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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



This will be my last newsletter as Governor of the Missouri Chapter of the ACP. I have truly enjoyed this experience. I have learned a lot about the functioning of the ACP, both on the chapter level and on the national level. This is a

remarkable organization with very dedicated physicians and staff members who truly want to make a difference in the lives of patients. I have said this at our chapter meetings, but I want to remind you all of the strength and quality of our Missouri Chapter. Our chapter works well because the members are dedicated physicians who are willing to put in the time and effort to make this chapter run so well. I have also realized during my tenure that on the national level, the ACP organization is truly working hard to advance our mission - improving the medical care system for patients and internists. I think we, as members, do not see the consistent effort they put to raising the banner of appropriate reimbursement for medical services nor the continued push toward universal access to health care or the countless other battles that ACP wages on our behalf. Finally, I am pleased that **David Fleming**, MD, will be assuming the role of Governor as of April 2007. I hope, like all the governors before me, that I leave the Missouri chapter stronger and better than when I became Governor. I know that with David Fleming as Governor, the chapter will continue to grow and develop in very positive ways. I would also like to mention how much the chapter benefits from **Patrick Mills**, who is invaluable to us for his consistently thorough job of running the chapter on a day-to-day basis. Thank you, Pat.

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR-ELECT DAVID FLEMING, MD

This will be my first offering as your incoming Governor. First, let me thank you again for the honor and privilege of being given this opportunity. I can assure you that this is a job I will not take lightly. Like many before I see the task looming ahead as both exhilarating and exhausting as I consider the energy and amazing potential of our chapter and the full depth and breadth of ACP accomplishments since its inception 91 years ago. I take these first baby steps with some degree of trepidation but am comforted in knowing that standing beside me will be our capable executive **Pat Mills** and our amazing (soon to be immediate past) Governor **Anne Winkler**; surrounding us all is an equally amazing council and a supportive membership of over 2300 strong. This would be a good time for me to again say "thank you" for being there. At my first Board of Governor's meeting two months ago I was energized by the other freshman members of our class of 2011. These are a group of dedicated men and women, possessing strong leadership skill, intellect, and energy. We coalesced quickly and I can assure you that his group will never be without something substantive to say. I look forward to learning much from them. Our job ahead in Missouri is also substantive. Medicaid reform looms before us and our challenge will be to not only understand it, but to also be willing to participate in its framing and implementation as this process moves forward. The call is for cost efficiency, but our task will be to partner with others to ensure that access and good health care remain the primary goals of this agenda. Other issues of key importance are the concerns of health literacy and cultural competency, the impact of pay for performance

on medical practice and access, the implementation of innovative forms of health care and disease management such as the Medical Home, quality assurance and health information technology, and the future of internal medicine as a specialty.

We are a very healthy organization financially (thank you Anne and Pat), but we must apply these resources wisely and for the benefit of those who will serve future generations as well as those who serve now. An overarching interest I have heard from many of you is that we must find creative ways to support our students, residents, and fellows so they can participate in our meetings, enjoy our fellowship, be involved in leadership, and learn early the joys of internal medicine. We will do that.

Our major offering each year is the annual scientific meeting. Next year it will be at Tan Tar A September 27-30, 2007. We plan to find ways to get many more students and residents participating, and I look forward to seeing each of you there. **Warren Lovinger** and **Rich Burns** are co chairmen of the education committee and I want to thank them for their hard work in putting together another great program. Likewise our poster competition, an effort lead by **Brent Beasley**, had an all time high of 94 resident posters this year--well done, Brent!

Don't forget San Diego next April for Internal Medicine 2007! Advocacy still plays a role as well and I want to invite all of you to participate in annual Leadership Day, which will be May 15-16, 2007 "*on the Hill*" in Washington, D.C. **Bill Fogarty** and **Sara Walker** have capably led this effort for several years. I also look forward to Bill's continued leadership of our health and public policy committee. There are many more of you on the council and "*out there*" who I owe a dept of gratitude for your commitment and hard work and for helping to make our organization strong. Amongst them are the Governors who have ably led these recent

years, and to whom I offer my sincerest gratitude--**Tom Burns, Jay Morris, Coy Fitch, Richard Whiting**, and of course **Sara Walker**--all of you are a humbling act to follow. The greatest challenge for me, of course, will be to find a way to step into the giant tracks

left by our wonderful present Governor, **Anne Winkler**. Anne, you have been our leader, our friend, our colleague, and our mom...for all you are and all you have done we thank you. Your strong presence these past four years is unsurpassed, and your continued presence will be a gift much appreciated. To all of you, I again say thanks. The years to come will be an adventure much enjoyed and a challenge much anticipated.

