

Missouri Chapter ACP-ASIM Spring Newsletter

Chapter Meeting Returns to Tan Tar A

Mark your calendars for September 14-16, 2001. Your Missouri Chapter of the ACP-ASIM will present "Updates in Internal Medicine and Selected Specialties," see program below. In addition to the approximately 13 hours of continuing medical education, you will have the opportunity to discuss current events regarding re-certification, HCFA's measurements for Medicare patients, Cliff Cleaveland, MD, MACP will reflect on the human side of patient care, over fifty Associate members (residents) will compete for a trip to next year's College poster competition and a Fellowship Tutorial will be held during the Friday lunch for those interested in learning more about how to complete their FACP application.

This remarkably inexpensive CME event is made possible by the more than thirty exhibitors who support our meeting and Bayer, Glaxo SmithKline, Merck, Searle, and Centacor who are assisting with educational grants.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling (800) 826-8272. Registration information will be mailed to you in June and is [available online here](#).

Missouri Chapter of the ACP-ASIM
2001 Annual Meeting
Updates in Internal Medicine and Selected Specialties

Friday, September 14, 2001

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Embolism - Roger D. Yusen, MD
- 8:50 Surgical Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - Bert Trulock, MD
- 9:40 Break
- 10:00 Beyond the ICU - Neil Ettinger, MD
- 10:50 New Approaches to Ventilation in Acute Lung Injury - Arthur Wheeler, MD
- 11:40 College Representative - William Golden, MD, FACP
- 12:10 p.m. FACP Tutorial Lunch
- 1:15 Neurology Update: Headaches and Seizure Disorders - Charles L. Weinstein, MD
- 2:05 Neurology Update: Cerebrovascular Disease - Daryl W. Thompson, MD
- 2:55 Break
- 3:15 Dermatology for the Internist - Julie Harper, MD
- 4:10 Humanities Lecture - Cliff Cleaveland, MD, MACP
- 5:15 Poster Session - Windgate Hall

Saturday, September 15, 2001

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Windgate Hall
- 8:00 Update on Continuous Professional Development: Internal Medicine Recertification - Patrick Alguire, MD, FACP
- 8:50 HCFA PRO Baseline measurements - Rx for Improvement: a Taste of Good Medicine - Gregg R. Laiben, MD, ABQAURP, ACMQ
- 9:40 Break
- 9:55 Shoulder Problems for the Internist - Keith Kenter, MD
- 10:45 Management of Depression - Charles Conway, MD
- 12:15 p.m. Awards Luncheon

Sunday, September 16, 2001

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Update in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus - Michelle Petri, MD, MPH
- 8:50 Chapter Business Meeting & Town Hall meeting
- 9:40 New Therapeutic Treatments in Rheumatoid Arthritis - Arthur Kavanaugh, MD
- 10:20 Update in Osteoporosis - Michael Charney, MD
- 11:00 Adjourn

Dr. Walker Prepares to Lead ACP-ASIM



Sara Walker, MD, MACP, an internist and rheumatologist at the University of Missouri - Columbia, has been elected President-elect of the College. Dr Walker was installed as President of the ACP-ASIM in April.

Springfield Fellowship Tutorial Huge Success

The Missouri Chapter's efforts to get closer to its members and to promote Fellowship in the American College of Physicians continued the evening of January 11 in Springfield. Norman Knowlton, MD, FACP of Springfield hosted the event that was led by Richard Whiting, MD, FACP of St. Louis, Governor. Also assisting Dr Whiting was Carl Strauss, MD, FACP of Kansas City, Credentials Committee Chair.

Thirteen Springfield-area member physicians were present and either began completing their Fellowship application or fine-tuned their application. The prospective Fellows were given advice on the different paths toward Fellowship and a number of suggestions to include as relevant experience in the application.

The Missouri Chapter is planning to continue to promote Fellowship at local meetings, through our newsletter & website (<http://www.acp-asim-missouri.org/>), and at the Chapter meeting in September at Tan Tar A. If you are interested in Fellowship contact Dr Carl Strauss at cstraussmd@aol.com or Pat Mills at (800) 318-6746 or pmills@sprintmail.com.

