

# Michigan Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

**Annual Scientific Meeting 2002** — The 2002 Michigan Chapter meeting held at Grand Traverse Resort September 12-15 was the best-attended meeting in the chapter's history. Kudos to *Program Chairs* **Bill Chey** and **Eric Scher**. In addition to excellent updates, skill sessions, and the Town Meeting, members had ample opportunity to interact with **Sarah Walker, MD, MACP, ACP-ASIM President**, our College Representative. As in past years, programs tailored to our associate and student members were provided. Thursday evening's welcome address "Bioterrorism: Perspectives One Year after September 11" was provided by **Christopher Ohl, MD, FACP**, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Medical Director, Center for Antibiotic Utilization Stewardship & Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina. **Paul Stein, MD, FACP** presented the 16th Annual Boy Frame Lecture "Pulmonary Thromboembolism: Changing Perspectives."

As has been an annual event under the leadership of *Past-Governor* **Jan Rival**, the Michigan Chapter was recognized for meeting ACP-ASIM standards as assessed by the Chapter's Subcommittee in Philadelphia. For the fourth consecutive year, the **Michigan Chapter was presented with the 2002 ACP-ASIM Chapter Excellence Award**. Four Michigan Fellows of the College were honored as Laureates, and **Richard A. Wakulat, Jr., MD, FACP** received the Governor's Award for his excellence in leadership and many years of commitment to the Chapter.

**Abstract Submissions** — The Chapter received more than 375 submissions for oral/poster presentations, resulting in 325 posters and 24 oral presentations. First place winners will be submitted for the Annual ACP-ASIM Vignette Competition (to be held in San Diego in April 2003). Each winning presenter received a plaque with the following dollar awards: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75, and 3rd Place \$50.

### Oral Paper Presentations

First Place Research	<b>Michael Donnino, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital
Second Place Research	<b>Eduardo Vasquez, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital
Third Place Research	<b>Maha Ghalib, MD</b>	St. Joseph Mercy, Oakland

First Place Case	<b>Joel Garcia, MD</b>	Wayne State University
Second Place Case	<b>Ravi Vachhani, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital
Third Place Case	<b>Juan Figueroa, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital



### Poster Presentations

First Place Research	<b>Osama Halaweh, MD</b>	Providence Hospital
Second Place Research	<b>Anil Nachnani, MD</b>	Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals
Third Place Research	<b>Marisela Varela, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital

First Place Case	<b>Rudolph Evonich, MD</b>	Michigan State University
Second Place Case	<b>Nizar Attallah, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital
Third Place Case	<b>Pratik Doshi, MD</b>	Henry Ford Hospital

## LAUREATE AWARDS

Gilbert B. Bluhm, MD, FACP, *Chair, Awards Committee*

The Laureate Award honors those Fellows of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. The Michigan Chapter honored four physicians as recipients of the *2002 Laureate Award* during the Saturday Evening Governor's Awards Banquet. Awardees are: **Tom Madhaven, MD, FACP; John B. O'Connell, MD, FACP; John Popovich, Jr., MD, FACP; and Carlos F. Petrozzi, MD, FACP.**



Pictured from left to right are: Tom Madhaven, MD, John B. O'Connell, MD, John Popovich, Jr., MD, and Carlos F. Petrozzi, MD, and Jan Rival, MD, Past-Governor, Michigan Chapter

**The Michigan Chapter Awards Committee requests nominees for the 2003 Laureate Award.** Nominations for consideration **must be received in the Governor's Office by February 28, 2003.** As a guide to identifying candidates for the Laureate Award, the criteria are enumerated below. The inside back cover of the newsletter contains the nomination form.

**Criteria for Michigan Chapter ACP-ASIM Laureate Award** — The Laureate Award honors those Fellows of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. It is recognized that all these qualities are not likely to be found in a single individual except rarely, and that qualification for the award could be either on the basis of medical care, education, or research. An emphasis is placed on continued participation in College affairs at all levels, including attendance at regional as well as annual meetings of the College. It is expected that the awardees will be senior physicians, Fellows for at least 15 years, and will have a long history of professional excellence and peer approval.