MEDICARE UPDATE

By now everyone has heard about Congress forestalling the 5% reduction Medicare planned for 2007. This does not fix the real problem of how the update is calculated based on a statutory provision. What can you do to help? Begin a regular correspondence with your senators and representative in anticipation of this issue needing the attention of Congress in late-2007.

The ACP website has a section marked Advocacy which will keep you up to date on Medicare payment; Physician Voluntary Reporting Program; and Congressional action in the area of Healthcare Information Technology.

Visit www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy/lac.htm?hp every few weeks to keep informed.

MISSOURI'S OWN DR MICHAEL PERRY NAMED MACP

The College has announced new Masters for 2007. Included in the list is **Michael C. Perry**, MD, FACP of Columbia. The title Master in the American College of Physicians (MACP) will be conferred on Dr Perry at the April College meeting in San Diego.

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WWW.ACP-MISSOURI.ORG

2006 CHAPTER MEETING

The annual meeting of the Missouri Chapter was held at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Osage Beach, MO September 28 - October 1. Internists from all parts of Missouri earned up to 18.75 hours of CME from internal medicine update lectures, back surgery, and small group workshops. Representing ACP was **Joel Levine**, MD, FACP, a member of the Board of Regents. Dr Levine presented the Missouri Chapter and Dr Winkler with the Chapter Excellence Award presented annually to those chapters which meet established criteria. Also recognized were our Student Clerkship winners, our Volunteer Awards, and **Thomas Olsen**, MD, FACP as Laureate.

This year's meeting marked an expansion of the Chapter's efforts to create a meeting forum for subsets of our membership. The directors of Missouri's internal medicine residency programs met at our meeting for the first time in 2005. This year, in addition to the directors, the Missouri Chapter hosted meetings for hospitalists and chief residents. These groups will be again be invited to meet during the 2007 meeting.

CLERKSHIP AWARDS

The ACP Clerkship Award honors medical students who have recently completed the third year of training and who performed meritoriously in their junior year clinical clerkships General Internal Medicine. These students were invited to the Chapter meeting and presented with a certificate and a \$400 check.

- Saint Louis University - **Jared Jones**
- University of Missouri, Columbia - **Thomas "Ben" Morrison**
- University of Missouri, Kansas City - **Andrew Moore**
- Washington University - **Karrie Amor**

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The following physicians were recognized at the Chapter meeting for their volunteer contributions.

- Jonathan Jacobs, MD of Kansas City for his work caring for people displaced by Katrina.
- **Norm Knowlton**, MD, FACP of Springfield has worked with the football program at Springfield Catholic High School for 20+

years.

- **Jerry Fance**, MD, FACP of St Louis has been very involved with the efforts to redevelop a neighborhood adjacent to Forest Park.

The Missouri Chapter of the ACP Volunteer Award is selected based on nominations of members. If you know of a worthy recipient, please send a nomination to mills@msma.org.

MISSOURI CHAPTER PREPARES FOR 2007

The 2007 Missouri Chapter meeting will return to Tan Tar A and begin with two hours of CME on Thursday night September 27 and continuing until noon on Sunday, September 30. The preliminary list of speakers and topics follows:

1. Barrett's / Esophageal abnormalities/GERD / PPI - **John Marshall**, MD
2. Breast cancer - **Joe Muscato**, MD
3. C. Difficile - **Walt Coyle**, MD
4. Chronic Azotemia and proteinuria - drugs to avoid - **Ahmed Awad**, MD
5. Diabetes - **David Gardner**, MD
6. Electrolyte review - **Barry Wood**, MD
7. Federal Update: **Rich Trachtman**, ACP, Director, Legislative Affairs
8. Geriatrics: spells - **John Morley**, MD
9. Gout and pseudo-gout - **Norm Simon**, DO
10. Health Literacy: communicating effectively when the patient doesn't understand - Drs. **David Fleming** and **Karen Edison**
11. HIV - **Donna Sweet**, MD
12. Hyper / Hypocalcemia - calcium abnormalities - **William Clutter**, MD
13. Insomnia
14. Leukemia / lymphoma - **John DePerzio**, MD
15. New approaches to arrhythmia and atrial fibrillation re: new developments, new devices, new uses, and size - **Greg Flaker**, MD
16. Pulmonary hypertension - **Murali Chakinala**, MD
17. Stump the Professor - TBA
18. Vaccination update - TBA
19. Valvular heart disease: aortic stenosis/valve disease - **Richard Whiting**, MD
20. Shoulder exams - what Internists should know - **Mark Adams**, MD

