

Upcoming Events

2010 Annual Scientific Chapter Meeting

May 6-8, 2010

**Lake Terrace Convention Center
 Hattiesburg, MS**

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ACP Student Awards

Each year, the Louisiana Chapter of the American College Physicians awards one graduating senior from each of the three medical schools in the state the ACP award. The following students were recognized: **Victoria Burke** (LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans), **Casey Raymond Dunn** (Tulane University Health Sciences Center), and **Jennifer Hargett** (LSU-Shreveport School of Medicine). Many congratulations to these students for their accomplishments.

Introduction



It is again a pleasure to update everyone on the activities of our chapter and its members as well as the national ACP organization. In this issue you will read about our successful Associates and Louisiana-Mississippi ACP meetings as well as Internal Medicine 2009, which was recently held in Philadelphia in April 2009. As you can see, the chapter is thriving as a result of its dynamic membership. I look forward to continuing to work with you to promote Internal Medicine and the ACP in the state of Louisiana. Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

Fred A. Lopez, MD, FACP
ACP Governor, Louisiana Chapter

Louisiana Associates Meeting 2009

The Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans hosted a very successful Louisiana ACP Associates Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Almost 100 abstracts were received from medical students and residents from across the state and the 25 most highly ranked abstracts were chosen for presentation. In addition, last year's popular Master Clinician round table discussion of unknown cases was also included in the program. Discussants this year included **Charles V. Sanders, MD, MACP**; **Jeff Wiese, MD, FACP**; and **Joseph Dalovisio, MD, FACP**. The 25 abstracts were published in the March-April 2009 edition of the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society (2009; 161:68-84.) Special thanks to our hosts at Ochsner including **William Davis, Leo Seoane, and Srinivas Vuppala**, as well as our ACP Associates liaison, **Lee Engel**. We look forward to next year's meeting at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

LA-MS Chapters Scientific Meeting 2009

The Louisiana-Mississippi ACP Chapters Updates in Internal Medicine Scientific Meeting was held March 12-14, 2009, at the Windsor Court Hotel in downtown New Orleans. An exciting program including updates in hospitalist medicine, stroke care, cardiology, critical care medicine, the medical home, and hematology were presented. **William Cassidy**, physician congressman from Louisiana's 6th District, spoke on public policy and health care. **David Dale**, former President of the ACP and professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, and **John Tooker**, CEO of the ACP, also participated in the meeting. An informative update on

ACP activities and town hall meeting concluded this well attended meeting.

In addition, abstract presentations from Associates from both Louisiana and Mississippi were included as well as the animated JEOPARDY competition for Internal Medicine training programs from both states. Abstract presenters included **Benjamin Barker, MD, Sheny Alex, MD, Robert C. Humble, Jessica McDonald-Top, MD, MPH, Aashish Gupta, MD, Zeb K. Henson, MD, and Meredith Portalatin, MD.** This year's winner of the Associates JEOPARDY competition was the Internal Medicine training program from Louisiana State University-New Orleans. Members of the team included **Tara Jarreau, Tathagat Narula, and Jess Duet** (see photo gallery on page 5). Congratulations to all participants. I would like to give a special thanks to **Jeff Wiese, Leo Seoane, Lee Engel, and William Davis,** as well as **Melanie Brown,** coordinator of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACP, for all of their hard work in organizing this meeting. We look forward to next year's meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi which will be held May 6-8, 2010, at the Lake Terrance Convention Center.

Louisiana Chapter Laureate Awards

Perry G. Rigby, MD, FACP, and Lawrence Blonde, MD, FACP, FACE, received Laureate Awards from the Louisiana ACP Chapter at its annual meeting in March 2009. The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians. Please join me in congratulating these new Laureates of the Louisiana Chapter. I would also like to thank **Ben Thompson, MD, FACP,** for his commitment in coordinating the Awards of the Louisiana Chapter.

Internal Medicine 2009

Philadelphia, PA played host to ACP's annual scientific meeting from April 23-25, 2009, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. By all accounts the meeting was a success. Several members of the chapter and the LA ACP Chapter were formally recognized.

