Registration Opens in December for ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Summit

Planning is well under way for ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Summit, which will be held Feb. 5-6, 2016 in Fullerton, Calif. Hosted by ASCO with additional funding provided by Allergan, Alcon, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care and HOYA Vision Care, the Summit will bring together representatives from ASCO member institutions and other champions of interprofessional collaboration. Participants will gather at Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University to share current best practices and ideas about future development of interprofessional education (IPE) and interprofessional practice (IPP).

Dr. Jennifer Coyle, ASCO Immediate Past-President and Chair of ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Committee, comments, "Our goals for the Summit are to generate ideas and action plans to implement sustainable interprofessional education and practice programs at every ASCO institution, and to engage all stakeholders in the profession to improve optometry's ability to promote our role in team-based health care."

In preparation for the Summit, ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Committee recently surveyed member schools about the current state of IPE at their institutions. The committee will use the information to plan an agenda that will allow participants to explore future options for enhanced engagement in IPE and IPP and to develop strategies for assessing the impact of IPE and IPP on patient outcomes.

Participation in the Summit is by invitation only and includes one faculty member from each ASCO member school and, if possible, a faculty member from an affiliated health professions school. Independent member schools are welcome to bring two representatives from optometry. In addition, representatives of affiliated optometric organizations and other health professions education associations will be invited.

Registration will open in December. For more information, e-mail Joanne Zuckerman, MSEd, ASCO's Manager, Data Services and Special Projects.

Dr. Hoppe Represents ASCO at IOM Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education

ASCO is proud to be a sponsor of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education. The Global Forum brings together organizations and institutions with common interests in the future of health professional education to explore issues related to educating future healthcare workers and preparing them to provide care in multidisciplinary, collaborative settings.

Dr. Elizabeth Hoppe, ASCO Secretary-Treasurer and Founding Dean of Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry, represents ASCO at the Forum. Dr. Hoppe recently attended a planning meeting and open session where strategic planning discussion was framed by the topic "Rethinking Health & Education for Breaking Professional Silos." The next day, the Forum hosted an open session of an IOM ad hoc consensus study committee focusing on "Educating Health Professionals to Address the Social Determinants of Health." The consensus study is currently being written.

The Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education will hold a workshop in April 2016 on the subject of accreditation.