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FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Over the last several months, the Utah Chapter has had the opportunity to host and participate in several activities. We recently had a successful Associate's Program, where five clinical abstracts were presented.

We appreciate the efforts and work by our Associates within the College and **Corwin Edwards, MD, FACP** who organized this program. The medical student committee was recently honored by the national student committee for the highest new member enrollment of all chapters throughout the nation, and the chapter was awarded a \$300.00 prize. We are pleased to recognize our student representatives for their outstanding work and activities; the members are: **Landon Dickson** (recently elected to national Council of Student Members), **Becky Kroll**, and **Allyson Pace**. The following articles contain further information on the accomplishments and activities of the medical student committee.

The ACP held their annual meeting in Philadelphia this past April. Our Chapter had twenty-six members in attendance. In addition, Utah had two Fellows serve as members of the faculty **DeVon Hale, MD, FACP**, and **Kristen Reis, MD, FACP**. **Douglas Smith, MD, FACP** acted as a poster judge and was recognized at the convocation for his Chapter Service Award. **Barry Stults, MD**, **Thomas Miller, MD**, and **Scott Clark, MD** presented at the conference as well.

In association with the national meeting, the Board of Governors met and discussed many issues associated with College activities. Specific resolutions were discussed and passed, which deal with strengthening the interactions with the Society of Internal Medicine, Medicare and Medicare reimbursements, the development of the appeals policies with pay for performance, working on other efforts to ensure the adequate delivery of care to patients throughout

the nation, and the inclusion of abstracts by the young physicians at the April 2007 meeting. Other significant objectives of the College were discussed such health care financing, health care delivery, and quality care.

In the last six months we have had three members advance to Fellowship within the College. These include Dr. **Michael Battistone, FACP**, Dr. **Corwin Edwards, FACP**, and Dr. **DeVon Hale, FACP**. I encourage all the members to become involved in the College and strive to achieve Fellowship.

I appreciate your support in the American College of Physician activities. There are many local opportunities to serve in this organization. I welcome any members to contact me and become more involved in the College's activities. Also please save the date of Friday, September 29, 2006 when we will be holding our Utah Chapter meeting. This will be held at the University of Utah Health Sciences Education Building in Alumni Hall. Dr. **Douglas Smith, FACP** and his committee have worked hard to build this program. You can read about the program in a separate article in this newsletter.

COUNCIL STUDENT MEMBERS

LANDON DICSKON was selected to serve on the American College of Physicians Council of Student Members. The CSM is comprised of 13 committee members who represent 11 regions. Landon will represent the Midwest Region, which comprises the largest geographical area. Each committee member serves on one of three committees under the direction of one student director. Landon was also selected to serve as one of the three Student Directors. He will be over the Marketing and Communications Committee. Congratulations Landon.



ANNUAL ACP MEETING

By Kathryn Gibson

During the first week in April I had the opportunity to attend the American College of Physicians Annual Session at ACP's headquarter city of Philadelphia. As a medical



student attending this conference for the first time I really did not know what to expect. Upon arrival I was pleasantly surprised to find conference programming geared to all interests and levels of training from the medical student to the seasoned internist. The conference was also organized into a variety of session formats to accommodate different educational

goals and learning styles. For example, formats included hands-on skills training, small group discussions, and traditional lectures, and session lengths ranged from 8-hour intensive seminars to 20 minute topic updates. There truly was something for everyone. After plowing through the vast array of conference offerings and customizing my ideal meeting schedule, I enjoyed talking with other meeting attendees from around the country. For me, a rising fourth year student eager to see my career goals in internal medicine take shape, it was an invaluable opportunity to see so many types and styles of medical practices represented. Furthermore, the conference fostered both friendship and mentorship among attendees at all levels of training. I especially appreciated this sense of mentorship during the Utah Chapter Dinner, a lively, family-style Italian feast during which many stories and laughs were shared. By the end of the conference I was mentally exhausted from trying to digest all of the new ideas and information I had encountered during the week. However, as I left Philadelphia for home, the exhaustion quickly gave way to a renewed vigor for learning and patient care. Overall, the experience exceeded my expectations, and I look forward to attending next year's annual conference April 19-21, 2007 in San Diego. I hope to see you there!

