

Dr. Sara Walker, MACP leads College



Sara Walker, MD, MACP was installed as President of ACP-ASIM at the recent College meeting. Dr. Walker served as Governor of the Missouri Chapter from 1991-1995 and then on the College Board of Regents.

New leader slated for Chapter

Anne Winkler, MD, PhD, FACP of Springfield was installed as the Missouri Chapter, Governor Elect at the College meeting in April. Dr. Winkler was elected by the Chapter membership in December. Dr. Winkler will become Governor of the Missouri Chapter at a ceremony held at the College meeting in April 2003 in San Diego when Richard Whiting, MD, FACP completes his four-year term.

Missouri Chapter lobbies on the Hill

William Fogarty, MD, FACP, Chair of the Chapter Health & Public Policy Committee, participated in the ACP-ASIM Leadership Day that was held May 7-8, 2002 in Washington, D.C. Along with physician leaders from around the country, Dr. Fogarty visited U.S. Senators and Congressmen to discuss patient and physician issues. Dr. Fogarty stressed the importance of reviewing the calculation of the Medicare conversion factor.

Laureate Award names winners

Mary S. Muscato, MD, FACP and **Joseph J. Muscato, MD, FACP** of Columbia will each receive the [Laureate Award](#) at the Missouri Chapter meeting on Saturday, September 21, 2002. The [Laureate Award](#) honors Fellows and Masters of the ACP-ASIM who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research, and in service to their community and the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine.

Book Award winners announced

Each year the Missouri Chapter presents the ACP-ASIM Book Award at the graduation ceremony to the graduation senior who meets the following criteria:

- 1) Achieves the highest cumulative grades in all General Internal Medicine rotations and any required written examinations covering the general field of Internal Medicine in the third and fourth year of medical school;
- 2) Has outstanding ethical and humanitarian qualities;
- 3) Is committed to a career in General Internal Medicine or one of the subspecialties of Internal Medicine.

The Award is also used to honor a local member who contributes to medical education. This year's winners are:

Deborah Budge Saint Louis University - Kevin J. Martin, MB, BCh, FACP

James Freer University of Missouri, Columbia - Mary Muscato, MD, FACP

Amina Khan University of Missouri, Kansas City - Fred DeFeo, MD

Shan Li Cheng Washington University - William E. Clutter, MD

Chapter meeting set for September

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[2002 Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

Updates in Internal Medicine and Selected Specialties

The Missouri Chapter meeting will open on Thursday, September 19 with a one-hour lecture on communications. In an effort to expand the hours of CME, early arrivals will learn how to better communicate. The Education Committee has planned a program that will include updates in endocrinology and various aspects of diabetes. Non-medicine updates will cover ophthalmology, orthopedics, and radiology.

The Chapter meeting will be at the Lake of the Ozarks [Tan Tar A Resort](#) in Osage Beach. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 826-8272. A registration booklet will be mailed to you and is [available online](#). The [meeting agenda](#) is also available online.

Together Rx offers discounts on Medicare prescriptions

Seven of the large pharmaceutical manufacturers have recently announced the creation of a new senior drug discount card. [Together Rx](#) is a free prescription savings program that provides savings to eligible Medicare enrollees. Seniors will receive savings of approximately 20 to 40% on over 150 prescription medicines. The Together Rx Card will be accepted at many retail pharmacies starting June 2002.

Estimates are that approximately 11 million Medicare enrollees may be eligible for Together Rx. Eligibility is limited to those with an annual income of less than \$28,000 for individuals and \$38,000 for couples and Medicare beneficiaries may not have prescription drug coverage (public or private). More information is available at <http://www.togetherrx.com> or by calling (800) 865-7211.

Missouri posters capture top honors at College meeting

The Associates' Poster Competition at the 2001 Missouri Chapter Scientific Meeting was a huge success. Over fifty abstracts were presented at the meeting. Submissions were divided into two categories: Research and Clinical Vignettes. [The abstracts can be viewed on the Chapter web site.](#)

Last year was unusual in that there was a three-way tie for first place in the Clinical Vignette category. Because the first place prize in each category is a trip to the National Scientific Meeting, there was more than a little difficulty in dividing the top Clinical Vignette prize. Governor Whiting decided to award all four winners with an expense paid trip to the Philadelphia meeting. That decision was richly rewarded when all four of those submissions from Missouri received recognition at the national level. Each was ranked in the top ten of its respective category. The Missouri Chapter takes great pride in the achievements of its Associates and the mentorship provided by Chapter members to those Associates.

Dissatisfied with Medicare? Join the ACP-ASIM Key Contact Program

ACP-ASIM depends on its 2,000 Key Congressional Contacts to communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to internists and their patients, and report back to ACP-ASIM. Key Contacts do not necessarily have established relationships with the members of Congress. ACP-ASIM gives them the tools necessary to develop and maintain relationships.

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College sends out Legislative Alerts to Key Contacts which include all of the necessary information to make informative contacts with members of Congress. ACP-ASIM staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions. For more information on the ACP-ASIM Key Contact Program, please call Amy Jenkins at (800) 338-2746, 4552.