## NEWLY ELECTED FELLOWS — 2002

Ayad M. Al-Katib, MD  
Alan F. Cutler, MD  
Josephine P. Dhar, MD  
Fikry F. Ibrahim, MD  
Franz M. Jaggi, DO  
Lynda C. Misra, DO  
Joel C. Seidman, MD  
David J. Young, MD

Thomas C. Auer, MD  
Patricia D. Brown, MD  
Raymond Hilu, MD  
Raymond D. Hobbs, MD  
Khalil A. Katato, MD  
William F. Murray, MD  
Christine I. Rohr, DO  
Richard A. Pokriefka, DO

Muhammed, K. Beeai, MD  
Scott D. Gitlin, MD  
Juan A. Estigarribia, MD  
Joseph James, MD  
Saad P. Kemennu, MD  
Bruce K. Muma, MD  
Richard A. Shellenberger, DO

## ONLINE RESOLUTIONS DATABASE IS NOW AVAILABLE

A new online searchable resolutions database has been added as a members-only site on ACP-ASIM Online. This database will enable you to search the College's archive of resolutions via three different search fields:

- **Text of Resolution** — perform a key word search.
- **Date Submitted** — search by a specific time period (either the spring or fall meetings for a specific year.)
- **Sponsor** — search by the sponsoring chapter/committee.

The final section, **Resolutions Should Match**, has two choices - "any criteria (logical OR)" and "all criteria (logical AND)." The database defaults to the "all criteria" option as this gives a more specific search.

The Resolutions Process was initiated as a means for the grassroots membership to have formal input to the Board of Regents, the policy-making body of the College. A call for resolutions is made twice a year, four months prior to each Board of Governors meeting, in the Observer and on ACP-ASIM Online, at which time chapter members are encouraged to submit resolutions to their Governors and/or Chapter Councils. Once the council has approved a resolution(s), it is submitted by the Governor as an official resolution of the chapter. Prior to submitting a resolution, you are encouraged to utilize the database to search for past resolutions that may have dealt with the same issue that you wish to address. The past resolutions will provide you with a summary of actions, including the College's position, which may help you to better define/direct the intent of your resolution.

The database can be accessed via the "Site Directory" section of ACP-ASIM and is listed under "R" for Resolutions Database, or by going directly to the database at <<http://www.acponline.org/private/resolutions/search.html>>.

## PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY

Physicians' handwriting is a source of endless jokes, but illegible orders are no laughing matter. Illegible handwriting on prescriptions takes extra time to interpret, and pharmacist callbacks result in lost time to the practitioner. Tragically, illegible handwriting is a common cause of medical error and has led to patient injury and death. According to a 1997 American Medical Association report, errors related to misread prescriptions were the second most common and expensive malpractice claim over a seven-year period.

To prevent errors, prescriptions should:

- Be legible,
- Use the metric system,
- Avoid abbreviations and decimals; and
- Include the medicine's purpose.



ACP-ASIM promotes patient safety through its three-year initiative, *Patient Safety: the Other Side of the Quality Equation*, supported by a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. To find out more about the College's patient

safety program, visit ACP-ASIM Online at <<http://www.acponline.org/ptsafety>> or call Kyle Bartlett, PhD, at (215) 351-2838.

## **PIER IS HERE... THE PHYSICIANS' INFORMATION AND EDUCATION RESOURCE**

PIER, The **Physicians' Information and Education Resource**, is now available for exclusive preview by ACP-ASIM members.

**What Pier Is** — Integrated with the College's other medical information and education resources, PIER is ACP-ASIM's new, electronic, Web-based, decision support tool designed for rapid point-of-care delivery of up-to-date, evidence-based guidance for physicians. PIER contains modules focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and will eventually include sections on prevention and screening, procedures, ethical and legal issues, complementary and alternative medicine, and patient education. ACP-ASIM members can visit the PIER Web site by going to <<http://pier.acponline.org>>.

**Why PIER is the Best Choice** — All information in PIER has gone through a rigorous review process so you can be sure that the information found in PIER is credible, up to date, and accurate.

### **How PIER Can Help You** —

- Get answers to clinical questions fast.
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- Find focused drug information.
- Provide clear information to patients in print or electronic format.
- Have ready access to the evidence and related literature.
- Be up to date on the newest data.



### **What to Expect From PIER in the Future** —

- Ongoing coverage of the newest data.
- Integrated links to electronic medical records.
- Customizable patient information.
- Clinical question archiving.

Visit <<http://pier.acponline.org>> today and see how PIER can work for you!

## **ACP-ASIM PLANNING TO PLAN 2002-2003**

During the 2002-2003 academic year, the Michigan Chapter of ACP-ASIM will engage in a process of strategic planning. The primary aims of this process will be to assess alignment of the Chapter with the mission and goals established by the ACP-ASIM Board of Regents, to identify the needs and wants of Michigan Internists, and to set clear Chapter goals for the next four years.

As we enter into this process, the Governor's Advisory Council will keep all constituencies actively involved (focusing on the incredible diversity of our membership). We will evaluate the structure and membership of the council and all committees, our officers and their duties, and the financial status of the Chapter. We will also evaluate methods of improving communication between Chapter leadership and membership.

