

Oregon Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNOR'S CORNER



This spring has been a busy time for ACP activities. First, I want to congratulate our new Oregon Chapter Fellows, **Thomas DeLoughery**, **Mark Helfand**, **Anne Nedrow**, and **Tracy Walker**. I also wanted to update you on the Spring Board of Governor's Meeting, the Spring Oregon Medical Association House of Delegates Meeting and ACP Leadership Day.

The theme of the Board of Governor's Meeting was care for the uninsured. Governor **John Kitzhaber** was the keynote speaker and his presentation was the highlight of the meeting. He described the Archimedes Movement and the premise that all Americans should receive benefit from publicly funded health care. His presentation electrified the audience.

Many resolutions were discussed, including the Oregon sponsored proposal to fund cognitive and case management services by redistributing resources from highly reimbursed, low risk procedures and diagnostic tests. This resolution was co-sponsored by fifteen other Chapters and was resoundingly approved. The Board of Regents has referred this matter to the Medical Services Committee for study. I also presented this resolution at the Oregon Medical Association House of Delegates Meeting. The discussion was spirited, survived a close vote and was referred to the Access Task Force for study. We may reintroduce this resolution pending the results of the Task Force study.

There is growing recognition that the current reimbursement system is threatening the viability of primary care practice. In response to the ACP's request for a review of the work relative value units (WRVU's) for evaluation and management codes, the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) has recommended substantial increases to the values assigned to these services. CMS has not made a final decision in these recommendations, but we expect they will be accepted and result in substantial increases in payment for office and hospital visits. The Medicare Payment Advisory Committee has recommended that Congress form a special committee outside the RUC to identify overvalued codes. ACP supports the formation of this committee and is a very important step to support our resolution to identify a source of funds to provide reimbursement for the substantial care we provide our patients outside of the face to face encounter. These recommendations will stir controversy among our physician colleagues. Thus, it is very important to contact your legislators once CMS makes their decisions on these recommendations. If you are not ACP Key Contacts, I urge you to sign up through the ACP website, www.acponline.org, to facilitate your contacting your legislators.

I want to thank **Chuck Hofmann** for accompanying me to Leadership Day in Washington D.C. We discussed the importance of reimbursement reform, the ACP's proposal for an innovative care model and advised that efforts to "*Pay for Performance*" reward care that truly benefits patients and minimizes physician hassle. We found growing awareness by our legislators that reform is necessary to preserve the primary care infrastructure. Senator **Ron Wyden** was one of the main speakers and gave a very dynamic presentation. Once again, he demonstrated that Oregon provides real leadership in health care issues.

One of my goals is to travel around the state to get a better idea of the challenges you face. I will be in Coos Bay September 21 and am planning a trip to Bend next spring. I also hope to see you at our Annual Meeting in Eugene November 2-4, 2006. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

ANNUAL OREGON CHAPTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING NOVEMBER 2-4, 2006

Claudia Leonard, MD, FACP

Please join us for the annual Chapter Scientific Meeting in Eugene. The Associates' competition will be held on Thursday evening. The scientific meeting takes place on Friday and Saturday. We've got some great topics prepared - Avian Flu, new vaccines, management of diabetes, prostate cancer, methamphetamine epidemic, heart failure, rheumatology, and an update in internal medicine, just to name some of them. Back by popular demand is the Women's Breakfast Group and the Hospital Medicine Breakfast Group. New this year is a two hour Geriatric Workshop on Saturday morning. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 who sign up for this session. Be sure to register early when your meeting brochure arrives. See you in Eugene!!

IMPROVING CARE FOR GERIATRIC PATIENTS

Elizabeth N. Eckstrom, MD, MPH, FACP

With the increasing number of older adults we are called upon to provide high quality patient care, you can join us for a new workshop at the 2006 Oregon Chapter Scientific meeting in Eugene and improve your knowledge and skills in this area. This two hour workshop will include brief didactics and case discussions. Possible topics could include Evaluation/treatment of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's dementia; Cognitive, functional, and decision-making capacity assessment tools; Levels of support available at community care facilities; Identifying support needed based on medical, functional, psychological, and social assessments; Identifying/treating behavioral problems in dementia, stroke, and Parkinson's Disease; Identifying/minimizing common medication interactions; Evaluation/treatment of anxiety and depression. If you would like to forward your input on needs assessment, please contact **Elizabeth Eckstrom**, MD, MPH, FACP at 503-413-6779, eckstrom@ohsu.edu.