UTAH MEDICAL STUDENT COMMITTEE

The Utah ACP Medical Student Committee received national recognition at a reception held for the Associates and Medical Students during the recent Annual Session in Philadelphia. Through the efforts of the Medical Student Committee, **Landon Dickson**, **Becky Kroll**, and **Ally Pace**, chaired by **Michael J. Battistone**, MD, FACP,



Ally Pace, Becky Kroll, Landon Dickson

the University of Utah was awarded first place honors by the Medical School Awards Program for increasing its Medical Student Membership in the ACP by 15% or more of the total student body during the period of July 1, 2005 through March 15, 2006. Through the efforts of the Medical Student Committee the University of Utah's Medical Student Membership increased by 28.3%.

UTAH ASSOCIATES COUNCIL SPRING BANQUET



Aaron Weaver, Mark Christenson, Kevin Shaw, Elizabeth Tepe, Darcie Gorman

On Wednesday evening May 3, 2006 we held the Annual ACP Utah Chapter Associates' Banquet and Clinical Vignette Competition. Five individuals presented a 10-minute discussion about a patient whose illness caused the Associates to want to learn more and teach more.

Aaron Weaver, MD, a 3rd year Internal Medicine Resident received the 1st place award of \$200. Alphabetically, the 4 housestaff who received a \$100 award each were **Mark Christenson**, MD (IM R3), **Darcie Gorman** MD (IM R2), **Kevin Shaw**, MD (IM R2) and **Elizabeth Tepe**, MD (IM Intern). Each Associate presented very scholarly information and in a very professional way.

Members of the ACP Utah Chapter leadership are very proud of the Associates who participated in this collegial competition. The judges for the Clinical Vignette Competition were **Sara Lamb**, **Estelle Harris**, **Chris Jackson** and **Doug Smith**.

Corwin Q. Edwards, M.D.
Chair, ACP Utah Chapter Associates Competition

2006 UTAH ACP SCIENTIFIC MEETING September 29, 2006

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our local ACP Scientific Meeting on Friday September 29, 2006. The meeting will again be held in Alumni Hall in the new Health Sciences Education Building on the medical school campus. The program committee has been hard at work building a program. Tentative topics include secondary hypertension, immunodeficiency syndromes, community acquired MRSA, office orthopedics, travel medicine, and evaluation of STD's and urinary infections. We will also cover health and public policy issues. Last year's meeting was well attended and received positive reviews by those in attendance. Plan to spend a day with your colleagues and update your medical knowledge base. For more information, please contact **Shauna Gulso** at Shauna.Gulso@hsc.utah.edu or Dr. **Douglas Smith**, Scientific Program Chair, by email at Douglas.Smith@intermountainmail.org.

CHAPTER IN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Utah Chapter received the Chapter In Excellence Award for 2006. This award will be presented to the chapter during the Scientific Meeting in September.

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in welcoming the chapter's newest Fellows:

- **Michael J. Battistone, MD FACP**
- **Corwin Q. Edwards, MD FACP**
- **DeVon C. Hale, MD FACP**

UTAH CHAPTER ON THE WEB

Have you ever finished reading an article and wondered what other activities your chapter has been involved in or what upcoming meetings I am missing out on? Your Chapter's Web site has the answers for you. Visit <http://www.acponline.org/chapters/ut/> to satisfy your desire to learn more.

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.



Navigating the site

Make the most of your visit to our chapter's web site:

Visit "News & Meetings" for the latest newsletter, announcements about CME opportunities and local activities in your chapter.

Search "Public Policy and Advocacy" to research the College's positions on key health issues.

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

Read "About the Chapter" to find your Chapter's Leadership including your Governor and Chapter Staff; learn about past award recipients and governors.

Stop in "Residents and Medical Students" to discover all the 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.

Access the Chapter's Web site online at <http://www.acponline.org/chapters/ut/>

CONSIDER ADVANCING TO FELLOWSHIP

You have been a Member of the American College of Physicians (ACP) for more than 5 years? If so, you have more than met the time requirement for advancement to Fellowship. I encourage you to initiate the Fellowship process.

