

Upcoming Events

Ohio Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting

"Access and Innovations"

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Annual Chapter Scientific Meeting, October 12, 2007

Our fall ACP Ohio Chapter Scientific meeting is shaping up to be an outstanding venue for learning, networking, and experiencing the unique strengths of Internal Medicine. The theme of our program for the October 12, 2007 meeting in Columbus will be "Access and Innovations."

You should have received a meeting brochure a few weeks ago. For online meeting information (and registration form you may print out) go to:

www.acponline.org/chapters/oh/news_meet.htm (choose 2007 Annual Chapter Meeting there)

In the evening of October 11, a Medical Student Summit will be held, and the ever-popular Quiz Bowl (an open medical jeopardy); RSVP on the registration form if you plan to attend these.

The "official" meeting will begin Friday morning October 12 with Hospital Medicine and Medicine-Pediatrics Interest Groups, during conference registration. Throughout the day Friday, updates (on new diabetes therapies and immunizations) will be interspersed with talks and interactive sessions on Access to Care, Practice Innovations, the Patient-Centered Medical Home,

"Meet the Professors" (with Audience Response), and Student and Associate Presentations. A Town Hall, and a Workshop on Advancement to Fellowship round out the afternoon. We promise a stimulating dinner speaker, and to cap the evening, Chapter and Abstract Competition Awards.

Our official College representative, **Kathy Weaver**, a Regent of ACP, has devoted much of her professional career to helping solve problems faced by the un- and under-insured. She has been involved in the Oregon Health Plan which helped extend coverage to more people. She will share lessons learned from past efforts to improve access, and will discuss emerging initiatives.

For the first time, we will introduce a session on Practice Innovations. We held a competition among Ohio ACP members in March; during the October 12 meeting, **Drs. Chenowith, Frate, Jones and Saul** will describe their best practice solutions. The Innovations they will present span outpatient and inpatient problems; and private, academic, and hybrid practices. This session will feature brief presentations on solutions to practice challenges, and lessons learned; with a chance to interact with the presenters afterwards.

The meeting will feature Internists at their best, solving diagnostic puzzles, in an interactive Meet the Professor session, with audience participation via an audience response system. Our Program Chair, **Dr. Warm** (UC) will challenge **Drs. Lucey** (OSU), **Armitage** (Case) and **Wiese** (Tulane).

Amanda Denney from Cincinnati will tell us about new diabetes therapies. **Joseph Gastaldo** from Columbus will update us on new immunizations.

Michael Barr, from the ACP Center for Practice Innovation in Washington, DC, will give us a synopsis of 30 small practices being studied in the ACP pilot to help improve quality of care, and implement aspects of improved access and chronic care. He and **Dr. Warm** from Cincinnati will give us a glimpse of the future of the Patient-Centered Medical Home. This session grew out of **Dr. Warm's** talk last year, and questions from the members in the audience (YOU!).

Poster and oral abstract presentations by winners of the medical student and associate competitions will involve our physicians-in-training.

We will hold our Town Hall, providing you a chance to share your questions and wisdom with state and national ACP leaders, and Chapter business meeting and elections (see next section).

Immediately following our scientific meeting, I lead the Advancement to ACP Fellowship Workshop. The half hour session outlines the pathways for fellowship and reviews the application process.

Our dinner speaker, **Jeff Weise** from Tulane, will discuss the medical and human lessons learned in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We'll cap the evening by recognizing the physicians who have distinguished themselves in our Chapter, and recognize the students and associates in this year's abstract competitions.

I'm excited about our upcoming program. Mark your calendars for October 12. Get together with your ACP colleagues; let's make our practices and professional lives better!

