



## Governor's Corner

Welcome to the 2009 Spring/Summer Newsletter. I apologize for the significant delay in getting this semi-annual newsletter to you, but I was deployed from late March until the end of July on USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) in support of CONTINUING PROMISE 09 (CP09), our partnership with our Latin American neighbors. This year, we visited seven Latin American countries – Haiti, Dominican Republic, Antigua and Barbuda, Panama, Colombia, El Salvador and Nicaragua, providing surgical, medical, dental and optometry care to the people there. Many other accomplishments also occurred, including the completion of a number of construction projects by a co-deployed Seabee detachment, educational exchanges, subject matter exchanges (both military and medical) and a tremendous number of veterinary services. By any measure, the mission was a remarkable success, with nearly 1400 surgeries performed and over 100,000 patients seen at the combined MEDCAP/DENECAP sites. The healthcare provided on this mission was performed by the Navy (active duty and reserves), in addition to the significant and necessary assistance of representatives from the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Public Health Service, as well as partner nations (including Canada, Netherlands, France, Brazil, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Chile, among other countries) and a number of non-government organizations (most notably Project Hope, Operation Smile, Latter Day Saints (LDS), University of California (San Diego) Pre-Dental Society and others). In addition to the humanitarian care provided, we had liberty stops in Miami; Cartagena, Colombia; Panama City, Panama; and Ft. Lauderdale. We also traversed the Panama Canal, as well as crossed the Equator – yes, I have both my “Order of the Ditch” and “Shellback” certificates.

Overall, we provided a lot of good for a lot of people, although the medical accomplishments (urgent care often providing no more than temporary relief of suffering) likely had a far less permanent impact than the changes made by the surgical, dental and optometry care. The feedback that we received from host nations and the patients for whom we provided care was almost universally positive, though the most poignant and significant feedback was provided by the mayor of Tumaco, Colombia, the site of our MEDCAP/DENECAP operations in Colombia. He told us that Tumaco is 365 years old this year, and nothing like the visit of USNS COMFORT had ever occurred before in the history of Tumaco. Speaking for his community, he stated that our visit marked a new chapter in the history of Tumaco, and that both the city and the people would be changed forever for the better because of our visit. His kind words really put things in perspective for all of us – these humanitarian missions are relevant, they do make a difference and they need to continue, both from a political as well as a healthcare perspective. “Pill diplomacy” is alive and well.

In conjunction with my deployment, there are several people within the Navy Internal Medicine Community that I specifically want to recognize. First, CP09 would not have been the success that it was without the presence and continued hard work of my fellow deployed Internists – **CDR Eric Schwartzman** (Chief of Cardiology, NMCP); **LCDR Todd Gleeson** (Infectious Diseases, NNMC); **LCDR Jim Lyons** (Cardiology, NNMC); **LT Mike Barretti** (Internal Medicine, Naval Hospital Jacksonville); and **LT Karen Jacobson** (Internal Medicine, Naval Hospital Pensacola). Second, I owe a debt of gratitude to **CAPT Lisa Inouye** (Internal Medicine Program Director, NMCP) for her role as Acting Governor, Navy Chapter ACP while I was deployed.

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With the upcoming annual Navy Chapter ACP Scientific Meeting, I am obligated to remind our membership that there is a chronic need for nominations for the annual Chapter awards, specifically the Volunteerism, Sparks and Laureate awards. The criteria for these awards have been updated and are posted to the Navy Chapter ACP website at [http://www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/chapters/navy/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/navy/). Chapter members are strongly encouraged to nominate those deemed most deserving of these prestigious honors. Please forward your nominations as soon as possible to the Chairman of the Chapter Awards Committee, **LCDR Tom Hicks** ([Thomas.Hicks@med.navy.mil](mailto:Thomas.Hicks@med.navy.mil)).

As in the past, I encourage you to forward contributions to our semi-annual Chapter Newsletter to me anytime at [Jeffrey.Cole@med.navy.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Cole@med.navy.mil) for consideration for inclusion in the newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Navy Chapter ACP Scientific Meeting (8 October 2009 through 10 October 2009) in Bethesda, Maryland.

**CAPT JEFFREY B. COLE, MC, USN, FACP**  
**GOVERNOR, NAVY CHAPTER ACP**

## **ACP EVENTS: INTERNAL MEDICINE 2009**

Internal Medicine 2009, the National ACP scientific meeting, was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from Thursday, 23 April 2009 through Saturday, 25 April 2009, preceded by a two-day pre-course. By all reports, the meeting was a rousing success. **CAPT Lisa Inouye** was on hand as the Acting Governor of the Navy Chapter ACP.

