

Upcoming Events

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Governor's Message



Greetings,

It is hard to believe a full year has passed since my last newsletter. One thing I would appreciate from all of you is a quick email if you actually are reading this letter. I don't want to contribute to your barrage of junk mail as I know how busy each of us are keeping up with things that are important. So if you are reading this please send me a quick email to let me know dmerrithew@raodrunner.com. If I don't get any responses I'll find a better way to communicate. In this newsletter you will find information on what is happening with the chapter and the college nationally. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or volunteer to participate in any of the activities.

Governor Elect

As I enter the last year of my term as Governor elections were held this fall for my successor. The chapter was very fortunate to have 2 highly qualified members run for this office. **Dick Lafleur** from Derry and **Lin Brown** from Lebanon are both Fellows of the college who have served for quite some time on the Governor's Council. They have both been involved at the state and national level through advocacy, state meetings, council, and the IMIG. After a close vote Lin Brown has been elected as our next Governor. I will be working closely with Lin over the next year to ease her into this new role. I have no doubt that the chapter will be in good hands when my term ends. I am sure I speak for the entire membership when I congratulate Lin on her election and thank Dick for his willingness to run. I know we have not seen the last of Dick, he is an integral part of much that we do as a chapter.

Leadership Day on Capital Hill

Each year in May the ACP holds a 2 day training and advocacy meeting in Washington DC to lobby congress on health care legislation. Each year our chapter sends 4 representatives to this meeting. With the sweeping changes in Washington this year and **President-elect Obama's** stated goal of health care reform as part of the economic reform, I expect this year's meeting will be one of the most interesting. The 2 days are packed with 1 ½ days of advocacy training by our Washington staff immediately followed by a day of face to face meetings with our 4 legislators. We try to get new members involved each year by sending 2 "seasoned" members paired with 2 "Rookies". If you are interested in political advocacy I strongly encourage you to get involved. Contact me if you would like to be one of our representatives this year. If you can't go to DC but would like to

be involved sign up to be a "Key Contact" for the ACP. You will receive email notices from the college about upcoming legislation and asked to contact your senators and representatives. The ACP makes this process very easy with email links and prewritten letters that you can easily modify with personal information. This year's Leadership Day will occur May 19-20, 2009. Primary care needs your voice.

Internal Medicine Interest Group

The chapter for many years has supported an Internal Medicine interest group for 1st and 2nd year medical students at Dartmouth. This is a forum not only for IM staff at DHMC but also community Internists to interact with young medical students in an informal setting. The purpose is to expose these students to the things we love about being an Internist away from the stress of our everyday practices. The kickoff for this group was held again this year at Jesse's restaurant in Lebanon in September. The student leaders are **Nicholas Tangchaivang** and **Chris Audu**. **Michelle L'Heureux** is the staff coordinator of this activity for the chapter. Please feel free to contact her at Michelle.M.L'Heureux@Hitchcock.org if you would like to volunteer to meet with the students. They normally meet either at lunch or late afternoon over refreshments paid for by the chapter and the college. Now more than ever we need these students to see the value and joy that a career in Internal Medicine can give them.

Chapter Finances

I would like to speak for a moment about our chapter finances. New Hampshire is one of only a few chapters of the ACP or professional societies in general that solely supports its activities on the dues of its members. Almost all other chapters receive money from industry particularly pharmaceutical support. For as long as I have been involved with leadership our chapter has made the conscious choice not to accept pharma support. We have received a few unrestricted educational grants from major insurers to support our chapter meeting but even these have been limited. I believe the ethics behind this choice are right for us as physicians and for our patients. This choice however does have consequences. Our state meetings are not lavish and we annually spend a good portion of our budget on them. We have no paid administrative staff as do most chapters leaving the work of the chapter to the governor and council. As a result we don't run as many activities as we would like. Despite these restrictions we continue to compare well statistically with other chapters. We have a high percentage of Internists in the state who are members of the ACP. We support dues for all the IM residents at DHMC. We participate yearly in Leadership activities in DC. If you have any thoughts on chapter finances I urge you to speak up and let me know.

Chapter Annual Meeting

The chapter held its annual meeting October 13 at the Holiday Inn in Concord. We heard excellent presentations on the physician shortage issue (or is it real), an infectious disease update, and stroke as well as our perennial M&M presentation, Associates posters and presentations, and college update. The meeting was supported this year by an educational grant from Anthem. Lakes Region Healthcare sponsored the CME and provided technical support as well. Lin Brown again served as meeting planner with valuable assistance from her staff person **Linda Jarvis**. Thanks to all who came and made this another successful meeting. We hope to hold a joint meeting again next fall with the Vermont chapter. If so Vermont will be hosting the meeting and you will receive timely information next year.

Visit the Chapter website at
www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/nh

College Targets Emerging Leaders at IM 2009

If you are planning to attend IM 2009 in Philadelphia this year, consider going early so you can attend one of the new leadership development pre-courses offered on Wednesday, April 22. "Essential Competencies for the Emerging Leader" was offered for the first time last year, and was very successful. It combined plenary presentations with small group discussions to help develop competencies in self-assessment, effective communication, team building, and negotiation. To find out more, or to register, go to

https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE904.

An advanced course is also available: "Leadership Competencies: Beyond the Basics." Again using plenary presentations and small group interaction, the faculty will focus on skills needed to create a shared vision, think strategically, empower others, and manage change. More information and registration are available at https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE905.

You can also register by phone at 1 800 523 1546, ext. 2600.

Member cost is \$209 before 2/13/09 and \$289 after that.

Other leadership topics covered during IM Week include:

Leadership and Career Advancement for International Medical Graduates; Teaching Residents and Fellows to Teach; New Ideas for Reforming the US Health Care System; Communicating between Generations; Effective Negotiation Skills; Resolving Competing Imperatives; Presentation Skills for Physicians; Teaching, Learning, and Assessing Medical Professionalism; How to Run a Meeting, Manage Time, and Develop Consensus.

All of these courses count towards earning a LEAD (Leadership Enhancement and Development) Certificate. For more information on this award go to:

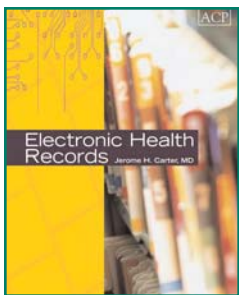
https://www.acponline.org/education_recertification/resources/leadership_development/certificate/.

To find out how you can get more involved in our own chapter's leadership, go to <http://www.acponline.org/lead>, and click on ACP Chapter Activities or contact me at dmerrithew@roadrunner.com.

Electronic Health Records, Second Edition

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A leading resource in evaluating, purchasing, implementing, and using an electronic health records system (EHR), this fully revised new edition continues to help even the most technology-challenged reader master key concepts. *Electronic Health Records, Second Edition* is a user-friendly guide, presenting information in a clear and precise manner and providing readers with a solid understanding of what electronic health records are and do.



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