Three members of the Louisiana ACP were recognized as Masters of the ACP:

Daniel E. Banks, Shreveport, Louisiana

Luis R. Espinoza, New Orleans, Louisiana

Sandra Abadie Kemmerly, New Orleans, Louisiana

Masters comprise a small group of highly distinguished physicians, selected from among Fellows, who have achieved recognition in medicine by exhibiting preeminence in practice or medical research, holding positions of high honor, or making significant contributions to medical science or the art of medicine. They are recommended by the Awards Committee for election to Mastership by the Board of Regents. Masters are authorized to use the letters MACP (Master of the American College of Physicians) in connection with their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current.

Several elected Fellows were inducted at the Convocation Ceremony in Philadelphia. Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. It may be achieved by either advancement from ACP Membership or, in exceptional cases, by direct election. Fellows are authorized to use the letters FACP (Fellow of the American College of Physicians) in connection with their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current. They have the right to vote, hold office, and sponsor applicants for Membership and Fellowship. These fellows included: **Mohammed Saeed Baig, MBBS, FACP** (Baton Rouge, LA); **Venerando R del Mundo, MD, FACP,** (Shreveport, LA); **Jorge C Garces, MD, FACP** (New Orleans, LA); **Dawn M Puente, MD, FACP** (Kenner, LA); and **Bruce S Samuels, MD, FACP** (New Orleans, LA).

In addition, the Louisiana Chapter was recognized as a recipient of a Chapter Excellence Award at the Awards Session.

Criteria for this award include:

The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes chapters, which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. Governors do not need to apply for the Chapter Excellence Award because the Chapters Subcommittee will identify recipients based on information obtained primarily from the Annual Report. In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet all eight basic criteria and seven of the twelve optional criteria.

ACP News

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Guidelines for Medical Home Demonstrations Released by Major Physician Groups

New Guiding Principles to Shape Testing of Patient Centered Medical Home Washington — four physician membership organizations today released Guidelines for Patient Centered Medical Home Demonstration Projects. The four groups – the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) – represent nearly 350,000 physicians. The pediatrician, family physician, internist and osteopathic physician members of the four organizations provide the majority of primary care services to children, adolescents, and adult patients in the United States. *“The patient-centered medical home concept brings together the preventive and primary services that are the foundation of efficient, high quality health care,”* said **Ted Epperly, MD.**, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. *“People who have a medical home receive whole-person care that is integrated and coordinated by a health care team. The patient-centered medical home also provides greater access to needed services through same day, extended hours and new options for communication, such as letting patients ask questions or check their lab results online.”*

“The medical home guidelines importance is to ensure an apples-to-apples comparison across projects and to avoid contamination by non-medical home projects, e.g. disease management programs,” **Epperly** added. **David T. Tayloe, Jr., MD, FAAP**, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said, *“If projects are consistently and appropriately evaluated, it will indeed facilitate more meaningful interpretation and understanding of the lessons learned as we move forward to full implementation of medical home nationally.”* The new set of guidelines has also been endorsed by the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC), a coalition of more than 400 major employers, consumer groups, patient quality organizations, health plans, labor unions, hospitals, physicians and many others who have joined together to develop and advance the patient-centered medical home (PCMH). The guidelines contain 16 recommendations that should be part of any project that is testing the PCMH model of care, the groups say. They include recommendations about who should collaborate on the projects; how they should choose practices to participate; what kind of support should be provided to participating practices; how participating practices should be reimbursed; and what each project should do to analyze and distribute their results. Under all of the recommendation areas there are specific guidelines that together form the key components necessary to thoroughly and effectively test elements of the PCMH model of care. Specifically, the guidelines state that any project must ensure that the leaders of local primary care professional organizations have been briefed on the project and given the opportunity to provide input. The guidelines also specify that any project should use the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Physician Practice Connections (PPC)-PCMH tool, or a similar consensus-based recognition process, to qualify practices for participation. The new document calls for all demonstration projects to include additional reimbursement for participating practices to adequately compensate for the increased physician and administrative staff time necessary to provide care under the PCMH model. And, it calls for projects to broadly and publically disseminate their results after the data have been gathered and analyzed. *“We*

