

ACP Annual Session, April 6-8, 2006, Philadelphia  
Selected Course Descriptions

**Thursday, April 6, 2006**

**7 - 8 a.m.**

Andropause: Does it Exist? Should it be Treated?

Peter J. Snyder, MD

MTP 131 Rm. 113AB (p. 30)

What are current indications for testosterone replacement therapy in hypogonadal men?

Congestive Heart Failure in 2006 *(repeated at 4:30 p.m.)*

Audrey H. Wu, MD, MPH

MTP008 Rm. 204AB (p. 30) *repeated at 4:30*

Distinguishing between systolic and diastolic heart failure ... management strategy for diastolic heart failure ... role of brain natriuretic peptide ... cardiac resynchronization therapy.

Contraception: What the Internist Should Know

Anne M. Eacker, MD, ACP Member

Eliza L. Sutton, MD, FACP

MTP 038 Rm. 201A (p. 30)

What's new in contraception, benefits and drawbacks, options for emergency contraception.

COPD - What Therapy Works? *(repeated at 8:15 a.m.)*

Sanjay Sethi, MD

MTP 065 Rm. 114 (p. 30)

Who and what decides whether a therapy is working in COPD? Is there a rational stepwise approach to pharmacologic therapy in COPD?

Managing Serious Infections in the Hospital

John G. Bartlett, MD, MACP

WSO 001 Rm. 204C (p. 31)

What is the role of glycemic control in diabetic patients with acute infections? Issues in managing infections in immunocompromised patients. Severe necrotizing skin infections.

Practitioners Report: Infectious Diseases *(repeated Friday at 9:30 a.m.)*

Bruno P. Granwehr, MD, ACP Member

PR 001 Rm. 102 (p. 31)

New to the ACP Annual Session this year, Practitioners' Reports bring a residency tradition to clinical practice. Internists will learn from master clinician-teachers as they work through diagnosis and therapeutic options for challenging cases presented to them as unknowns.

Save Yourself a Headache: Rational Approach to the Evaluation and Management of Headaches in Primary Care

Gerald W. Smetana, MD, FACP

MTP 098 Rm. 201BC (p. 32)

What are the most common types of headache presented in primary care practice? What are the warning signs for serious types, and what is the appropriate evaluation of new types?

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Adult Immunizations: Past, Present, and Future

Walter A. Orenstein, MD

MTP 047 Rm. 111 (p. 33)

Current recommendations for parenteral vs. intranasal influenza vaccination. Should all adults be vaccinated to prevent zoster? Are there effective vaccines to prevent cancer?

Anxiety Disorders in General Medical Practice

Robert K. Schneider, MD, FACP

MTP 102 Rm. 113C (p. 33)

What is generalized anxiety disorder? How common is it? What is the initial management strategy?

Children of Internists Speak Out: How to Be a Physician and a Parent

Michael F. Myers, MD, Moderator

PN 024 Rm. 102 (p. 33)

What decision points will commonly be encountered in personal and professional life, and what are some of the choices? How to discuss career choices with one's partner.

COPD - What Therapy Works?

Sanjay Sethi, MD

MTP 066 Rm. 204C (p. 33)

Who and what decides whether a therapy is working in COPD? Is there a rational stepwise approach to pharmacologic therapy in COPD?

Emergency Preparedness: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina & Preparations for the Avian Flu

Bruce Gellin, MD, Moderator

PN 012 Rm. 201A (p. 33)

What lessons were learned regarding the mobilization of health care? What preparations are being made for the possibility of a pandemic from the avian flu?

Exciting Research Advances (ERA): Oncology and Infectious Diseases

Kathleen A. Stewart, MD, FACP, Moderator

ERA 001 Rm. 113AB (p. 34)

Modern advances in molecular biology have advanced the field of infectious diseases. Better tests make faster diagnosis, identifying specific resistance patterns quickly.

Practitioner's Report: Cardiovascular Diseases *(repeated Friday at 8:15 a.m.)*

Michael C. Sha, MD, ACP Member

PR 003 Rm. 112 (p. 34)

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**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony Hall C**

Jock Murray, MD, MACP, "The Call to Professionalism: Use it or Lose it!"

(No other sessions held at this time)

**10:30-11:15 a.m. ACP PRESS BRIEFING Diabetes Initiative Update**

**Rm. 105A**

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**11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Approach to the Patient with a Potential Sleep Disorder

Allan I. Pack, MD, PHD

MTP 062 Rm. 201A (p. 35)

What is the diagnostic approach to the patient with complaints of insomnia? What causes daytime sleepiness besides obstructive sleep apnea?

The Global AIDS Epidemic: Challenges and Opportunities

Allan R. Ronald, MD, MACP

MTP 126 Rm. 202 (p. 36)

State of the epidemic worldwide; potential light at the end of the tunnel with risk reduction programs.

Medical Complications of Pregnancy

Richard V. Lee, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 033 Rm. 204C (p. 36)

How does pregnancy alter clinical expression and the course of illness? Selecting medications for the pregnant patient; common medical complications of pregnancy.