"FACP" is a recognized title of respect. Fellowship in the ACP is an honor achieved only by those recognized by their peers for professional accomplishment, personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, and proven

scholarship. You earn the title of FACP by demonstrating these qualities.

Candidates must show continuing scholarship, which can be evidenced in a variety of ways: through publications, or multiple certification activities, or five years of active membership in the College, or a long-term commitment to internal medicine. Thus different physicians follow different pathways to Fellowship, with the main factor being excellence. These pathways are not carved in stone; many members apply under a combination, and I invite you to read the Fellowship materials very carefully.

If you need more information about the process, requirements or want to request an application, please visit the College's web site at <http://www.acponline.org/college/membership/required.htm?fellowut>. If you prefer, I am glad to discuss them with you, just contact me via email at Grant.Cannon@hsc.utah.edu.

You can obtain lists of Fellows and Masters in your area for possible Sponsors by accessing the Member Connection section of ACP Online at <http://www.acponline.org/private/mbrconn/>.

As Governor of the Utah, I urge all qualified Members in our region to attain Fellowship. Please let me know what I can do to assist you in achieving this honor of distinction. To stay connected to what's going on in our chapter, I encourage you to visit our Chapter's Web site at <http://www.acponline.org/chapters/ut>

FREE RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

What does the ACP do to enhance your practice? We want highlight selected tools and materials available to ACP members to improve your practice.

Patient Education Tools

The ACP's Foundation has created HEALTH TiPS. HEALTH TiPS are tools created to assist your patients in managing their chronic conditions. These two sided 4"x 6" cards contain clinical content developed through PIER, ACP's electronic, Web-based, decision-support tool designed for rapid point-of-care delivery. Content for HEALTH TiPS is created at or below a fifth-grade reading level. Currently, HEALTH TiPS pads are available for pain and hypertension in both English and Spanish. In addition, HEALTH TiPS pads are available for Medicare Part D HEALTH TiPS in response to the upcoming opportunity for people with

Medicare to enroll in a Medicare approved plan. These pads can be ordered for free on the Foundation's web site at http://foundation.acponline.org/healthcom/ht_order.htm.

ACP also offers other free patient education materials which focus on specific health problems commonly treated by internists. These include videos (with guidebooks) and brochures. All materials are free and can be ordered directly from the ACP Online website at <http://www.acponline.org/catalog/campaign/>.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT CENTER

The Practice Management Center (PMC) provides free assistance to members covering the full spectrum of business issues associated with running and working in a medical practice.

What's Hot

--Electronic Health Records (EHR) Tools - <http://www.acponline.org/pmc/ehr.htm>

--Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Coverage - <http://www.acponline.org/pmc/partd.htm>

MEMBER ADVOCACY

ACP has a Legislative Action Center (LAC) which includes 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. You can access the LAC directly at <http://www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy/-lac.htm>. As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails or faxes legislative alerts to Key Contacts. Key Contacts communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to 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. Enroll now in the Key Contact Program at <http://www.acponline.org/hpp/advocacy/survey.htm>.

FOLLOW THE SUN TO ACP ANNUAL SESSION
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APRIL 19-21, 2007 IN SAN DIEGO, CA.

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- Do ACE-inhibitors prevent type 2 diabetes?
- Will PPIs stop cough in your patients with GERD?
- The HPV vaccine is coming! Who should get it?
- Pulmonary embolism in exacerbations of COPD - are we missing the diagnosis?
- Identify core content and update your knowledge on essential topics relevant to both generalists and subspecialists regardless of subspecialty with the new *Core Topics in Internal Medicine Track for Subspecialists*.
- Learn “hands-on” at the Herbert S. Waxman Learning Center and Clinical Skills Workshops. Update your skills and learn techniques in physical examination, communication skills, office-based procedures and more.

**WANTED
EMAIL ADDRESSES**

We continue to update the Chapter’s mailing list. Please take a moment and send your email address to Shauna Gulso at Shauna.Gulso@hsc.utah.edu.

