

# New Hampshire Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## **SAVE THE DATE** **October 10, 2003**

You may have already received the detailed program and registration form for the Scientific Meeting, which will be held at the Hanover Inn. The program is sponsored jointly by the NH and VT ACP Chapters, and highlights include the following:

- A presentation by Dr. Gerald Spindel on the diagnosis of common eye problems
- An introduction to PET Scanning by Dr. Mike Sarson
- A group of case studies dealing with hospital infections, moderated by Dr. Christopher Grace
- An update on the prevention of nephrolithiasis by Dr. Virginia Hood

Also included in the program will be an Associates' and Students' Abstract Forum as moderated by Dr. Chris Holmes and a panel discussion on Internal Medicine topics of general interest, to be moderated by Dr. Mark Levine. Included on that panel will be Dr. Lynn Kirk, our visiting college representative from Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Elaine Silverman from DHMC Lebanon. Dr. Kirk will present the College Update and Bob Doherty, representing the ACP office of Governmental Affairs and Public Policy, will present an overview of the Washington office of the ACP and will discuss the role of the physician in Advocacy. Dr. Hood, the retiring ACP Governor from Vermont will be presented with the Laureate Award.

We expect to have one of the leading presidential candidates as a featured speaker during our lunch. The all-day meeting will begin with a continental breakfast and will end with a wine and cheese reception.

**Be sure to save the date, 10/10/03.**

## **NH ACP COUNCIL**

Members of the Council include **Bob Block** of Concord, **Dick LaFleur** and **Ed Yourtee** of Derry, **Deb Scott** of Plainfield, **Dave Towne** of Plymouth, **Peter Walkley** of Laconia, **Bob Englund** of Keene, **Lin Brown**, **Fran** and **Hal Friedman** of Lebanon, and our newest member, **Elaine Silverman**, also of Lebanon. The Council meets two or three times per year with periodic updates by e mail.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Council voted last year to pay \$50 of the \$99 membership registration fee for all Associate memberships. This comes as a timely announcement because the membership renewal forms and reminders go out at

about this time. Associate members are encouraged to forward their application forms to **Dr. Englund at 71 Cameron Cove, Munsonville, New Hampshire 03457**. Members and Fellows are urged to review their memberships promptly.

### **NHMS REPRESENTATION**

There is a position available on the Board of the New Hampshire Medical Society for a representative of the ACP. If any ACP member is interested in serving in this capacity, please notify Bob Englund at **Robert.J.Englund@Hitchcock.org** or call **603 354-5400, ext. 5033**. Also, there is a position available to represent New Hampshire physicians on the Medicare B Carrier Advisory Committee.

### **DARTMOUTH IMIG**

The Internal Medicine Interest Group at Dartmouth has had a number of meetings in which they are introduced to the various variations on the theme of Internal Medicine. The NH Chapter is pleased to continue to fund their “take out” meals for these programs.

### **LEADERSHIP DAY**

In mid May, **Ed Schiavoni** and **Dick Lafleur** of Derry, **Bill Palmer** of Cornish, and **Bob Englund** attended Leadership Day on Capital Hill. We were among more than 200 ACP doctors representing 40 states. The first of the two days included presentations sponsored by the Washington office of the ACP which prepared us for individual meetings which we had set up with our Representatives and Senators on Wednesday, the 14th. The four of us met with **Congressmen Bass and Bradley** and with senior staff of the offices of **Senators Sununu and Gregg**. Our primary mission was to encourage their support of the HealthCARE Act of 2003 (Health Coverage, Affordability, Reliability, and Equity legislation) which is a bill introduced to the Senate by **Senator Jeff Bingamon** of New Mexico. The ACP had extensive input in the writing of this legislation designed to expand existing programs so that all Americans will qualify affordable health insurance coverage by the end of this decade. We also reviewed the importance of support of the Medicare Fee Schedule and Medicare Regulatory Relief as well as brief discussion of liability reform. We were prepared to encourage support of adequate funding for bioterrorism preparedness, but time was limited.

### **THE ACP WEBSITE**

I again call your attention to <[acponline.org](http://acponline.org)> This website has a wealth of information. The MKSAP quiz question is generally a stimulating introduction to the website, and there are direct references to all of the publications, CME options, Chapter activities, and the newest additions to PIER. Check it out!

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HANDGUN INJURY PREVENTION?**

Doctors Against Handgun Injuries (DAHI) has formed a new online Physician Network, which updates physicians on the handgun injury prevention issue, and provides them with opportunities to take action on the state and federal levels. DAHI is a coalition of 12 national medical societies, including the American College of Physicians, dedicated to bringing the medical and public health perspectives to handgun injury prevention. DAHI is headed by **Dr. Jerry Barondess**, MACP, who is a former ACP President.

To sign up, please e-mail Rebecca Bruno, DAHI Program Associate, at [rbruno@nyam.org](mailto:rbruno@nyam.org) with the following information: **name, specialty, place of business, e-mail address and mailing address**.

For more information, please visit DAHI's website at [www.doctorsagainsthandinjury.org](http://www.doctorsagainsthandinjury.org).

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS ONLINE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PHYSICIANS

The ACP Young Physicians Subcommittee (YPS) believes it is very important to provide opportunities for young physicians to communicate with more established internists. We are happy to introduce a new mentoring database to assist you by providing guidance from senior College members, including program directors, chairs of medicine, and practicing internists. These physicians are in a unique position to teach their younger colleagues how best to excel in the clinical, academic, or administrative world without making needless emotional or financial sacrifices along their way.

The mentorship database is organized by state and specialty. Interested physicians can get e-mail addresses from the database at [www.acponline.org/college/membership/yp\\_mentor.htm](http://www.acponline.org/college/membership/yp_mentor.htm) and contact volunteer physicians directly.

If you would like to be added to our list of mentors, fill out the form found at [http://www.acponline.org/college/membership/yp\\_newmentors.htm](http://www.acponline.org/college/membership/yp_newmentors.htm) and e-mail it to us. Please contact Jean Elliott, the YPS administrator, at 800-523-1546, x2692 (toll free), 215-351-2692 (local), 215-351-2759 (fax) or [celliot@acponline.org](mailto:celliot@acponline.org), if you would like more information about the program.

## PIER IS HERE... THE PHYSICIANS' INFORMATION AND EDUCATION RESOURCE

**PIER**, The Physicians' Information and Education Resource, is now available for exclusive preview by ACP members

**What PIER Is** - Integrated with the College's other medical information and education resources, PIER is ACP's new, electronic, Web-based, decision support tool designed for rapid point-of-care delivery of up-to-date, evidence-based guidance for physicians. PIER contains modules focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and will eventually include sections on prevention and screening, procedures, ethical and legal issues, complementary and alternative medicine, and patient education. ACP members can visit the PIER web site by going to <http://pier.acponline.org>.

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