New Fellows (FACP)

The Missouri Chapter is pleased to welcome the following list of physicians who are now recognized as Fellows in the American College of Physicians:

Brent W. Beasley - Kansas City
Hope A. Cranston - Ballwin
Charles A. Crecelius - St. Louis
Esther A. Gonzalez - St. Louis
Leslie W. Hall - Columbia
William H. Jennings - Kansas City
Hosam K. Kamel - St. Louis
Peter A. McCullough - Kansas City
Rick L. Scacewater - Joplin
Henry D. Walden - St. Louis
Navid S. Zaidi - Joplin

Missouri Profile

Every year the College provides each Chapter with a profile that includes a lot of numbers relative to the number of Members and Fellows, plus the activities carried out by the Chapter. I usually try to pass along some of this information to all Members in Missouri, because I think it is of some interest.

It is fair to say the Missouri Chapter is doing well. For example, you may have heard that we received the Chapter Excellence Award at the College Meeting in Atlanta. There is always room for improvement, and one of the big areas we should concentrate upon has been membership. In Missouri there are 2,900 Board certified Internists of which 1,458 are Members of ACP-ASIM. There are, of course, many other Internists and Internists with subspecialty interest who are not Boarded in Internal Medicine. Thus, there are very many

physicians who might be recruited into our ranks. Of the 2,246 total members in Missouri, 9 are Masters, 426 are Fellows, 1,023 Members, 405 Associates, and 383 medical students.

We definitely could increase the number of medical students involved in our Chapter and in the College since there is no cost to them to join, and there are benefits - even for students who are not contemplating a career in Internal Medicine. If we look at our results from recruiting efforts, over the past 5 years, overall there has been a 38% increase, which certainly looks remarkable. However, if we exclude the medical student group, this is only a 14.6% increase. If we look a little more carefully at the year by year profile information, we find that our membership jumped in 1998, remained fairly static in 1999 and actually declined a little in the year 2000.

All of us have a challenge to try and recruit new members and to assist those worthy of Fellowship in advancement.

Richard B. Whiting, MD, FACP
Governor, Missouri Chapter

Cape Girardeau Regional Meeting

On Saturday, March 3rd, the Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society and the Missouri Chapter of ACP-ASIM held a Regional Meeting that has become firmly established in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. "This was an excellent program with very good speakers who presented very practical information concerning disease evaluation and management," said Richard Whiting, MD, FACP. The meeting was well-attended and was organized through the efforts of Sarah A. Ayd, MD, FACP. This was an excellent example of the value for Internists, other practitioners and particularly, ACP-ASIM Members, related to the Regional Meetings we have throughout Missouri. Doctor Whiting was present to answer ACP-ASIM questions and help anyone interested in membership or advancement to Fellowship.

Missouri Receives Chapter Award, Again



Your Missouri Chapter has been recognized by the College with the Chapter Excellence Award. This award was established to recognize those chapters striving to reach a new level of achievement in chapter management. To qualify for the award, chapters must meet all of the baseline criteria and six of the optional criteria of the award. Some of the criteria for the award are participating on ACP-ASIM Online, publishing two Governors newsletters per fiscal

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year, having an advisory council in place, establishing chapter awards and medical student programs, and being involved in state legislative activity. Last year Missouri won the Chapter Management Award, which recognizes chapters that have met the basic standards for managing a chapter.

Reading Retreat Returns

Alan Forker, MD, FACP reports seven couples participated in this year's Missouri Chapter Reading Retreat at Big Cedar Lodge outside of Branson in February. Group discussions were led by Jennifer Martin, PhD of UMKC. If you are interested in participating next year, watch this newsletter for details.

Missouri Chapter Web site

Our web site (<http://www.acp-asim-missouri.org/>) is simply excellent because of its detail, easy availability of information, and photographs. We have been able to post promptly items such as Associates' posters presented at our Regional Meeting in Osage Beach. Our web site may be the only Chapter web site that is also interactive.

Any physician may access the site and [provide information or speak up on an issue posted there specifically for physician input](#). As an example, let me offer the following: at the Board of Governors level there is much discussion concerning recertification. Some physicians feel these methods are time consuming, expensive, and sometimes not relevant to the practice of Internal Medicine. Others feel strongly that recertification is an important guarantee for quality of care. An item such as this becomes an opportunity for grass roots comments through the website.

Similarly, I post items to be discussed in the future, such as new resolutions. This allows feedback to the Governor before the Board of Governors Meeting to represent the State Chapter. Therefore, I urge members all over Missouri to become familiar with our web site and play an active role in providing input. You may also send email to my new address: rwhiting@webmd.com.

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