

Coming Events:

Please mark your calendar for the 2008 Combined Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting of the ACP which will be held in Bethesda, MD from 19-23 November.

This new location in downtown Bethesda is on the Metro and will provide numerous opportunities for night-time entertainment.

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Governor's Corner

June traditionally marks the end of another academic year and the excitement associated with graduation, moves, and another incoming class of Internal Medicine Interns. On both the chapter- and national-level, this has been a banner year for our members!

Combined Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting

In November 2007, the Army and Air Force Chapters of the ACP came together for our second combined meeting and it was even more successful than our first! While the cavernous and cold Alamodome certainly added miles to the pedometer, this one time only move from the Convention Center provided a financial boost to the Chapter that we couldn't refuse. Despite the continued high operational tempo and other major distracters affecting the Army and Air Force Medical Departments, it was wonderful getting together with old and new friends to celebrate the outstanding work that is being done in our organization. Subspecialty coordinators again put together a terrific program for one of the largest chapter meetings within the College. COL (ret) **Robert Gibbons** from the ACP Board of Regents, served as our College Representative, and his feedback on the meeting was uniformly positive. Additional thanks go to: **LTC Chris Frey**, who again as Program Chairman put together a terrific program; **COL Bernie Roth**, our Internal Medicine Consultant, for all of his work in managing the TDY budget for centrally funded attendees; **Ms. Melissa Borsic** and **Ms. Carmen Waggoner** for all of their administrative support of the program; **Natalie Fielman** from the Henry M. Jackson Foundation; and the Awards Committee, Chaired by **COL Skip Mondragon** with individual award Chairs **COL Bernie Roth**, **COL Joe Pina**, **LTC Steve Salerno**, **LTC Steve Silvey**, and **MAJ Kent Dezee**.

The quality of the nominations for our Army Chapter Awards is at an all-time high and it is amazing what our current and former chapter members have accomplished. The winners of the 2007 Army Chapter Awards were:

ARMY REGION LAUREATE AWARD

- COL (ret) Gregg T. Anders, DO, FACP
- COL (ret) Daniel F. Battafarano, FACP
- COL (ret) Christina M. Yuan, FACP

MASTER TEACHER AWARD

- COL John Edwin "Eddie" Atwood

COL WILLIAM CROSBY SUPERIORITY IN RESEARCH AWARD

COL Jeffrey L. Jackson

COL ROBERT H. MOSER AWARD

MAJ Donald R. Lazarus

EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONAL MEDICINE AWARD

LTC Roger Gallup

Our residents continue to amaze with the work that they are able to complete on top of their busy clinical schedules. The results of the Associates and Jeopardy Competitions follow:

RESEARCH PODIUM COMPETITION

1. CPT Matthew Evans, BAMC, "*Effect of Carotid Atherosclerosis on the Incidence of Acute Coronary Syndromes in Rheumatoid Arthritis*"
2. CPT Christopher Pickett, WRAMC, "*Carotid Bruit and it's Relationship to Myocardial Infarction and Cardiac Mortality: A Meta-Analysis*"
3. CPT Silvia Burgess, TAMC, "*The Impact of the Rapid Response Team on Patient Care at Tripler Army Medical Center*"

CLINICAL VIGNETTE POSTER COMPETITION

1. CPT Heather Steele, DDEAMC, "*Never Before Seen Together: An Adult with Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis and Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonitis*"
2. CPT Jorge Martinez, BAMC, "*Airway Pigmentation Related to Amiodarone Toxicity*"
3. CPT Tammie Kerns, TAMC, "*Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and Hypercalcemia in Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma*"

RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION

1. CPT Anita Shah, WRAMC, "*Intensivist-Model ICU Improves Clinical Outcomes Even in a Combat Zone*"
2. CPT James Sterner, BAMC, "*Diagnostic Evaluation of Abnormal Inspiratory Flow Volume Loops*"
3. CPT Pedro Manibusan, TAMC, "*Oral Decontamination with Chlorhexidine Reduces Ventilator Associated Pneumonia due to Gram Positive but not Gram Negative Pathogens*"

JEOPARDY COMPETITION DDEAMC

David Armstrong

Frances Jones

Ator Yacoub

Visit the Chapter Website at
www.acponline.org/chapters/army

Internal Medicine 2008

Internal Medicine 2008 (formerly known as the National ACP Meeting) was held in Washington, DC for the first time in many years and, again, this provided an opportunity for our Associate and Student members to shine. Thousands of abstracts are submitted to this meeting each year and the best of the best are selected for presentation. The top 20 abstracts are selected for podium presentation and the next ~200 are selected for presentation as posters.

Army Internal Medicine Residents were selected to give 3 of the top 20 podium presentations at the meeting. They are:

CPT Matthew Aboudara, WRAMC, *Hyperkalemia after Packed Red Blood Cell Transfusions in Trauma Patients*

CPT Anita Shah, WRAMC, *An Intensivist-Model ICU Improves Clinical Outcomes in a Combat Zone*

CPT Agnieszka Wojciechowski, MAMC, *A Case Report of Acyclovir-susceptible Varicella Zoster Virus Meningitis in a Patient with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Taking Mycophenolate*



Chapter Podium Presenters at Internal Medicine 2008 are from left to right, Anita Shah, Matthew Aboudara, and Agnieszka Wojciechowski

The following Army Internal Medicine Residents were selected to present their work as a poster:

Silvia Burgess, TAMC (2 posters!)