Again, to link to the meeting brochure (and print out the registration if your mailed form is missing): www.acponline.org/chapters/oh/news_meet.htm On this page, hit the link 2007 Annual Chapter Meeting

Special Chapter events at the Columbus Convention Center on Thursday 10/11:

- **Medical Students** - Plan to attend The Ohio

Chapter 2nd Annual Medical Student Internal Medicine Summit, Thursday October 11, 2007, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- **Associates and Medical Student Members** - Plan to join us for the Chapter's Quiz Bowl, Thursday, October 11, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

- For additional information on these events and to print registration: www.acponline.org/chapters/oh/news_meet.htm (then 2007 Annual Chapter Meeting)

Associate Council Annual Ohio Chapter Raffle

Participate by buying raffle tickets for medical text books, gift certificates, and sports tickets during the Annual Chapter Meeting. The proceeds help to support the efforts of the Ohio Association of Free Clinics. To learn more visit the ohiofreeclinics.org.

Governor's Advisory Council and Officer Nominations/Elections

The Chapter has a governance structure that calls for a Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), and officers, including Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, to assist the Governor in carrying out Chapter educational and advocacy tasks. The GAC has 9 at-large members, elected in three 3-year "classes," with up to two 3-year terms; and ex-officio members - the 7 Chairs of Medicine (or their appointees) at the Medical Schools in Ohio, and the past Governors of the Chapter.

Four nominations have been made; members will vote in elections during our Annual Chapter Meeting in Columbus October 12. We have 3 open at-large GAC positions this fall. The Chapter Nominating Committee has named these candidates: **Drs. Linda Ha** of Akron, **David McMahon** of Columbus, and **Scott Stienecker** of Lima. **Dr. David Rolston** of Cleveland is the Secretary-Treasurer; he has been nominated to serve another 2-year term.

Dr. Eric Warm of Cincinnati, our current Vice President and Program Chair this year, is serving a 2-year term from 2006-2008, so his term continues for another year.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee (**Dr. Troy Bishop**, Chair; **Drs. David Bronson**, **Pat Ecklar** and **Mark Hess**)!

Ohio Chapter Membership Summary

Membership Class	Count
Master	13
Fellow	720
Member	1890
Associate	875
Medical Student Members	792
Total	4290

Membership Committee

A special thank you to the Chair, **David C. Parris, MD, FACP** and Committee Members; **Russel Bedsole, MD, Philip Cusumano, MD, FACP, German L. Neri, MD, FACP, Shaukat Rashid, MBBS, Ammar Safar, MD, FACP, Michael J. Tan, MD, FACP, Stephanie N. Tan, MD, FACP** for their on going efforts to recruit new members.

Volunteering for Chapter Activities

Chapter committees include Annual Program, Associates, Awards, Health and Public Policy, Medical Student, Membership, Nominations, and Program Directors. Councils include Associates, Student Members, and Young Physicians. Councils are made up of, and organized by, the constituent groups; Committees help work to promote activities, e.g. Medical Student Committee works with Council of Student Members and IM Interest Groups to help promote activities for Medical Students. If you have an interest in any of our Committees or Councils, feel free to contact me at mayerm@ccf.org; or our Executive Director, **Carla Biggert**, at biggerc@ccf.org.

Supporting Your Chapter through Chapter Dues

The Ohio Chapter plays an essential role in the local Internal Medicine community

- Collegiality through chapter meetings and other activities
- Locally delivered educational courses and workshops
- Programming for students, residents and young physicians to help develop a new generation of leaders
- Advocacy on issues of importance to internists and our patients, on state and national lev-

els; the ACP counts on strong Chapter advocacy to help advance its agenda on both levels.

Please support your chapter by sending your chapter dues of \$60 along with your national dues. You will be contributing to both the national and local success of ACP. (Witness the recent Washington DC congressional visitations by ACP Ohio members, see our May/June Newsletter on the Chapter Web Site, and the Leadership Day Report).

<http://www.acponline.org/chapters/oh/> (News and Meetings link; Public Policy and Advocacy link)

Your dues statement from ACP looked different this year; it was reconstructed to meet legal requirements. The chapter dues line was offset, and the check-box was not easily seen.

