

Governor's Message

Hello To All Utah Members of the ACP:

I am honored to serve as Governor of the Utah Chapter of the American College of Physicians. I received a full year of training from **Grant Cannon MD**, our outgoing Governor. I thank Dr. Cannon and **Shauna Gulso** (Chapter Coordinator) for their hard and very effective work for our Chapter during the past four years.

I also thank all of the members of the Leadership Council of our Chapter. Our Leadership Council is composed of very talented individuals from private practice, small practice, large practice, academic practice, plus two committed medical students. Our Council meets on the first Thursday of most months to discuss both the management of our Chapter and also how we can have a good influence on the national ACP and on elected government officials at the local and national level.

I believe in the mission, goals and core values of the ACP. These statements are reproduced at the end of this newsletter so they will be right in front of us all the time as we fill each day with service to patients and their families; with excellence; with scholarship; with professionalism and humanism; and with teaching and learning from all of the people with whom we get to work in our different settings.

It is a pleasure to work with you in the ACP Utah Chapter during these next 4 years as we try to accomplish things at the local and national level that have an impact on our professional lives.

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Health Policy and Advocacy

Fortunately, our ACP leaders at the national level have had a prominent role in early discussions about health care reform. **President Obama** invited **Jeffrey P. Harris MD** (from Virginia; outgoing President of the national ACP) to participate with him and other distinguished individuals from government and private settings, to discuss health care reform. I believe that our incoming ACP President, **James W. Stubbs MD** (from Georgia) will also represent patients and us very effectively in discussions at the national level. This is a good time for us to encourage our internist colleagues, whether generalists, hospitalists, or subspecialists to join and participate in ACP. It is not likely that the senior leader of any subspecialty in addition to the ACP will be invited to participate on health care reform with President Obama and his senior advisers.

Leadership Day in Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday May 20, 2009, three very committed members of our ACP Utah Chapter participated in the yearly ACP Leadership Day on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. Our members met with the senior office staff of 4 of our 5 U.S. Senators/Representatives. **Beth Hanlon MD** (general internist in private practice in SLC), **Mark Christenson MD** (hospitalist in Provo), and **David Burrows** (2nd year medical student at the UofU) met with members of the office staff of **Senators Orrin Hatch** and **Robert Bennett**, and with the office staff of U.S. Representatives **Jim Matheson** (Utah District 2) and **Jason Chaffetz** (Utah District 3). Our ACP members

were able to discuss the topics that they consider very important for patients, practicing physicians, and future physicians. More than 400 internist members of the ACP participated in Leadership Day consultations with our elected members of Congress or their staff. Others of you in our Chapter may want to participate in these visits with our national leaders next year.