Jacob Collen, WRAMC (2 posters!)

Andrew Delmas, TAMC

Matthew Evans, BAMC

Chris Forster, WRAMC

Michael Goldberg, TAMC

Kurt Reyes, WBAMC

Jason Sapp, MAMC

Mark Smith, MAMC

Heather Steele, DDEAMC

Hillary Thomas, DDEAMC

Ramesh Ventataraman, MAMC

In the poster competition, **CPT Jacob Collen, WRAMC**, was selected as one of 10 winners of the Outstanding Research Poster Presentations for his work, "*Discordance Between Spirometric Interpretations Using Three Different Prediction Equations*".

The following Army Internal Medicine teams participated in the Doctor's Dilemma (Medical Jeopardy) National Competition:

DDEAMC (won the Army chapter competition)

David Armstrong

Frances Jones

Ator Yacoub

MAMC (won the Washington state chapter competition)

Shawn Corcoran
Jason Sapp
Ramesh Venkatamaran

TAMC (a combined team with the University of Hawaii)

Andrew Delmas
John Downs

WRAMC (won the D.C. chapter competition)

Andrew Kim
Rosco Gore
Angelo Paredes

Finally, a medical student member from our chapter, **2LT Ian Funnell**, an MSII at USUHS, had an abstract selected for presentation in the Medical Student Competition for his work, "*Tennis Ball Treatment for Resistant Hypertension*".

Congratulations to all of these Associate and Medical Student members and their mentors. Your performance is a testament to the continued strength of our academic programs!!

Army Chapter Governor-Elect

The term of office for an ACP Governor is 4 years with a 5th year of "training" as Governor-Elect the year before taking the helm. I am pleased to announce that **COL Lisa Zacher**, Chief, Department of Medicine, Brooke Army Medical Center, has been selected out of a highly competitive applicant pool by the Army Surgeon General as the next Governor for our Army Chapter. I have known Lisa for many years and she will bring her vast experience and enthusiasm to this job as she has in all of her assignments over the years.

Fellowship in the American College of Physicians

Congratulations to the following members of our Chapter who were selected to receive the designation as "*Fellow of the American College of Physicians*" over the last 12 months:

Elected October 2007

Warner Anderson
Kepler Davis
William F. Kelly
Jeanne Mitchell
Cecily Peterson
Peter Weina

Barbara Cooper
Christos Hatzigeorgiou
Janet Lawrence
Kimberly Moran
Michael Vest

Elected January 2008

Hays Arnold
Gregg Gerasimon
Tail Ted Song

Michael Ellis
Robert Perkins

Elected April 2008

Roberta Ficke
Jeffrey Klotz
Honghung Nguyen
Travis Richardson

David Gaitonde
Christopher Lettieri
Elden Rand
Mark Wallace

Elected July 2008

Melanie Guerrero
Jeffrey Mikita

Edward McDaniel
Ahmad Slim

This is a great honor for these folks and a testament to all that they have accomplished over the years! A reminder that I have the privilege of sitting on the Credentials Subcommittee of the College and this subcommittee makes the final recommendations on advancement. If you have any advancement related questions, please contact me at gregory.argyros@us.army.mil.

Mastership in the American College of Physicians

Three senior physicians that have been affiliated with the U.S. Army were amongst 47 distinguished clinician/educator/scientists recognized at the Convocation Ceremony at Internal Medicine 2008 with selection to the highest rank attainable in the College, Master. These three "giants" are:

MG(ret) Jamie S. Barkin
COL(ret) William E. Duncan
COL(ret) Robert B. Gibbons

News from the Council of Associates

The ACP's Council of Associates (COA) is a 14 member body elected to represent residents and fellows to the national ACP. The COA members are divided by region and also seat one Military, one Canadian and one Latin American representative. COA members sit on each of the College's major committees, the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents. Additionally, the COA is responsible for all the Associate programming at the annual national meeting including Doctor's Dilemma (Jeopardy). In the past year, the COA brought to the attention of the RRC a need for protected time for residents and fellows to take care of their own health and the RRC now considers this an important enough issue to be addressed by the ACGME! This year the Council is working on developing a toolkit for Chief Residents to streamline and package ACP resources including presentations on ambulatory medicine topics, previous questions from the national Doctor's Dilemma competitions and an on-line MKSAP question bank. Regional seats open on the Council each year and the call for applications is usually in the fall. This year, **Capt Mehdi Shelhamer**, USAF will complete his two-year tour as the Military Representative to the COA. If you are interested in filling the military rep seat or a regional seat, please go to the ACP's website at www.acponline.org and click on the "Residents and Fellows" section. If you have any questions about the COA, the ACP or you have concerns you'd like the COA to address, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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