



**Governor's Welcome**

Greetings to all Ohio ACP Members. Our annual meeting is right around the corner. News about this meeting follows, as well as updates about new Fellows, Membership, and Advocacy.

**2008 Ohio ACP Meeting - Update, Innovate, Interact, Advocate**

I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our upcoming Ohio ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting, October 16-17, 2008 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The core meeting begins 10/17/08 with updates of the most important advances in hospital and ambulatory medicine over the past year. Our College Representative **Molly Cooke, MD, FACP**, will discuss ACP initiatives, and will join our **Governor, Mark Mayer, MD, FACP**, to discuss health policy issues. The morning concludes with examples of practice innovations from YOU, Ohio Internists. New this year will be "Lunch with an Expert" where you and your colleagues can discuss your most puzzling infectious disease cases with **Keith Armitage, MD, FACP** or your most difficult ethical dilemmas with **Russ Bedsole, MD**.

After lunch we have the always lively poster session and then we will have a little fun with a Meet the Professor/Thieves Market mystery case conference. Following this will be a Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind session modeled after the national meeting. Hot-topic clinical questions gathered from around the state will be answered using the latest and best evidence.

In the late afternoon, four Associate members have been selected to present their abstracts.

The evening begins with a reception and dinner, with a talk by **Molly Cooke, MD, FACP** on Generational Issues in Internal Medicine. Our Chapter Awards follow, celebrating and recognizing career accomplishments, chapter innovations and excellence, and outstanding scholarly work by our students and associates.

On Thursday night 10/16/08, for those of you who want to come early, we will have the annual Quiz Bowl where you can meet, greet, and compete with your fellow ACP members (CME credits offered for the first time this year!). We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Additional meeting information and registration form; <http://www.acponline.org/meetings/chapter/oh-2008.pdf>. Or contact Carla Biggert at [biggerc@ccf.org](mailto:biggerc@ccf.org) or 440-821-0240.

**Eric Warm MD, FACP, Chair, 2008 Program Committee**

**More Details on the Upcoming Meeting**

**Meet, Greet, Compete - Annual Quiz Bowl, Thursday, October 16, 7:30-8:30 pm**

This year, you can earn 1 Hour of CME Credit, for attending the Quiz Bowl. **Eric Warm, MD, FACP** has again prepared a challenging and fun interactive session. The attendees divide into teams. The winning team members will be recognized as on our web site as "The Smartest Doctors in Ohio". Plan to attend the Chapter Social at 7:00 pm before the quiz bowl.

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## **Advancement to Fellowship Workshop- Friday, October 17, 12:05 pm**

Begin your application for Advancement to ACP Fellowship at our workshop. We will outline the process and pathways for advancement, provide application packets and sample letters. Bring your CVs; current Fellows from the Ohio Chapter will be on hand to review these.

## **Poster Competition- Friday, October 17, 12:45-1:45 pm - JUDGES NEEDED**

Judges are needed for the Associate and Medical Student Abstract Poster Competition.

For more information or to volunteer contact [Carla;biggerc@ccf.org](mailto:Carla;biggerc@ccf.org)

## **Chapter Elections - Friday, October 17, 3:50 pm**

Elections will be held during our Town Hall and Business Meeting. The following members have been nominated:

Secretary/Treasurer

**Doug Federman, MD**

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**Scott Stienecker, MD, FACP**

**David McMahan, MD, FACP**

**Susan Williams, MD**

## **Chapter Reception and Awards Dinner, October 17, 6:00 pm**

Please join me to celebrate and recognize; **Thomas M. Koroscil, MD, PhD, FACP** and **Donald A. Underwood, MD, FACP**. **Thomas M. Koroscil, MD, PhD, FACP** will be presented the *James S. Tan, MD, MACP Laureate Award* and **Donald A. Underwood, MD, FACP** will be presented with the *Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP Master Teacher Award*.

## **Advancement to ACP Fellowship- July 1, 2008**

Congratulations to the following members who advanced to Fellowship since the last newsletter!

**Akinfemi S Afolabi, MBChB FACP**

**Stephen R Beck, MD FACP**

**Carol F Collins, MD MPH FACP**

**Mercedes Falciglia, MD FACP**

**Fred Finkelman, MD FACP**

**Rakesh K Gupta, MD FACP**

**Kotagel Shashi Kant, MD FACP**

**Bernard Lenchitz, MD FACP**

**Max C Reif, MD FACP**

**Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MBBS FACP**

**Alan George Smulian, MBBCh FACP**

**David Mark Stern, MD FACP**

**Laura F Wexler, MD FACP**

**Ashish Atreja, MBBS MPH FACP**

**Jalaj Chandna, MBBS FACP**

**Osama M El-Sayed, MD FACP**

**Judith Feinberg, MD FACP**

**Giesele R Greene, MD FACP**

**Scott A Joseph, MD FACP**

**Timmy Lee, MD FACP**

**Mitchell C Rashkin, MD FACP**

**Marta L Render, MD FACP**

**James A Senft, MD PhD FACP**

**Manoocher Soleimani, MD FACP**

**Robin H Vandivier, MD FACP**

## **Membership**

The ACP is an organization that invites and stresses member involvement. I have made this part of my ongoing mission as your Governor. Ohio ranks 40th in the percentage of eligible physicians who are Members. We should aspire to move up the ladder on this one!