Six new ACP Fellows were on hand to march in the annual Convocation Ceremony, including **CAPT Rachel Chastanet, CDR Charmagne Beckett, LCDR Janine Danko, LCDR Joseph Martin, Dr. Daniel Rakowski** and **Dr. Sharon Reed**.

As a Chapter, the Navy Chapter ACP Associate members were well recognized at Internal Medicine 2009. A research poster was presented by **LT Rahim Remtulla** from National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland. Additionally, clinical vignette posters were presented by **LT Nicholas Logemann** and **LT Tinika Montgomery**, both from NNMC, and by **LT Richard Hedelius** from Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth (NMCP), Virginia.

Last but not least, the Navy had two "*Doctors' Dilemma*" teams chosen to compete at the national meeting. The team from NMCP, **LT Eric Yeung, LT Alicia Warnock** and **LT Daniel Bowers**, represented the Navy Chapter ACP. However, it was the team from NNMC, **LT Gregory Fuhrer, LT Aaron Flanders** and **LT Evan May**, winners of the District of Columbia Chapter ACP "*Doctors' Dilemma*" competition, that made it to the finals of the "*Doctors' Dilemma*" competition at the national meeting. Despite a superb effort, the NNMC team finished as runner-up in the national competition, narrowly losing to the team from Northern Illinois.

In all, Internal Medicine 2009 was a remarkable success. As a reminder, please register as soon as possible for Internal Medicine 2010, to be held in Toronto, Canada from Thursday, 22 April 2010 through Saturday, 24 April 2010. For your convenience, please visit [www.acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org) to facilitate the registration process. Also, as a reminder, please ensure that you have an up-to-date passport in preparation for travel to this meeting.

**CAPT LISA INOUE, MC, USN, FACP**  
**ACTING GOVERNOR, NAVY CHAPTER ACP**

**CAPT JEFFREY B. COLE, MC, USN, FACP**  
**GOVERNOR, NAVY CHAPTER ACP**

## NAVY CHAPTER ACP 2009 SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The Navy Chapter ACP Scientific Meeting is scheduled to be held from Thursday, 8 October 2009 through Saturday, 10 October 2009. The theme for the meeting is "Navy Internal Medicine: Executing the Mission at Home and Abroad." **David L. Bronson, MD, FACP**, ACP Regent, academician and clinician, has agreed to be the College Representative at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland, co-located on the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) campus, across the street from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Lodging is available at the Navy Lodge Bethesda, again conveniently also located on the NNMC campus. The Awards Dinner will be held at the Army and Navy Club located on Farragut Square in downtown Washington, DC. Please visit the Henry M, Jackson Foundation website <https://www01.hjf.org/apps/internet/events2.nsf/eventView2/50677FE98721F1CA852575C80054FDEA> for additional information regarding registration for both the Scientific Meeting and the Awards Dinner, in addition to lodging (go to the "Hotel Information" tab on the website). Military uniform for active duty Navy attendees at the Scientific Meeting will be Service Dress Blues; military uniform for active duty Navy attendees at the Awards Dinner will be Mess Dress Blues.

Additionally, please provide nominations for the Volunteerism Award, the Chapter Laureate Award, and the Sparks Award (Outstanding Internist at a Non-Teaching or Family Practice Training Hospital) to **LCDR Tom Hicks** ([Thomas.Hicks@med.navy.mil](mailto:Thomas.Hicks@med.navy.mil)) (Chairman, Awards Committee) as soon as possible.

Last, but certainly not least, all Associate Members are encouraged to provide abstracts for research and/or clinical vignettes for consideration for podium and poster presentations at the meeting. Please visit the Navy Chapter ACP website to electronically submit an abstract. Please note the due date of Sunday, 16 August 2009 by midnight.