believe that these new guidelines are necessary to help define what constitutes an adequate test of the patient-centered medical home model," said **Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, FACP**, president of the American College of Physicians. *"We now have a road map for demonstration projects and a way to determine whether the design of any project is consistent with these guidelines adopted by our medical societies and the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative."* These guidelines were developed as a companion to the "Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home" that were released in 2007. Those principles broadly describe the characteristics of the PCMH model of care. The new guidelines help provide direction to demonstration projects in the planning phase, to ensure these new projects are successfully testing the key elements of the PCMH. The Joint Principles are available online at: <http://www.pcpcc.net/content/joint-principles-patient-centered-medical-home>. *"It is essential that we conduct uniform studies of the PCMH in an effort to determine best practices and identify potential shortcomings. The information we gather will provide valuable insight into efforts aimed at refocusing our nation's health care system on the value of primary care,"* concluded **Carlo J. DiMarco, DO**, president of the American Osteopathic Association.

Founded in 1947, the American Academy of Family Physicians represents more than 94,600 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. For more information about the AAFP's positions on issues and clinical care and downloadable multi-media on family medicine and health care, visit the AAFP Media Center. For more information about health care, health conditions, and wellness, please visit familydoctor.org.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults

The American College of Physicians is the nation's largest medical specialty organization. Membership is composed of 126,000 internal medicine physicians (internists) and medical students. Internists provide the majority of health care to adults in America. Internists are specialists in adult medicine and provide comprehensive care to adult patients.

The American Osteopathic Association proudly represents more than 64,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) practicing in 31 specialties and subspecialties, promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for D.O.s and is the accrediting agency for all osteopathic medical schools and health care facilities. More information on D.O.s/osteopathic medicine can be found at www.osteopathic.org.

Accessed May 6, 2009 at URL: http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/pcmh/understanding/medhomerelease.pdf

Time saving tool is new ACP member benefit – In the Clinic Slide Sets

In the Clinic slide sets are an educational tool to accompany Annals of Internal Medicine's In the Clinic feature. In the Clinic provides practical, evidence-based overviews of common clinical conditions. It also offers evidence-based answers to frequently asked questions about screening, prevention, diagnosis, therapy, and patient education and provides physicians with tools to improve the quality of care.

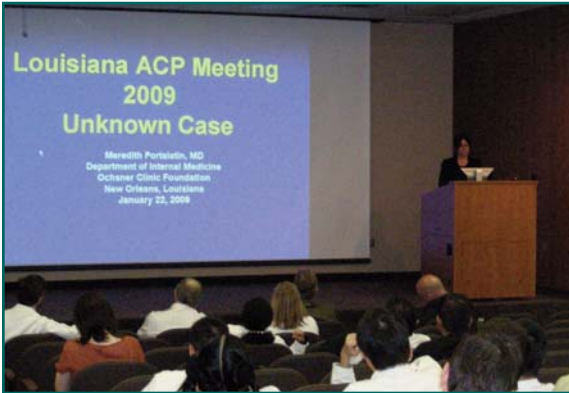
Each slide set contains about 25 slides that summarize the content of the related In the Clinic issue. Readers can use the slide sets for personal education or to facilitate teaching clinical topics to others. The slide set can be used in an upcoming presentation, as presented or customized by integrating personal slides to expand or contract your presentation as warranted. Use of In the Clinic slides will provide you with a valuable time-saving tool for use whenever or wherever needed.

Slide sets will be free to ACP members and in the near future will also be available to paid individual subscribers. Slides will soon be available for the following topics: Smoking Cessation, Type 2 Diabetes, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Insomnia, Low Back Pain.

(In the Clinic slide sets can be viewed from [annals.org](http://www.annals.org) (www.annals.org/annalsslidesets/).

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Photo Gallery



The Associates Meeting



Dr. Lawrence Blonde, MD, FACP, FACE receiving Laureate Award

Dr. David Dale speaking at this year's chapter scientific meeting



Perry G. Rigby, MD, FACP was presented a Laureate Award from Dr. Fred A. Lopez and Dr. Charles Sanders, Past Governor



Drs. Lee Engel and William Davis



Windsor Court



The Victorious Jeopardy Team



*2009 Masters:
L-R, Luis Espinoza, Sandy Kemmerly, and Dan Banks*