

Missouri Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Anne Winkler, MD, PhD, FACP, FACR
Governor, Missouri Chapter

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Anne Winkler, MD, FACP of Springfield was installed as the Governor for the Missouri Chapter at the recent College meeting in San Diego. Dr Winkler succeeds Richard Whiting, MD, FACP of St Louis who served as Governor from 1999 - 2003.

Dr Winkler has already begun laying the groundwork of a communications network. Her priority is to develop the Local Representative committee, which will facilitate communication to and from the College and the Chapter. See "Call to Arms: Local Rep Committee" for further information.



Sara Walker, MD, MACP of Columbia had a busy year serving as College President. Her activities included testifying in Washington DC on behalf of Medicare Reform, attending a number of Chapter meetings, and overseeing the new look of the College as it identifies itself as ACP Internal Medicine | Doctors for Adults.

2003 CHAPTER MEETING AND PROGRAM

The Missouri Chapter meeting will again be at Tan Tar A beginning Thursday evening, September 18 and concluding Sunday, September 21. This year's meeting will honor an outstanding Chapter member as Laureate, students for their Clerkship achievements, and Associate members competing in the Poster contest.

The scientific lectures will include updates on obesity management, anticoagulation therapy, stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation, male & female periodic health exams, targeted therapy for cancer, and re-synchronization of heart failure patients to name a few.

Mark your calendar and watch our new Chapter website - www.acp-missouri.org for complete details. Make your reservation now by calling **800-826-8272**.

LAUREATE AWARD

Richard B. Whiting, MD, FACP, FACC has been selected to receive the Laureate Award, the Missouri Chapter's most prestigious award. It is designed to honor those Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated, by their

example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the College.

Dr Whiting served on the Council of the Missouri Chapter and as Governor from 1999-2003. He received his Fellowship in 1974 and has been active in promoting others to Fellowship. The Missouri Chapter recognizes the hundreds of hours Dr Whiting has devoted to the Missouri Chapter and the College as a member of the Board of Governors and the Membership Committee. The Laureate Award will be given to Dr Whiting at the Awards Lunch during the Chapter meeting on Saturday, September 20.



CALL TO ARMS: LOCAL REP COMMITTEE

To increase member participation in the Missouri Chapter of the ACP and to improve communication with members, the Council of the Missouri Chapter has initiated the Local Representatives Committee. The local rep will serve as a source of information to the members and forward questions and concerns of the members to the Governor and the Council. This network should help the Chapter in awareness of members' concerns and increase dissemination of information regarding Chapter activities as well as College activities, such as changes in the recertification process or awareness of upcoming legislation on the state and national level that would affect practicing physicians.

To serve as a local representative one needs to have access to email and be willing to commit 15-20 minutes monthly. The list of local reps will be on our website for easy referral. So far the members who have kindly agreed to serve as local representatives include:

- Cape Girardeau - Mike Jedlinski
- Columbia (UMC) - Renee Meadows
- Joplin - Sam Carter
- Kansas City (North KC) - Greg Schnell
- Kansas City (St Luke's) - Steve Stiles
- Kansas City (Truman) - Rick Butin
- Lebanon - Neal Schwartzmann
- St Louis (Baptist) - Randy Silverstein
- St Louis (Washington University) - Megan Wren
- Springfield (St John's) - Tom Reinbold
- Springfield (Cox) - John Kaicher

We are looking for more people to serve as local reps throughout the state and would welcome volunteers and/or recommendations. Please contact Anne Winkler, MD, FACP at AWinkler@sprg.smhs.com if you are interested.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE



The Missouri Chapter of the ACP has been very lucky to have the services of **Terry Nye**, MD, FACP who has served as the webmaster for several years after succeeding Steve Atwood, MD, FACP who initiated the website. Because of a change in location, Dr Nye will be unable to serve as webmaster, but Dr. Dan Goodenberger's staff at Washington University will be picking up the responsibilities for the website. We are looking, however, for members with computer expertise to serve on a website committee to guide the future of our website and to continue its development. Anyone interested in serving, please contact me at AWinkler@sprg.smhs.com.