**LCDR DAVID BRETT-MAJOR, USN, ACP MEMBER**  
**PROGRAM CHAIR, NAVY SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2009**

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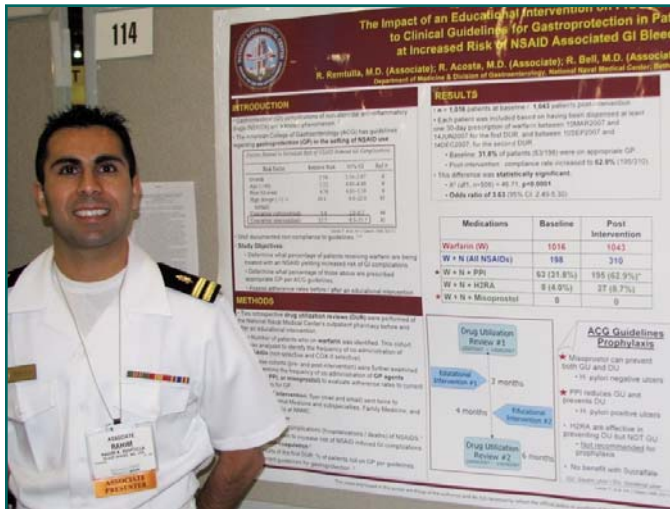
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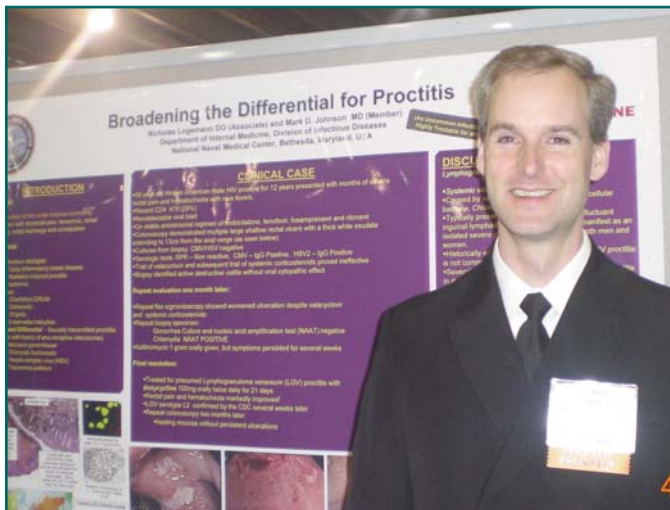
New ACP Fellows (L to R): CDR Charmagne Beckett, CAPT Rachel Chastanet, LCDR Janine Danko, Dr. Daniel Rakowski, Dr. Sharon Reed, CAPT Lisa Inouye (Acting Governor--Navy Chapter ACP)--not pictured: LCDR Joseph Martin



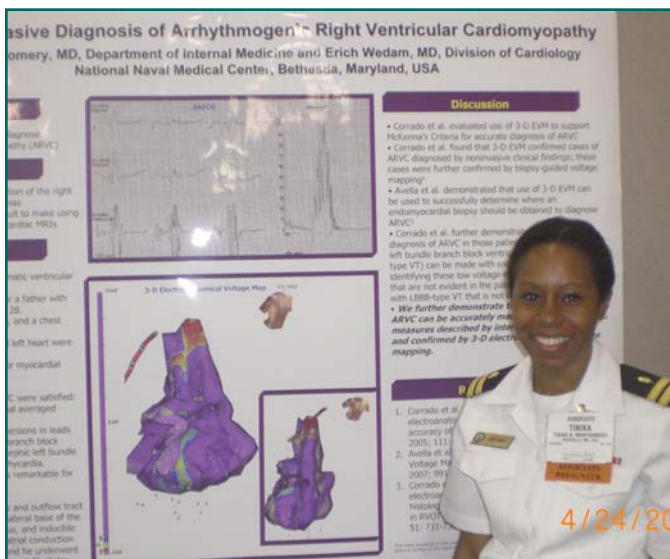
National runner-up team in IM2009 'Doctors' Dilemma' Competition (L to R): LT Evan May, LT Gregory Fuhrer, LT Aaron Flanders (all from NNMC)



LT Rahim Remtulla (NNMC) and his research poster



LT Nicholas Logemann (NNMC) and his clinical vignette poster



LT Tinika Montgomery (NNMC) and her clinical vignette poster



*LT Richard Hedelius (NNMCP) and his clinical Vignette poster*



*Deployed Internists on USNS COMFORT (T-AH-20) in support of CONTINUING PROMISE 09 (L to R): LCDR Jim Lyons (Cardiology, NNMCP), CDR Eric Schwartzman (Cardiology, NMCP), CAPT Jeff Cole (Internal Medicine, NMCP), LT Karen Jacobson (Internal Medicine, NH Pensacola), LT Mike Baretti (Internal Medicine, NH Jacksonville), LCDR Todd Gleeson (Infectious Diseases, NNMCP)*