

Jay L. Larson, MD, FACP



Doctor Jay Larson was born in Moorhead, Minnesota in 1961. He received his B.A. in Biology in 1982 from Carroll College and his M.D. from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1987. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals in Salt Lake City in 1990.

Dr. Larson has practiced general internal medicine in Helena, Montana since 1990. He became an Associate of the American College of Physicians in 1988, a Member in 1990 and advanced to Fellowship in 1995. He served on the Governor's Advisory Council from 1999 to 2003. He was co-chair of the scientific meeting of the Montana Chapter of the American College of Physicians in 1996 and again in 2004. At the 1996 meeting he is remembered for presenting: "Pizza ala Osler" where we learned how to make healthy pizza.

Dr. Larson has served on multiple hospital committees at St. Peters Hospital including the medical staff executive committee, credentials, quality assurance/quality improvement, and has served as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine. He has given multiple presentations on a variety of subjects to the medical staff as well as presentations to the general public. He has been a peer physician advisor for the Montana/Wyoming Foundation for Medical Care. He has had leadership roles in home health and nursing home care. He has acted as a preceptor for clerkship students from the University of Montana School of Pharmacy and to physician assistant students. He has been the internal medicine representative on the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee.

In recent years he has become increasingly interested and involved with the difficulties facing physicians and especially general internists. This includes the decreasing numbers of primary care physicians and the decreasing reimbursement.

He began to educate his patients about these issues which led to his meeting and getting to know Senator Baucus and his staff.

He has given them facts about his own practice and the effects of medicare reimbursement. He met with our Senators during the American College of Physicians recent Leadership Day in Washington, DC. Dr. Larson has been sought out by the Montana press for his expertise on the subject of primary care.

Dr. Larson is an excellent practitioner. One of his colleagues describes him as "a doctor's doctor".

The Montana Chapter of the American College of physicians is pleased to present its Laureate Award to Dr. Jay Larson for his excellence in patient care, his commitment to improving the practice of medicine and his support of our profession.