If you have not yet paid dues, you may renew online ([acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org)), via phone or mail invoice. **Make sure you include chapter dues.**

If you already paid national dues online, but forgot to check Ohio Chapter dues, you will have difficulty (or be prevented from) going back to pay chapter dues online. You may pay chapter dues by phone or mail (or use either as vehicle for national AND chapter dues):

Pay by phone with your credit card by calling Customer Services, 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. ET.

Or request an invoice to be mailed or faxed to you by calling Customer Services, 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thank you for your chapter dues -- it is through your financial support that we can deliver valuable programs and services to members of our chapter. Our advocacy and educational missions depend upon dues support!

Young Physicians

ACP Benefits of Special Interest to Young Physicians

Among ACP's full offering of benefits for members, the College provides programs, products, and services that are of special interest to young physicians, including:

- Free assistance from ACP's Practice Management Center covering the full spectrum of business issues associated with running and working in a medical practice.
- Practical advice from the Handbook and the

Pocket Guide to Selected Preventive Services for Adults.

- Access to an extensive national and local network of peers and mentors through the College's Mentoring Database for help when dealing with early career and work-life balance issues.
- Assistance with maintenance of certification and access to discounted educational courses like ACP's annual Internal Medicine meeting and local chapter and regional meetings.
- Opportunities to advocate for internal medicine and its subspecialties on issues such as reimbursement, pay for performance, and training redesign.
- Access to some of the most advanced electronic products and services for internists such as the Physicians' Information and Education Resource.

- For more information

<http://www.acponline.org/cyp/benefits.htm>

Council of Young Physicians- Call for Council Members

**Join us for our next meeting; Friday, October 12, 2007
7:00 am- 8:00 am.**

If you are interested in serving on the Ohio Chapter Council of Young Physicians, contact **Carla Biggert**, biggerc@ccf.org. For more information contact **Kimberly C. Bates**, MD, FACP, kcbates01@yahoo.com. Currently, Dr. Bates serves as Chair, Council of Young Physicians.

Associate Members

The Associate Council met, August 30, 2007 and discussed strategies to increase the support of Associate Members involvement at the grass roots level. The Council will promote the Legislative Action Center and Key Contact Program. Enroll now in the Key Contact Program
www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy/index.

The Associate Council Annual Raffle- Friday, October 12, 2007

Proceeds support the Ohio Association of Free Clinics. Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets and to solicit items for the raffle. To volunteer or to purchase tickets; contact **Robert Crook**, MD, rcrook@metrohealth.org.

Reminder: Annual Quiz Bowl- Thursday, October 11, 2007

2nd Annual Doctor's Dilemma

Each residency program is invited to compete and participation involves a three member team and an alternate. The winning team will travel to compete in the Washington, DC during the 2008 Internal Medicine. The Doctor's Dilemma has been tentatively scheduled for February 29, 2008, Akron General Medical Center. Additional information will be listed on the website and forwarded to residency programs.

The Ohio Chapter and members would like to thank Akron General for their ongoing efforts to support this exciting event. Akron General hosted last year's challenge.

Associate Leadership Network

The ACP Council of Associates, which represents internal medicine residents and subspecialty trainees, has established the Associate Leadership Network (ALN). The ALN was created to foster on-going communication between Associates at the local level. The Council is seeking motivated trainees who wish to have a voice in the future of internal medicine.

The Council needs your help to identify Associates from your chapter who are interested in discussing issues relevant to residents and fellows in internal medicine. ALN members will receive quarterly e-mail newsletters from the Council regarding current hot topics. Issues previously highlighted in ALN newsletters include public policy changes and residency redesign.

Please send the names, e-mail addresses and residency or fellowship program of interested Associates to COACAL@acpmembership.org. No application process beyond simply expressing interest is required to become an ALN member.

Thank you for supporting our ongoing efforts to keep Associates involved!

Medical Students

The Ohio Chapter 2nd Annual Medical Student Internal Medicine Summit, Thursday, October 11, 2007.

Additional information appears in the annual meeting registration materials.
www.acponline.org/chapters/oh/news_meet. RSVP is requested.