WORKSHOPS

1. Dermatology - **Karen Edison**, MD
2. Diabetes - Insulin - **David Gardner**, MD

Hospitalist Workshops - 2 hours of CME - TBA

ACP FOUNDATION

The College set up a non-profit foundation named ACP Foundation in 1999 to raise money for projects to educate the public about medical issues and to help teach physicians about changes taking place in internal medicine. ACP Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of College members and representatives from the public and solicits donations from industry, members, and through events such as auctions by the outgoing Class of the Board of Governors at the fall Board of Governors' conference.

The Foundation is committed to educating the public and improving public health and has produced a number of successful videos and literature which have been translated in Spanish and which are free to members. You may have seen them displayed on the ACP table at your chapter meeting. They include such items as Patient Education literature and videos, Health Tips, Health Literacy videos. The Foundation created the Information Rx Project with the National Library of Medicine to refer patients to credible, useful internet information about common chronic diseases through MEDLINEplus (www.medlineplus.gov). The Foundation holds annual national health communication conferences to address problems of poor interpersonal communication and messages going to and from patients and their insurers. It also developed a guide to promote patient self-management in diabetes and facilitate provider-patient communication and joint decision-making. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the ACP Foundation and browse through its Web site at <http://foundation.acponline.org>. The Missouri Chapter makes an annual donation of one dollar for each member to the ACP Foundation.

CHAPTER MEETING SUPPORT - 2006

The Missouri Chapter would like to thank the following companies who supported the Annual Meeting.

- Abbott
- Army
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Centocor
- Forest Pharmaceuticals
- Laboratory Corporation of America

- Linde Healthcare
- Medtronic
- Merck Human Health
- Novartis
- Ortho McNeil Pharmaceuticals
- Pfizer
- Primaris
- Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals
- Sanofi-Aventis
- Schering Plough
- St. John's Clinic, Springfield, MO
- TEAM Health
- Wyeth

NPI: GET IT. SHARE IT. USE IT.

The deadline set by CMS for NPI (National Provider Identifier) is May 23, 2007. This leaves a relatively short time for your office to get your NPI and test it to ensure claims will be properly processed after May 23. Go to: www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand and click on "How to Apply."

The 1500 claim form requires your office to use the NPI of referring physicians. The Greater Kansas City Medical Managers Association (www.gkcmma.com) has created a unique database open to all Missouri and Kansas physician offices to register their own NPI and to find the NPIs of other physicians. Your office should expect a number of phone calls requesting your NPI if you choose not to register it online.

Getting an NPI is free -
not having one can be costly.

CALENDAR:

- February 16 - Ballot due
- March 3 Missouri Chapter Council meeting - Columbia
- March 17 Cape Girardeau Medical Society Internal Medicine Review - Cape Girardeau
- April 14 - Missouri Chapter CME during MSMA convention in Kansas City
- April 19-21 - ACP meeting in San Diego
- September 27 - 30 - Missouri Chapter meeting at Tan Tar A

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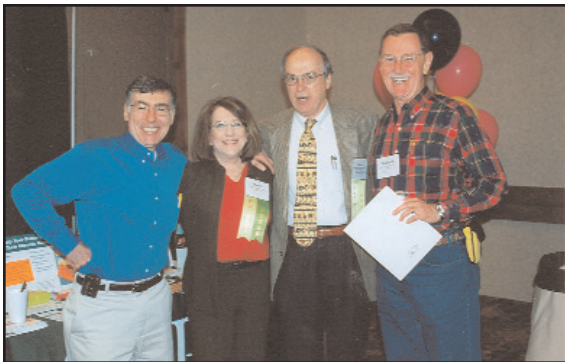
PHOTO GALLERY



Drs. Dan Goodenberger and Joel Levine, Regent



Dr. Mike Ditmore, Medicaid Director (since retired)



Drs. Joe Muscato; Mary Muscato; Alan Forker; and Bill Fogarty



Dr. Anne Winkler, Missouri Governor

ACP Council - Election Ballot

The Nominations Committee for the Council of the Missouri Chapter recommends:

Nominated for a second three-year term (vote for four):

- Musaddeque Ahmad, MD, FACP**
- Brent Beasley, MD, FACP**
- Richard Butin, MD and**
- Margaret Hochreiter, MD**

Please vote by fax 573-636-8552

Ballot deadline February 16