TRANSITION

**Richard Whiting, MD, FACP -
Immediate Past Missouri Governor**



In the past, in this newsletter I have briefly commented about a web site that is entirely devoted to all of the issues surrounding a change of a patient with a chronic illness from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood. That has been called a transition and there is a very

active website <http://hctransitions.ichp.edu> or <http://mchenet.ichp.edu/scripts/lyris.pl?enter=transition> to join the listserv. This particular project is termed Health Care Transition for Youth with Special Needs. I have thought for some time, the College needs to take a very active role in this area of medicine and, for example this is a specific area in which physicians who are Med-Peds trained can be a definite contributory part of the College. I became interested in the transition medicine program primarily because of a very active role in the care of adults with congenital heart disease.

There are, however, many examples of chronic conditions that begin in childhood and either continue into adulthood or at least have residual effects that continue into adulthood. One could imagine diabetes, asthma, seizure disorders and a whole host of physical disabilities as well as mental impairments.

In a recent issue of the regular Transition Digest, there was commentary on the fact that there appears to be in practice, if not in actual legislative wording, a difference in the accessibility to certain kinds of health care for children with mental health needs who depend on Medicaid for their health care. That is to say, many parents with children in that circumstance have found it necessary to give up custody of their child because, in that way, quicker and much broader access to mental health is made available. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) has initiated HHS to investigate this problem in Maine. According to a 1999 report from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 25% of families in the United States who have children with mental illnesses give up custody to obtain treatment for their children.

I feel fairly certain this loophole will be very quickly closed if it ever really existed at all. However, the entire experience points out the value of being aware of transition issues and 1, therefore, wanted to pass along the information that the Transition Digest is open to those who are interested.

DR. TOM FRAWLEY HONORED BY ARCHBISHOP RIGALI

Thomas F. Frawley, MD, MACP has received the Distinguished Health Care Ministry Award presented by Catholic Community Services and The Archbishop's Commission on Community Health in St. Louis. Dr Frawley was instrumental in making Catholic Charities Physician Referral Services a success. Dr Frawley was the first Governor of the Missouri Chapter of the ACP from 1971-75 and President of ACP from 1981-82.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

The recent election for Council of the Missouri Chapter of the ACP resulted in the re-election of 3 for a second three-year term. They are Sarah Aydt, MD, FACP - Cape Girardeau; Anne Goldberg, MD, FACP - St. Louis; and Larry King, MD, FACP - St. Louis. Those elected to a first three-year term are Peggy Barjenbruch, MD - Mexico; Lehman Godwin, MD - Springfield; and Steve Keithahn, MD - Columbia.

ACP ONLINE CLINICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING CASES

This online self-assessment education program from ACP includes 317 questions in 48 cases that cover the major disciplines of Internal Medicine. It also features an online tool that institutions can use to monitor use of the program. Click on the links below to learn how Clinical Problem-Solving Cases can be used to meet the educational needs of individuals, group practices, residency programs, medical schools, physician assistant programs, and other institutions. The program, offering 48 Category 1 CME credits, is also ideal for individuals.

<http://www.acponline.org/catalog/cme/cpsc.htm?hp>

NEW MISSOURI FELLOWS

The Missouri Chapter congratulates nine new Fellows who were elected as of January 1. They are:

Elizabeth A Andes - Kansas City, MO
Myron D Brockman - Springfield, MO
James W Coulter - Springfield, MO
Bhajan D Dara - Ballwin, MO
Zamir Eidelman - St. Louis, MO
Darcy D Folzenlogen - Columbia
Brian A Grus - O Fallon, MO
Kenneth S Polonsky - Saint Louis, MO
Ronald W Swinfard - Columbia, MO

MGMA CREATES BIOTERRORISM PRACTICAL READINESS NETWORK (BIO-PRN)

Empower yourself, administrators and staff to react appropriately to possible instances of bioterrorism with a free Web-based tool provided by Advance PCS, the Medical Learning Company and the Medical Group Management Association. Category 1 CME credit is available at no cost. See <http://www.mgma.com/bioprn.cfm> for more information. Bio-PRN will allow you to interact with:

Virtual patients that allow physicians to examine victims exposed to the organisms used in bioterrorism

Comprehensive references on biological agents

Disease management flash cards with information on:

- history,
- signs and symptoms
- diagnosis, testing and treatment
- prevention
- Emergency Response Planning template that guides administrators through the critical steps in creating an effective plan.