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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Please take a minute and use the enclosed ballot to vote for your colleagues who are willing to put extra time and effort into our organization as members of the Council.

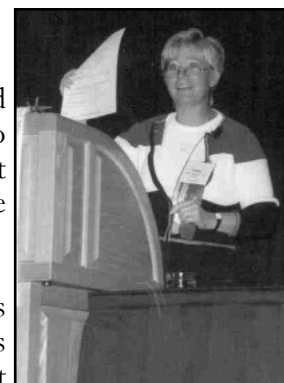
Reminder: The national ACP meeting is April 14-17, 2005 in San Francisco. As always this meeting is packed with great lectures and speakers as well as time to visit with our colleagues. This year the Missouri Chapter will hold its reception with the Oklahoma and Arkansas chapters. Please join us.

Our chapter has always been committed to medical student education. We will again be offering one month summer externships for approximately 20 second year students in internal medicine offices around the state. If you are willing to serve as a preceptor, please contact Pat Mills at pmills@msma.org.

2005 CHAPTER MEETING

Your Chapter leaders request you to mark your calendar for September 15-18, 2005 and join your colleagues at Tan Tar A. Dr Rosemarie Fisher of Yale will be our guest for "Stump the Professor." Other topics for 2005 include: spondyloarthropathies, shoulder exams, diabetes - end organ damage, electronic health records, and a thyroid update.

Watch for more online at www.acp-missouri.org. Keep in mind that this meeting is always highly rated and is a great bargain for CME credit. Remind your colleagues that they should be attending as well. It is hard to continue such a large meeting (18 CME hours) without a significant number of members attending.



MISSOURI CHAPTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The physicians attending the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Physicians meeting in September were very pleased with the clinical content covered by the educational seminars. This was the second year in which workshops were offered and the second year in which all sessions were filled to capacity. Excellent lectures on diabetes, ECG reading, depression, HIV/AIDS, and women & heart disease were presented. The physicians attending submitted comments such as: “wonderful meeting” and “learned a lot” in addition to “turn the cell phone ringers to vibrate.” The overall rating was 4.3/5.0 from the participants.



Dr Andy Hedberg - ACP President-Elect (left)
presenting the ACP Chapter Excellence Award to
Dr Anne Winkler - Governor



Right to left: Drs Richard Burns and Alan Forker with
a poster presenter

The Missouri Chapter also sponsored a poster presentation for associate members. There were 86 entrants from: UMC; UMKC; Saint Louis University; Barnes-Jewish; Forest Park; St John's Mercy; St Luke's - Chesterfield and St Mary's - Clayton. Both first prize winners and the second prize in the Clinical Vignette category will receive \$1500 stipends to present their posters at the College meeting in San Francisco. Through the efforts of **Brent Beasley, MD, FACP** - chair of the Poster Contest and more than 40 judges the contest was very successful. Results for 2004, abstracts, and 2005 contest information are online at: www.acp-missouri.org/posters.htm.

Clinical Vignette

1st - Vishal Gupta, MD, MPH - Unusual Right Atrial Mass

2nd - Ajita Narayan, M.D., Ph.D. - A Rare Case of Extra-Osseous Ewing's Sarcoma (Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor, [PNET], "Peanut Tumor") In An Adult

3rd - Ayesha Haroon, MD - Unilateral diaphragmatic paralysis secondary to demyelinating phrenic mononeuropathy: partial response to intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.

Research

1st - Adam Whaley-Connell, D.O. - CAPD associated Peritonitis Rates are Very Low at the University of Missouri

2nd - Alifiya Fakhri, M.D - Effect of CYP17 Polymorphism on Bone Mineral Density

3rd - Nisreen Haideri, MD - Positive Predictive Factors for Residual Disease in Reexcision Specimens of Early Stage Breast Cancer

MISSOURI MASTERS -

Congratulations to Drs. Kenneth Ludmerer and Richard Whiting

The College has announced that two Missouri physicians: Kenneth Ludmerer, MD, FACP and Richard Whiting, MD, FACP, Immediate Past Governor of the Missouri Chapter, will be elevated to Master of the American College of Physicians (MACP) at the 2005 College meeting in San Francisco. They join nine other Missouri Masters: Drs Tom Burns, Jean Chapman, Coy Fitch, Michael Karl, David Kipnis, J. Harold Morris, Marge Sirridge, Ray Slavin, and Sara Walker.



Left to right: Drs Ludmerer, Whiting,
and Goodenberger

MISSOURI CHAPTER MEMBER ASSISTS COLLEGE WITH ONLINE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION -

Thank you Dr. Verma

Everyone has had to perform the tedious task of printing forms off the web and then carefully hand printing the information in very small spaces. One Missouri member, Dr. Dushyant Verma of Cassville, created a PDF fillable version of the Fellowship application for the ACP and gave it to the College. Since receipt of this the College has also converted their membership applications to the PDF fillable versions.

MEDICARE UPDATE

The 2005 RBRVS conversion factor for physician services has been set at \$37.8975, up 1.5% from 2004. The Medicare Modernization Act mandated 1.5% updates for 2004 and 2005 which prevented decreases of 4.5% and 3.3%. There will be a major push in 2005 for Congress to fix the physician update formula. Let your Representative and Senator hear from you! Sign up to be a Key Contact at www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy.

NEED HELP RECERTIFYING? TURN TO ACP RESOURCES

The College is offering several courses designed to help busy internists complete ABIM SEP modules and prepare for the secure recertification exam in internal medicine.

ACP's "Preparation for Recertification" course presents a targeted review of the developments of the past 10 years in internal medicine, with an emphasis on exam-related material. The course uses state-of-the-art audience response systems to maximize interaction between faculty and attendees, with mini-lectures summarizing advances in key areas of each discipline. It is an excellent refresher course for any internist and preparation for those who plan to take the recertification exam.