WELCOME NEW FELLOWS

Fellows were recommended by the Credentials Subcommittee and approved for election by the Board of Regents. Our recent FELLOWS include:

Thomas Deloughery , MD, FACP	Portland
Mark Helfand , MD, FACP	Portland
Anne Nedrow , MD, FACP	Portland
Tracy Walker , MD, FACP	Portland

KUDOS

Congratulations to those faculty who were bestowed awards at the recent OHSU student graduation:

Sima Desai, MD - Recipient of the "*Community Preceptor Award-Jon McKellar Faculty Mentor*"

James Reuler, MD - Recipient of the "*J. David Bristow Award*"

David Kagen, MD - Recipient of the "*David WE Baird Award*"

Kudos to medical student **Tami Atkinson** and **David Kagen**, MD, for leading the 1st & 2nd year Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) this past year. Their activities included the popular lunch-time talks by faculty, ward walks, presentation skills workshop, a clinical skills elective, and the Cover The Uninsured campaign events on campus. They have now turned the leadership torch over to a new incoming second year student.

Kudos to medical students **Kathryn Glassberg, Elizabeth Wozniak, and Amanda Wonnacott, and Rebecca Harrison, MD,** for leading the 4th year Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) this past year. They were very busy with the annual Residency Application Series which is a series of sessions dealing with the process of applying for internship - CV's, personal statements, meet with local Program Directors, prepare for interviews, and meet with current interns for tips on interviewing and surviving internship year. Oregon Chapter once again sponsored an end-of-year dinner for 4th year students to meet with 3rd year students to discuss scheduling for 4th year, careers in internal medicine, and the interview process.

Do you know someone who has been recognized for outstanding achievements? If so, please let us know so that we can recognize them in our Chapter newsletter/website.

OREGON CHAPTER ON THE WEB

We have recently transformed the Chapter's Web site to offer a new design that allows visitors to quickly obtain the information most wanted without scrolling through a great deal of text. We have added fresh content and include new features which will allow you to communicate directly with your Chapter's Governor to offer comments or questions. Access the Chapter's Web site online at www.acponline.org/chapters

Navigating the site - Make the most of your visit to our chapter's web site.

Visit "News & Meetings" Newsletter, CME opportunities and local activities in your chapter.

Search "Public Policy and Advocacy" Chapter's Legislative Agenda, College's positions on key health issues, contact your legislators and find out what your chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee is doing to represent you.

Access "Local Links and Resources" comprehensive resource focal point - detailed list of web sites for the internist.

Read "About the Chapter" Chapter's Leadership including your Governor and Chapter Staff; locate your chapter's bylaws and annual report; learn about past award recipients and Governors.

Stop in "Residents and Medical Students" resources, residency program information, career guidance and local activities.

Offer feedback, suggest topics or contact us with questions.

Subscribe to receive email alerts from the Chapter and the College. Send us your updated email address.

RECRUIT A COLLEAGUE

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 and its subspecialties. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster.

The American College of Physicians and the Oregon Chapter encourages its members to help strengthen the voice of internal medicine by recommending ACP Membership to colleagues. And to thank you for your dedication to our organization, ACP established the Recruit-a-Colleague program that offers dues incentives to members who recruit new members. Not only would you be working toward the revitalization of internal medicine, but you also could have your national annual dues paid in full.

Between March 2, 2006 and March 1, 2007 recruit:

One Colleague:	Receive \$100 credit towards 2006-2007 dues.
Two Colleagues:	Receive additional \$100 towards 2007-2008 dues.
Three Colleagues:	2007-2008 dues paid in full.

In addition, successful recruiters are entered to win an expense-paid trip to Internal Medicine 2008 (formerly Annual Session) in Washington DC from May 15-17. Trip includes registration, airfare, and four days of hotel accommodations.

To learn more about the Recruit-a-Colleague program, please visit www.acponline.org/recruitacolleague 800-253-1546, or email: custserv@acponline.org.

