



Governor's Message

Almost Spring 2009

Dear Colleague:

Springtime is coming. We have had our share of snow and power outages for the season. I hope your plans for April include attending the National ACP meeting in

Philadelphia. This is always a great time of learning and renewing friendships.

We are well on our way with plans for our state meeting in October of 2009. This years meeting will be in Huntington. The convention hotel will be the Pullman Plaza Hotel. Make your plans early to reserve the dates October 8th, 9th, 10th. We are planning a program for spouses on Friday and our Governors reception will be held in "*The Touma Museum*". More details later.

We are all aware of the many challenges our profession and our patients are facing. There are expectations of significant changes in health care coverage and financing and new leadership is present in Washington, but the times are challenging in many issues unrelated to medicine. Our American College of Physicians is committed to being a major contributing organization to the restructuring process. Please visit the ACP web page where you will have access to the ACP position papers and their plans. **Robert Doherty** is our political advocate and he has a web page "*Bob's blog*" which will allow us to keep up with the political scene and communicate with our organization when we have ideas we would like to share.

Our meeting in Morgantown this past October was quite successful and was held jointly with a special nephrology meeting on Thursday. One of the speakers in the nephrology meeting also spoke at our ACP meeting on Friday so we were able to share both faculty and costs. We had an excellent participation of residents and students in our abstract sessions. WVU, Charleston Division resident **April Baisden, MD** received first place for the oral research competition, WVU Morgantown resident **Sarah Hadique, MD** for the oral clinical vignette competition and Marshall University third year medical student, Mary Sales for the poster abstract competition. Three of these are attending our national meeting in Philadelphia in April and the state chapter is helping with their costs.

Abdrhman Hamo, MD submitted an abstract to the national office for Internal Medicine 2009. His abstract was selected and will he will be participating in the National Associate competition in the Clinical Vignette section.

The WVU Morgantown Division Jeopardy Team (Team Members **Joel Yednock MD, Sarah Sofka, MD, Michael Bolding, DO** and **Salman Osman MD** Coach Michelle Nuss, MD). won the competition at the state level and will go to Philadelphia to represent our state. Congratulations and good luck in Philly!!

We are very proud of all of our Medical Students, Residents and Fellows! Good luck and have a safe trip.

This is a very important time for our organization to remain strong. Your participation and support are vitally important. Encourage your colleagues to be members. Encourage the members to seek fellowship. I am very willing to support the advancement to fellowship of qualified members. Just encourage them to get in touch with me. Did you know that there was a financial advantage to you in the reduction of your dues amount when you are successful in getting a new member to the college? See the ACP web page for details.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Turner, MD, FACP

Governor, West Virginia Chapter, American College of Physicians

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Photo Gallery



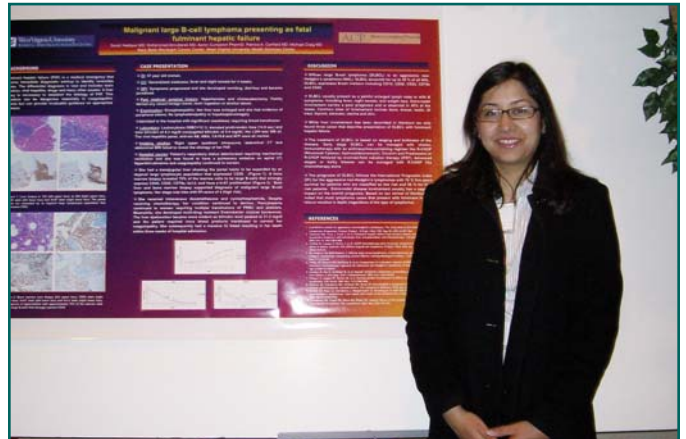
April Baisden, MD, 1st Place Oral Research Presentation & Dr. Charles Turner, Governor



Dr. Lynne Goeble, accepting on behalf of Mary Sales MSIII for 1st Place Poster



Dr. Michelle Nuss, Laurette Award Recipient and Dr. Charles Turner, Governor



Sarah Hadique, MD, 1st Place Recipient for Oral Presentation, Clinical Vignette

Time saving tool is new ACP member benefit – In the Clinic Slide Sets

In the Clinic slide sets are an educational tool to accompany Annals of Internal Medicine's In the Clinic feature. In the Clinic provides practical, evidence-based overviews of common clinical conditions. It also offers evidence-based answers to frequently asked questions about screening, prevention, diagnosis, therapy, and patient education and provides physicians with tools to improve the quality of care.

Each slide set contains about 25 slides that summarize the content of the related In the Clinic issue. Readers can use the slide sets for personal education or to facilitate teaching clinical topics to others. The slide set can be used in an upcoming presentation, as presented or customized by integrating personal slides to expand or contract your presentation as warranted. Use of In the Clinic slides will provide you with a valuable time-saving tool for use whenever or wherever needed.

Slide sets will be free to ACP members and in the near future will also be available to paid individual subscribers.

Slides will soon be available for the following topics: Smoking Cessation, Type 2 Diabetes, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Insomnia, Low Back Pain.

In the Clinic slide sets can be viewed from [annals.org](http://www.annals.org/annalsslidesets/) (<http://www.annals.org/annalsslidesets/>)

Participate in ACP's Recruit-a-Colleague Program!

The American College of Physicians and the West Virginia Chapter encourages its members to help strengthen the voice of internal medicine by recommending ACP Membership to colleagues. By becoming ACP Members, your colleagues will enrich their clinical knowledge and skills and have access to the wide variety of professional assistance that you enjoy as part of your membership.

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