Courses are offered in Orlando (February), Washington (March), San Francisco (April) and Boston (June).
www.acponline.org/cme/courses.htm#rc?ow

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

The Fall meeting of the ACP Board of Governors was marked by genuine enthusiasm regarding substantial progress in ACP-ABIM discussions about maintenance of certification. Over the past six months, intensive discussions between **Drs. Steven Weinberger** (ACP Senior VP for Medical Knowledge and Education) and **F. Daniel Duffy** (ABIM Executive VP) have resulted in a welcome and productive atmosphere of collaboration rather than confrontation between the two organizations, also reflected in simultaneous parallel discussions at the level of the CEOs (**Dr. John Tooker** from ACP and **Dr. Christine Cassel** from ABIM) and the Board Chairs (**Dr. Eric Larson** from ACP and **Dr. Troyen Brennan** from ABIM).

After agreeing upon a set of goals and principles that would form the framework for their discussions, Drs. Weinberger and Duffy developed initial recommendations that were endorsed by the relevant committees and boards of both organizations. These recommendations took into account the evolution of the recertification process into a 4-part Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process, as mandated by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the umbrella organization for all medical specialty Boards. The four components of MOC are:

- Part 1 - Professional Standing (demonstrated by state licensure)
- Part 2 - Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
- Part 3 - Cognitive Expertise (fulfilled by the secure, closed-book exam)
- Part 4 - Evaluation of Performance in Practice

Parts 2 and 4 have so far been fulfilled by completion of 5 ABIM SEP (Self-Evaluation Process) modules chosen from several module types, without a specific requirement that one or more of the SEP modules be of a type that meets the Part 4 requirement.

What is new? Based on the 4-part MOC framework, the ABIM has agreed to accept the combination of MKSAP plus an acceptable demonstration of Evaluation of Performance in Practice to fulfill the Part 2 and Part 4 components of MOC, respectively. The MKSAP option for fulfilling the Part 2 requirement will consist of computer-based completion of pre-selected sets of questions from MKSAP 13 (and future editions of MKSAP), delivered in a way that combines self-assessment with education and immediate feedback. Three 60-question MKSAP modules will substitute for 3 SEP modules and will satisfy the entire Part 2 requirement. Part 2 credit will be based on completion of the questions and not on the candidate's score, which is provided to the candidate as a form of feedback about the candidate's level of preparation.

Given the evolving MOC framework and the growing national movement for patient safety and quality improvement in patient care, both ABIM and ACP agreed on the need for a Part 4 component of MOC, but implemented in a way that is efficient, effective, and not redundant. ACP and ABIM have started working together to develop a "wide door" and a variety of options for fulfilling the Part 4 requirement, which would be instituted at the same time the MKSAP option is available to fulfill the Part 2 requirement.

Finally, ACP and ABIM have established a joint, staff-level workgroup to examine options for improving the Part 3 component of MOC (the secure examination for demonstration of cognitive expertise). The goals are to: a) reduce the anxiety provided by a high-stakes examination; b) increase the relevance of an examination to the physician's scope of practice; and c) consider options that might allow the examination to better reflect the way in which physicians have access to informational resources in their clinical practice. The overall intent is to explore options for improving the Part 3 process in a way that would address physician concerns, but would not compromise the integrity, standards, or quality of the process.

ACP and its staff are committed to continued discussions with ABIM and exploration of innovative ways to ease the MOC process and make it as educational and attractive as possible. A collaborative approach to these discussions has been particularly effective and productive, based upon those principles and goals that the two organizations share for the betterment of the profession and for improved patient care.

CALENDAR:

January 5, 2005

Missouri Legislative session begins

April 14-16, 2005

ACP meeting in San Francisco

April 14, 2005

New Fellows and Masters Convocation
in San Francisco

April 15, 2005

Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas
reception at San Francisco Marriott
Laurel Room- 5:30- 7:00 pm

May 13, 2005

Missouri Legislative session ends

September 15-18, 2005

Missouri Chapter meeting at Tan Tar A



MISSOURI JOINS I-SAVRFX PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM

The state of Missouri has agreed to participate in the new I-SaveRx prescription drug importation program -- the first program in the nation to allow citizens to purchase lower cost, safe prescription drugs from Europe and Canada.

Participation in the program provides Missouri residents with the opportunity to access lower-priced prescription drugs through a network of 45 inspected and approved pharmacies and wholesalers in Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Consumers in Missouri, Wisconsin, Kansas and Illinois can now lookup I-SaveRx prices and start the enrollment process by calling toll-free 1-866-ISAVE33, or visiting www.I-SaveRx.net.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Other nearby chapters which are hosting a chapter meeting this Fall 2005 include the Arkansas Chapter meeting at the Embassy Suites in Hot Springs, AR October 13-15 and the Kansas Chapter meeting September 9-10 at the Marriott in Wichita, KS.

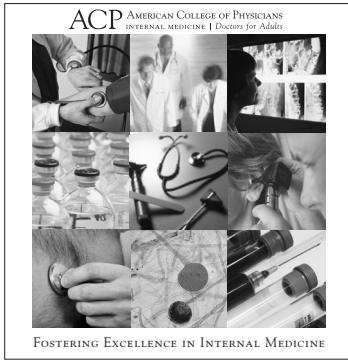
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September 15-18, 2005

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BALLOT FOR MISSOURI CHAPTER COUNCILORS

Please vote for 2 and return by fax (573.636.8552) by January 31

_____ Elizabeth Andes, MD - Independence
Medical School - University of Kansas
Residency - University of Nebraska

_____ Nancy Russell, MD - Kansas City
Medical School - University of Missouri - Kansas City
Residency - University of Missouri - Kansas City