MEDICAL STUDENTS

Mary Olhausen

CoverThe Uninsured Week national campaign took place May 1-6, 2006. For the fourth year in a row, students have sponsored events in support of this national campaign. This year, students from four programs at OHSU (Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and PA Program) came together to plan a series of events in support of this campaign to make Oregonians aware of the plight of the uninsured. **James Reuler**, MD, MACP, served as the faculty adviser, as he has done for the past CTU events. Monday, May 1st, **Patricia Rodney**, RN, MSN, Ph.D., Assoc Professor from University of British Columbia School of Nursing, Canada, was the keynote speaker, for a lunch-time talk - "Towards Social Justice In Health Care Delivery: A Canadian Perspective". Wednesday, May 3 a policy debate was held - "Healthcare For All: Is the Time Now? If so, How?." **Ben Westlund**, Oregon State Senator and **Peter Bernardo**, MD, OMA Secretary/Treasure debated the topic and **Wendy Radmacher-Willis**, Executive Director for Portland City Club moderated. Thursday, May 4 a lunch-time Safety Net Clinic Panel was held. Panel participants were from Multnomah County Health Department, Central City Concern, SW Community Health Clinic, and Outside In. Exhibitors included Wallace Medical Concern, Virginia Medical Concern, Planned Parenthood, Multnomah County Health Department, Central City Concern, SW Community Health Clinic, and Outside In. Saturday, May 6 the medical students sponsored a Community Health Fair, held at Portsmouth Middle School, in Portland. Several booths were set up and manned by the various students, with faculty supervisors. They did screenings which included Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Lead, Vision, and Body Mass Index. Education booths included Nutrition, Diabetes, Dental Hygiene, Women's Health, Exercise, Hypertension, Insurance, and Bike Safety. Many health resources were also provided. The generous donations from the following organizations made the Health Fair possible: Department of Family Practice-OHSU, Department of Emergency Medicine-OHSU, Department of Internal Medicine-OHSU, Center for Ethics-OHSU, Office of Science Education Opportunities-OHSU, Student Senate-OHSU, All Hill Council-OHSU, Student Nurses' Association of Portland (SNAP), and Oregon Chapter ACP. In addition, a week-long fundraiser was held for SW Community Health Clinic where \$871.97 was collected and will be presented to SW Clinic on June 29th. A special thanks to the Oregon Academy of Family Practice for their large donation to the clinic.

ANNUAL SESSION 2006 - Philadelphia, PA

Mary Olhausen

For physicians, Annual Session in Philadelphia offered more than 260 CME offerings presented by world-renowned faculty, Clinical Pearls Series, Learning Center/Clinical Skills Workshops, Meet The Professor, and Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind—to name a few!! For Executive Directors, such as myself, Annual Session offered a chance to meet with my counterparts from across the US and share "best practices" from each of our chapters. We meet as a group and strategize on ideas and ways to better manage our chapters. Associates' and medical students from Oregon Chapter presented their work in the research poster and clinical vignette competitions. Kudos to our Chapter as two out of ten winners in the clinical vignette posters were winners!! **Todd Merrick**, MD from Providence Portland Medical Center and **Leo Aslam**, MD from Oregon Health & Science University.

Associates' Research Poster Competition:

J. Stone Doggett, MD Providence Portland Medical Center

Associates' Clinical Vignette Poster Competition:

Karin Kuhl, MD Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
Elke Lorence, MD Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
Paula Muegge, MD Legacy Health System
Meghan Bost, MD Providence Portland Medical Center
Todd Merrick, MD Providence Portland Medical Center (Winner)
Leo Aslam, MD Oregon Health & Science University (Winner)

Students' Research Poster Competition:

Tami Atkinson, **Rachel Emery**, **Tracey Hansel**, and **Miriam Sparkman**
Jaspreet Dhoot
Laura Matson

ACP CENTER FOR PRACTICE INNOVATION

The Center for Practice Innovation is a new grant-funded effort by the ACP to address some of the many needs of small and medium-sized internal medicine practices. The Center will test practice redesign strategies in 25-50 representative physician offices across the United States. Ideally, participating practices will be clustered in geographic regions - which mean ACP Chapters have an opportunity to encourage interested practices in the state to apply. The goal of the Center will be to help practices improve clinical quality while addressing the impact of such strategies on patient satisfaction, safety, the economics of practice, and the adoption of health information technology. Full details about the program as well as a link to the on-line application for the premier program are available on the Center's website: www.acponline.org/cfpi. The first 100 practices to complete the on-line application will receive a \$50 honorarium. Paper copies of the survey tool are available by request - cpi@acponline.org or 202-261-4500.

OREGON CHAPTER HISTORY PROJECT

Mary A. Olbausen

On my recent visit to Philadelphia, I had a tour of ACP headquarters. The College Historian presented me with a book that contained information about Howard P. Lewis, one of our former Chapter Governors. With that, I was moved to embark on writing the history of the Oregon Chapter. I invite all members to share in submitting information that we might use for this project - stories, photos, reflections of special events for the Chapter, physicians who had accomplishments and contributed to the growth of the Chapter, and as well, any special recounts about special chapter members, memories of Annual Sessions/Board of Governors meetings, etc. Please take a moment and email me - no matter how small or large your contribution. I look forward to hearing from many of you who have been long-time members, so that we can document the history of the Oregon Chapter of ACP.

Oregon Chapter Governors:

Stephen R. Jones	2001-2005
James B. Reuler	1997-2001
Donald E. Girard	1993-1997
Walter J. McDonald	1989-1993
William M. Bennett	1985-1989
Emil J. Bardana	1981-1985
George B. Long	1978-1981
Wayne R. Rogers	1972-1976
J. David Bristow	1976-1977
Franklin J. Underwood	1966-1972
Daniel H. Labby	1960-1966
Merl L. Margason	1951-1960
Howard P. Lewis	1948-1951
Homer P. Rush	1940-1948
T. Homer Coffen	1927-1940

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medicine-Pediatrics/Infectious Diseases CME Conference "*What's New In Medicine?*"
September 22-23, 2006. Kennewick, WA More Info: www.kennewickgeneral.com
Sponsored by Southeast Washington ACP

Patient Safety Convocation "*Partnerships For Safety*"
September 29, 2006. Oregon Convention Center
More Info: www.theoma.org

The Doctors Company recently completed the acquisition of Northwest Physicians Mutual Insurance Company - the top medical liability carrier in Oregon.

