACP’s Renewing Fellows, including:**

Tom Marks, RPh, FIACP
MARTIN AVENUE PHARMACY

Shara Rudner, RPh, FIACP
BELVIDERE PHARMACY

Patricea Angelle, PD, FIACP
PRESCRIPTION COMPOUNDS

Bill Letendre, MS Pharm, MBA, FIACP
REED’S COMPOUNDBING PHARMACY

Dana Reed-Kane, PharmD, FACA, FIACP
REED’S COMPOUNDBING PHARMACY

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Verne Betlach, RPh, FIACP
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**New USP on Compounding Available from IACP**
IACP is proudly partnering with the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) on their new USP on Compounding electronic publication.

**More Online**
For more information about IACP’s Fellowship Program, visit IACP’s website at www.iacprx.org.

To help ensure the quality of compounded medicines, the USP has launched USP on Compounding: A Guide for the Compounding Practitioner, which includes all the compounding-related general chapters from the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary (USP-NF). IACP is pleased to be able to provide this invaluable new USP offering for $100.00 to IACP members and $125 for non-members. Please visit IACP’s website at www.iacprx.org for more information or to order.
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