We have a rejuvenated Membership Committee, being co-chaired by **Michael Tan, MD, FACP**, and **David Parris, MD, FACP** (incidentally 2 new Fellows who marched in ACP's Convocation in Washington, DC in May!) Help us recruit new members. Spread the word among your colleagues who are not ACP Members. Print out the membership application, put your name in as "Chapter recruiter" and the Ohio ACP Chapter will get credit for new Members you recruit. To paraphrase a former President: "*Ask not what your Chapter can do for you, rather what you can do for your Chapter*". <http://www.acponline.org/racc>

## Committee Members Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve on the following committees; Young Physicians (defined as; a member who is within 16 years of graduating from medical school), Membership, Diversity, Health and Public Policy. For more information or to volunteer contact [Carla; biggerc@ccf.org](mailto:Carla;biggerc@ccf.org).

## Health Policy and Advocacy

### Relief from SGR Cuts, E & M Enhancements, and Medical Home Pilot Expansion

House Bill 6331 passed Congress - twice in July! This legislation rescinded the projected 10.6% "SGR" cut in the conversion factor for Medicare reimbursement for physicians. Your ACP was very active in the fight for this bill. After 2 false starts in the Senate, this passed in both chambers of Congress, then was passed to override the President's veto. **Senator Voinovich** initially voted against cloture in the Senate, then voted for it, and then twice in favor of this bill. Senator Brown and most Ohio Representatives voted for this bill as well.

If you haven't already, write or call your Congress members to thank them for passing this important legislation. This provides positive updates for 18 months, while a longer-term solution to the SGR formula is sought. An additional increase for some E&M codes was also called for in this bill. Expansion of the Medical Home pilot starting in Medicare in 2009 was specified as well. I am proud to note that our Congress members got 143 e-mails and phone calls from Chapter Members. Thanks to all you who contacted your Congress members to help all Internists.

### Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee

The Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) has begun the process of prioritizing issues to leverage via the Ohio State Medical Association. The HPPC is also forming a Task Force on Medicaid and the Uninsured. If you have issues of concern, contact Committee Chair **Helen Koselka, MD, FACP**, at [helen\\_koselka@trihealth.com](mailto:helen_koselka@trihealth.com), or your Governor **Mark Mayer, MD, FACP**, at [mayerm@ccf.org](mailto:mayerm@ccf.org).

### Key Contact Program

ACP's continued success on Capitol Hill greatly depends upon year-round grassroots support from the College's over 5,000 Key Contacts (we have 204 in Ohio - let's make it 250!). Key Contacts communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to medical students, internists and their patients. To enroll as a Key Contact, ACP members are not required to have existing relationships with their members of Congress. ACP gives you the tools necessary to develop and maintain relationships. The program is open to all membership categories. To enroll, go to the following URL: [http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/key\\_contacts/enroll/](http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/key_contacts/enroll/)

### ACP Legislative Action Center

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails or faxes legislative alerts to Key Contacts (occasionally, like during the recent fight over HR 6331, the ACP President sends an email to ALL Members). Legislative alerts include all of the necessary information to make informative contacts with members of Congress, and ACP staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions.

You can use the College's Legislative Action Center (LAC) to respond easily to current ACP legislative alerts, identify your federal legislators, monitor important legislation, and e-mail or call your members of Congress. Often ACP has drafted sample messages that can be easily personalized. Check out the LAC at <http://capwiz.com/acponline/home/>

### 2008 Presidential Candidate Health Care Positions

ACP has developed several tools to help you evaluate key health care issues.

[http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/where\\_we\\_stand/election/](http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/where_we_stand/election/)

Kaiser Family Foundation with the assistance of Health Policy Alternatives, Inc. provides a Side-by-side Comparison of the candidates' positions on health care, based on information appearing on the candidates' websites, and supplemented by information from candidate speeches, campaign debates and news reports. The sources of information are identified for each candidate's summary. The comparison highlights information on the candidates' positions related to access to health care coverage, cost containment, improving the quality of care and financing.

[http://www.health08.org/sidebyside\\_results.cfm?c=5&c=16](http://www.health08.org/sidebyside_results.cfm?c=5&c=16).

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