UPCOMING DATES

November 2, 2006	Infectious Diseases Society of Oregon Meeting, Eugene, OR
November, 2-4, 2006	Oregon Chapter Scientific Meeting, Eugene, OR
April 19-21, 2007	ACP Internal Medicine 2007, San Diego, CA
November 15, 2007	Infectious Diseases Society of Oregon Meeting, Eugene, OR
November 15-17, 2007	Oregon Chapter Scientific Meeting, Eugene, OR
May 15-17, 2008	ACP Internal Medicine 2008, Washington DC

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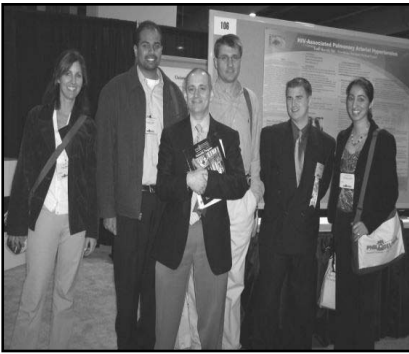
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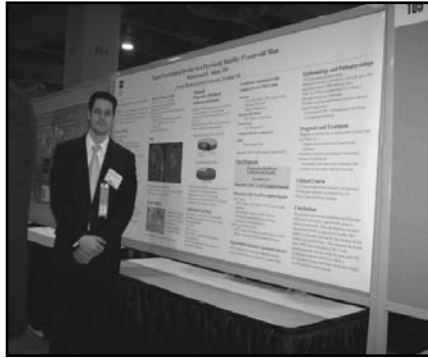
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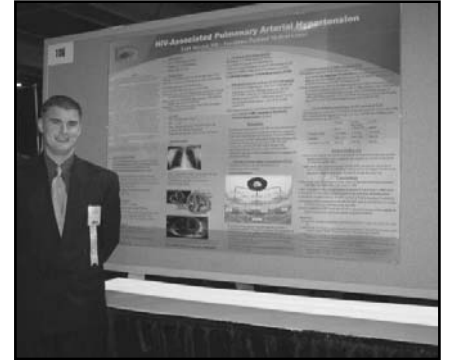
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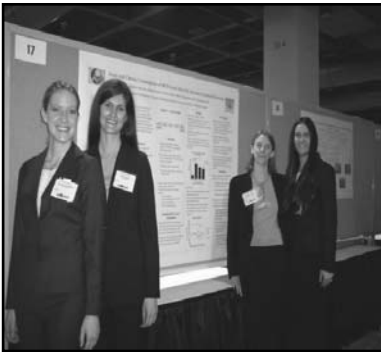
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with Students and Residents**



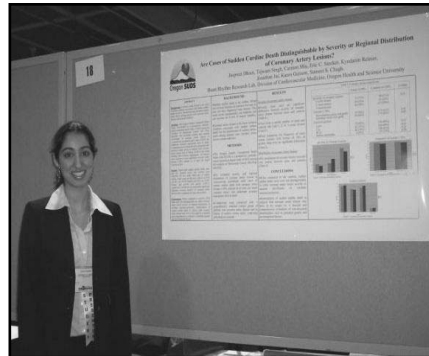
**Leo Aslam, OHSU
Winner of Clinical Vignette Competition**



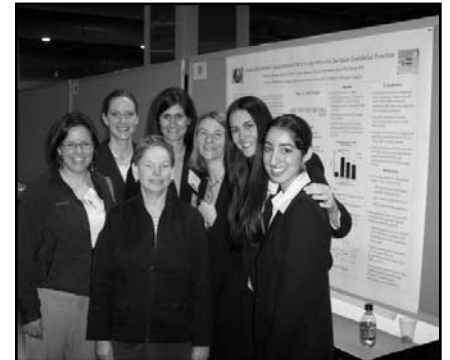
Todd Merrick, Providence Medical Center



**Miriam Sparkman, Rachel Emery,
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Medical Students Research Poster
Competition**



**Jaspreet Dhoot
Medical Student Research Poster Competition**



**Mary Olhausen, Chapter Ex Director
with Medical Students**



**Laura Matsen
Medical Student Research Poster Competition**



**Policy Debate, CTU Event
Peter Bernardo, Wendy Radmacher-Willis,
Ben Westlund**



**Community Health Fair
May 6, 2006**