Make sure you sign up for the IM Interest Group at your medical school!

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Advocacy

Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee

We have an active Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee, chaired by Dr. Helen Koselka of Cincinnati. We stay abreast of state health initiatives, and work to influence health care legislation and regulation in Ohio. We selectively work in cooperation with OSMA and other physician organizations on issues impacting Internists and our patients. We have a representative to the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, where we advocate for Internists and IM Subspecialists. We also send a member to the Ohio Coalition or Primary Care Physicians. We form the core of the Chapter delegation to ACP Leadership Day in DC, and often help take the lead on contacting Congress members. If you are interested, contact me at mayerm@ccf.org or Carla Biggert at biggerc@ccf.org

National Issues you should know about - Get Involved!

Access and workforce reform are two of my abiding concerns. However, physician reimbursement, especially for cognitive services and chronic care, continue to occupy an inordinate amount of time for ACP and other medical organizations, given the dysfunctional payment system. Several of us have been working via our contacts in congress to keep further SGR Medicare payment cuts from occurring. The House and Senate recently passed SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) reauthorization. The House version includes a 2-year reprieve from deep SGR cuts (if these go through as planned,

they would hobble Internists, but also curtail access to care even further), The Senate version is silent on the SGR. Conferees from the House and Senate will be meeting soon to start "the wild rumpus" (as Max would say, in *Where the Wild Things Are*) to reconcile the versions. Email, call, or fax your Congress members to weigh in with your concerns. To find out more, and to contact your legislators, go to the ACP's Legislative Action Center (LAC)

Sign up to be a Key Contact

ACP's continued success on Capitol Hill greatly depends upon year-round grassroots support from the College's over 5500 Key Contacts. Key Contacts communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to medical students, internists and their patients, and report the results back to ACP. To enroll as a Key Contact, ACP members are not required to have existing relationships with their members of Congress. ACP gives them the tools necessary to develop and maintain relationships. The program is open to all membership categories.

Enroll now in the Key Contact Program
www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy/index

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails or faxes legislative alerts to Key Contacts. Legislative alerts include all of the necessary information (including sample messages that can be easily personalized) to make informative contacts with members of Congress, and ACP staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions. Visit the College's Legislative Action Center for more information. If you are enrolled as a Key Contact, simply logon using your email address and ACP as the password. If you are not a Key Contact, you will be required to register. Please use ACP as your password.

Key Contacts receive a periodic newsletter, *The Capitol Key*, updating them on important legislative issues. Additional information on key issues is available on the ACP website. The College is continually recruiting new Key Contacts, especially where gaps exist in the program and a key member of Congress is not matched with a sufficient number of Key Contacts. When joining the program, members are asked to complete a short enrollment form that helps the College identify any special relationships they may have with members of Congress.

The College implemented the Key Contact Awards Program to recognize the hard work of members who go above and beyond the call of duty to contact their members of Congress. Each year at Leadership Day, ACP selects a Key Contact of the Year and the Top Ten Key Contact Special Recognition Winners based on the quality and quantity of responses to legislative alerts. Three Ohio ACP members have received 4 of these awards over the past 6 years. **Dr. Renate Thomas** won a Top Ten Key Contact Award in 2001; your current Governor (**Dr. Mayer**, not **Strickland**) won a Top Ten Key Contact in 2002 and 2003; and **Dr. Murli Manohar** won Key Contact of the Year in 2006. So Ohio ACP Members won 4 of 66 awards given nationally in the past 6 years, out of 5500 Key Contacts. We have truly been an active chapter in advocacy!

For more information on the ACP Key Contact Program, please email grassroots@acponline.org.

Legislative Action Center

ACP maintains the web-based Legislative Action Center (LAC), that allows members to respond easily to current ACP legislative alerts, identify their federal legislators, and compose a letter, e-mail, or a fax to their members of Congress. Talking points and sample letters that can be easily personalized are provided. The LAC also provides election information, Congress' schedule, tips on communicating with legislators, and media center. To Log on to the LAC, enter your email address and ACP as the password. If you prefer a different password, log on and select 'Edit Profile' on the grey menu box and type a new password in the 'Logon Info' field. If you need assistance logging on or using the LAC, please email grassroots@acponline.org.