Associates Scholarly Competition at National ACP

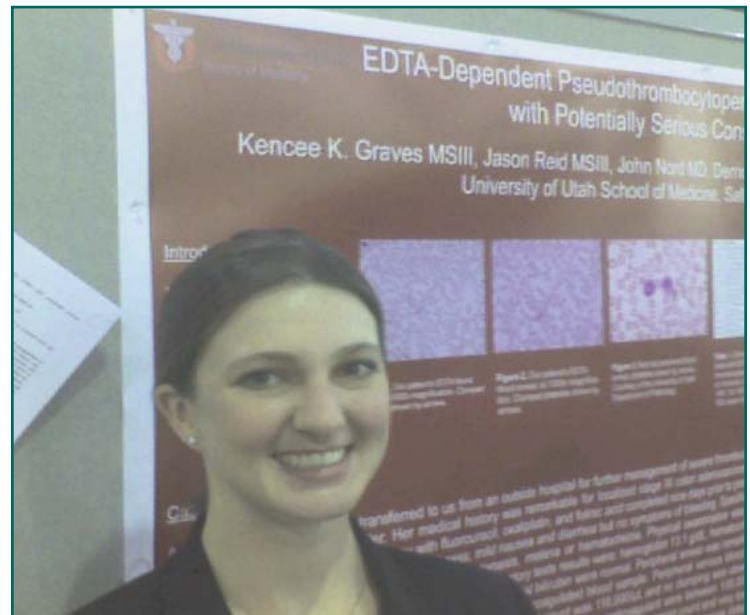


Barbara Jones, MD

Two of our Utah ACP Associates, **Barbara Jones MD** (senior medicine resident) (Figure 1) and **Kencee Graves** (3rd year medical student) (Figure 2) submitted posters that were selected for presentation in the Associates Poster Competition during the ACP Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Friday April 24 and Saturday April 25, 2009. Our Associates discussed their posters with intellect and enthusiasm, and performed at a very high level. They are great examples of curiosity and scholarly effort among our Utah ACP Associates. Their photographs with their posters appear here.

Associates Clinical Vignette Competition in Utah ACP

On Thursday evening May 28, 2009, the yearly Associates Clinical Vignette Competition and Banquet was held in the UofU Medical School. **Scott Woller MD** ran this competition. Three internists judged the 21 abstracts that Associates submitted. Of these, 6 Associates were selected to present a 10-minute educational discussion about a patient: **Susan Hecker MD, Tobin Lim MD, John Nord MD, Barr Petersen MD, Megan Petersen MD, and Srinivas Tantravahi MD.** The first place prize in the competition went to **John Nord MD**, senior medicine resident. All of the presenters performed in a very scholarly and interesting way. All of us who attended were impressed with the high quality of the discussions. The three judges of the competition were: **Douglas Adler MD, William Howell MD, and Russell Vinik MD.**



Kencee Graves

Utah Chapter Annual Scientific Program 2009

On Friday September 18, 2009 we will hold the Annual Scientific Program for the ACP Utah Chapter. **Kevin Johnson MD** and the members of his Scientific Program Committee have done a superior job for two consecutive years in putting together great topics and inviting experienced speakers for the program. It will be a very informative and high quality meeting. In addition to the educational topics, **Jim Matheson** (a Utah member of the U.S. House of Representatives) is scheduled to meet with us as he did a few years ago. This will be a great opportunity for us to hear from us. He is equally likely to be interested in hearing what we think about various health care topics. In addition, Robert A. Gluckman, MD, FACP (internist in Portland, Oregon), a member of the ACP Board of Regents, will discuss 2 educational topics: Top 10 Papers of the Year, and Fostering Excellence in Internal Medicine.

Utah Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting 2010

If you are interested in participating on the program committee for our Utah Annual Scientific Meeting, please contact me. You will be able to help decide the topics that will be of greatest educational value and interest to the members of our Chapter.

Mission and Goals of the American College of Physicians

Originally approved by the Board of Regents July 1991

(Revisions approved by the Board of Regents October 1996, April 2003, July 2003, January 2004)

Mission To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

Goals - I.To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals;

II.To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists;

III.To advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession, and our members;

IV.To serve the professional needs of the membership, support healthy lives for physicians, and advance internal medicine as a career;

V.To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the education and continuing education of internists, and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public.

VI.To recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine; and

VII.To unify the many voices of internal medicine and its subspecialties for the benefit of our patients, our members, and our profession.

Core Values of the American College of Physicians

(Revision approved by the Board of Regents July 2003)

Core values answer the question: "How do we want to act as we move toward achieving our vision?"

Core values are consistent with the mission of the College and help people make daily decisions about how to act.

Leadership We provide guidance and inspiration through education, information, policy development, and advocacy for patients.

Excellence We set and maintain the highest ethical and professional standards for ourselves and our programs.

Respect We embrace the dignity and uniqueness of every human being.

Compassion We are sensitive and empathetic to the needs of others.

Professionalism We work with expertise, commitment, and diligence, serving others before ourselves.

Responsibility maintain healthy personal and professional lives to most effectively serve our patients.

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