The Michigan Chapter has sponsored an annual scientific meeting that for years has been the envy of nearly all other chapters. Our Program Committee and Council will evaluate the meeting and conduct a membership needs assessment to ensure that the meeting continues to evolve as the needs of our membership evolve.

Elections have not been held since 1997. During the next few months our Nominating Committee will be busy identifying candidates for our eight District Representative positions. In addition, we will elect a Secretary-Treasurer and the Council will approve the appointment of a Deputy Governor and an Associate Governor as provided for in our bylaws.

Working with our current Finance Committee and **Ruth Hoppe, MD, FACP**, our current *Secretary-Treasurer*, **Jan DiMarco**, our *Chapter Assistant*, will create a Chapter Financial Report and will propose an annual budget for the coming year.

Below are listed key objectives from the Board of Regents ACP-ASIM Strategic Plan. These goals and strategic priorities will serve as important guides to our Chapter Council and in the planning process.

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## **American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine**

**VISION:** Upholding the best tradition of and creating opportunities for excellence in the future of internal medicine.

**MISSION:** To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

### **GOALS:**

1. To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals.
2. To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists.
3. To advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession, and our members.
4. To serve the professional needs of the membership and advance internal medicine as a career.
5. To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the education and continuing education of internists, and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public.
6. To recognize individual excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES** (Each states multiple enabling objectives):

1. Work to retain current membership and recruit new members.
2. Address factors that undermine attractiveness of IM to medical students and the career satisfaction of our membership.
3. Devote increased resources to enable efficient and effective use of members' time.
4. Efforts to streamline administrative tasks, decrease hassle factors, strengthen physician-patient relationship.
5. Develop revenue from college products to replace lost revenue from pharmaceutical advertising.
6. Advocate on behalf of members and patients for ethical and high quality/evidence-based medical care.
7. Advocate for universal health care access and coverage for all Americans.
8. Develop and increase advocacy programs addressing critical public health issues.
9. Education of medical students and training of IM residents.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2003 Michigan ACP-ASIM  
Chapter Associates Meeting  
May, 2003

2003 Michigan ACP-ASIM  
Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting  
September 18-21, 2003



### INFORMATION SYSTEMS PLANNING

The Michigan Chapter Informatics Committee met recently to make decisions on establishing technology to improve communication among members. Working with the National ACP-ASIM system, we will set up an electronic mailing list utilizing List Serve software. **Jan DiMarco**, our

*Chapter Administrative Assistant*, will function as our mailing list administrator. Our electronic mailing list will be moderated (approval required for all entries) to avoid excessive and undesirable traffic and will be limited to members only.

In addition, we will be increasing our input for our Web Page, which is currently maintained on the National ACP-ASIM Home Page. This will allow us to improve functionality, improve turn-around time, post meeting information, slides and other materials, and provide more detailed announcements of chapter activities.

### THANK YOU JAN

On behalf of the more than 2,000 active members of the Michigan Chapter of ACP-ASIM I want to publicly thank **Jan Rival, MD, FACP** for his leadership and dedication while Governor of our Chapter. Jan served an extra six months as Governor, clearly above and beyond the call of duty. As we all know, our Chapter continued to grow and develop under Jan's leadership.



### CHECK OUT OUR CHAPTER WEB SITE –

<http://www.acponline.org/chapters/mi/>

# 2003 LAUREATE AWARD NOMINATION FORM



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box Where Appropriate — Comments Welcome on Back of Form

### Practitioner excellence:

- A.  Above Average  Outstanding
- B.  General Internal Medicine  
 Subspecialty \_\_\_\_\_

### Educator excellence:

- A.  Above Average  Outstanding
- B.  Teaching Medical Students and/or Home Officers (Hospital, Medical School, Preceptor)  
 Presentations (Grand Rounds, Medical Societies)

### Scholar excellence:

- Clinical and/or Basic Research
- Scientific Publications
- ACP-ASIM Presentations

### Service to ACP-ASIM:

- Council, Officer, Committee, Program Chair
- Regular Attendee to State/National Meetings



### Service to Community:

- School Board
- Civic Volunteer - City, County, State
- Foundation Board
- Lions Club, Rotary, Other

Please mail your nomination to the Chapter Office by February 28, 2003

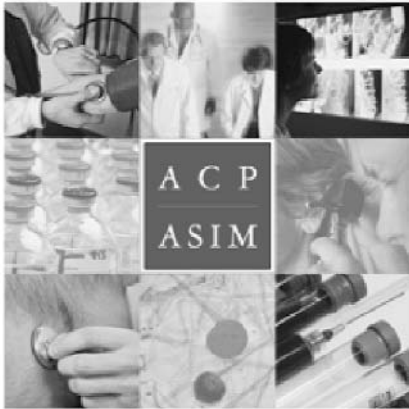
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