ACP's Recruit-a-Colleague Program

Help strengthen the voice of internal medicine - recommend ACP Membership to your colleagues!

The need for a strong voice to speak on behalf of medicine and, in particular, internal medicine has never been greater than it is today. It is critically important that we unify to address the specific needs of our medical specialty. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster. We must work together.

- If you recruit one of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, you will receive a \$100 credit toward your 2008-09 national annual dues.
- If you recruit two of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, you will receive an additional \$100 credit toward your 2008-09 national annual dues.
- If you recruit three of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, your 2008-09 national annual dues will be paid in full*.

For every Member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia, PA that includes registration, airfare (up to \$500), and four days of hotel accommodations. So, the more Members you recruit, the greater your chances are at winning the grand prize.

To be considered a "recruited" Member, your colleague must:

- Be a nonmember who is eligible for the "full" ACP Member category and pay \$99 or more in dues.
 - Submit a Membership application, along with his or her national annual dues payment, between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008.
 - Write your name in the recruiter box on the top of the Membership application**.

Send a recruitment e-mail to a colleague today, or download and print a Membership application to personally deliver. You may also request a Membership Inquiry Kit from Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, (M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET).

It is the collective effort that makes a difference. Call on the support of your colleagues today.



Registration Form

American College of Physicians Ohio Chapter Scientific Meeting

October 12, 2007

This form may be photocopied.

ACP # (found on mailing label) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Please check here to indicate a permanent change to your preferred address for all College mailings.

Registration Fees:

Check one category that best applies. Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, breaks, dinner, scientific sessions and materials, and a CME certificate.

ACP Categories

- Master \$265
- Fellow \$265
- Member \$265
- Retired Physician \$100
- Associate \$185
- Medical Student Member No Fee
(Meeting only)
- Medical Student Member \$65
(Meals, Breaks, and Awards Banquet)
- Allied Health Professional \$150
(Meeting Only)

Non-ACP Categories

- Nonmember Physician \$295
- Resident \$225
- Guest/Spouse Awards Dinner \$65
Name _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Awards Dinner

Please indicate your menu choice. Vegan _____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____

2nd Annual Medical Student Internal Medicine Summit, Thursday, October 11, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

_____ Will attend

Annual Chapter Quiz Bowl, Thursday, October 11, 8:00 pm

_____ Will attend (All Members are welcome to attend)

Advancement to ACP Fellowship, Friday, October 12, 5:30 pm-6:00 pm

_____ Will attend (Please bring current CV) _____ I am unable to attend, but would like an application

Interest Group Updates and Continental Breakfast,

Friday, October 12, 7:00 am-8:00 am _____ Hospitalists _____ Med-Peds

I would consider attending the following interest group meeting next year _____

I would like to participate as a judge for the Annual Poster Competition

_____ Medical Student _____ Associate _____ No Preference

Please make your check payable to **ACP-Ohio Chapter** and mail to:

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

c/o ACP-Ohio Chapter

9500 Euclid Avenue, A-91

Cleveland, OH 44195

Questions? Please call Carla at 216-445-4020.

We encourage participation by all individuals. Check here if you are disabled and require assistance. Advance notification is essential in order for us to serve you better. Please notify the Ohio Chapter in writing at the above address at least 30 days before the meeting. We'll be glad to help.

NEW DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSLETTERS

A new method of distributing the Governor's newsletters began on July 1, 2007. Chapter members with good e-mail addresses will receive an e-mail with a link directing them to the current newsletter on the chapter website. These members will receive the chapter news in a timely manner, while it is still fresh. Members with no/bad e-mail addresses will be sent a hard copy by postal mail.

Visit the Chapter website at

www.acponline.org/chapters/oh

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