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Venous Thromboembolism and Hypercoagulable States, Bariatric Surgery and the Internist, Chronic Pain Management

Madeline S. Wilson, MD, FACP, Moderator

MSFM 001 Ballroom A (p. 36)

Concise, evidence-based answers to common, yet difficult, patient management problems.

Role of the Personal Health Record (PHR) in the Physician Practice

Kathy Giannangelo, RHIA, CCS

MTP 124 113C (p. 37)

What a PHR is, and is not. Handling requests from patients for their health information.

What the General Internist Needs to Know When Co-Managing Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

Roy D. Bloom, MD

MTP 055 Rm. 113AB (p. 38)

Kidney complications of antihypertensive medicine, NSAIDS, and COX-2 inhibitors.

<b>1 - 1:50 p.m. ACP PRESS BRIEFING/LUNCHEON Redesign of Primary Care Rm. 105A</b>
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**2:15-3:45 p.m.**

Clinical Pearls: Rheumatology and Women's Health

Scott C. Litin, MD, MACP, Moderator

CP 001 Ballroom A (p. 39)

Internists acquire a collection of "pearls" to apply directly to patient care.

Noninvasive Diagnosis in Coronary Artery Disease

Nora F. Goldschlager, MD, FACP

MTP 004 Room 201BC (p. 40)

Identifying the patient with severe coronary artery disease... Importance of exercise-induced arrhythmias.

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**2:15-3:45 p.m. (cont.)**

A Team-Based Approach to Diabetes Care

Robert M. Cuddihy, MD, Moderator

PN 030 Rm. 203 (p. 41)

Hear real-life experiences of specialists, diabetes educators, and more about how they have organized care using the multidisciplinary approach.

Town Hall Meeting on Pay for Performance: Why Is This Happening to You and What Does It Mean for Your Future?

C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, FACP, ACP President, Moderator

PN 038 Rm. 113C (pp. 40, 41)

Why a change in the funding of health care? How are performance measures chosen? Q & A session.

Weight Loss, Incontinence, and Falls: A Few Pearls on Caring for the Elderly

Jeffrey I. Wallace, MD

MTP 029 Rm. 204C (p. 42)

What office evaluations are useful? How effective are medications for treating urge continence? Stress continence? What medications are associated with an increased risk for hip fracture in elderly outpatients?

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

The History of Medicine: Physician Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Osler in Philadelphia; Medical Works of Eakins

Jock Murray, MD, MACP, moderator

PN 008 Rm. 109 (p. 39)

Who among the signers of the Declaration of Independence were physicians? Hear of William Osler's time in Philadelphia, and discuss the medical and anatomical works of Thomas Eakins.

Doctor's Dilemma- First Round

Room 108A and 108B

A fast-paced *Jeopardy*-style program where medical residents test their knowledge of internal medicine. Teams have qualified at the local chapter level for their chance to take home the Osler Cup.

Congestive Heart Failure in 2006

Audrey H. Wu, MD, MACP

MTP 009 Rm. 204AB (p. 42)

Distinguishing between systolic and diastolic heart failure ... management strategy for diastolic heart failure ... role of brain natriuretic peptide ... cardiac resynchronization therapy

Eight Rules for Rounding on Hospitalized Elders

Evelyn C. Granieri, MD

MTP 030 Rm. 112 (p. 42)

What are the most common clinically significant medical errors that occur during hospitalization of older patients? Preventable events ... managing delirium ... renal function.

Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award Lecture: Medicine and the Liberal Arts: Harmonizing Science and Wisdom

Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, MACP

AL 001 Rm. 114 (p. 43)

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Rheumatoid Arthritis: What is the Modern Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approach?

Stephen A. Paget, MD, FACP, FACR

MTP 071

Rm. 201A

(p. 44)

What is the best approach for diagnosis? What other diseases mimic rheumatoid arthritis?

Washington Report: Pay for Performance and Other Key Issues Facing Internists

Robert B. Doherty, ACP Senior Vice President for Health and Public Policy, Moderator

PN 039

Rm. 113C

(p. 44)

Key health policy issues being considered by Congress and the federal and regulatory agencies.

What is ACP's public policy advocacy agenda?

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**7 - 8 a.m.**

Advocating with Impact: From CNN to Capitol Hill

Joel D. Roberts, Director

WSO 007

Rm. 202

(p. 46)

How to be an effective advocate for patients. Key health policy issues.

Doctors, Death, and Dignity: Life-Sustaining Treatments at Life's End

Steven A. Levy, MD

MTP 083

Rm. 112

(p. 46)

How to explain to families that technology can hurt as well as help? Can physicians discontinue mechanical ventilation from a dying patient if the family refuses?

Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases: The Challenge to Global Health

Thomas Fekete, MD, FACP

MTP 046

Rm. 201A

(p. 46)

What is the appropriate evaluation of respiratory complaints in the era of avian influenza, SARS and re-emergence of pertussis? How can foodborne disease be prevented?

Practitioners' Report: Pulmonary Diseases

*(repeated Saturday at 9:30 a.m.)*

Cheryl W. O'Malley, MD, Case Presenter

PR 005

Rm. 102

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Primary Care Internal Medicine: For Fun and Profit

Ted Sussman, MD, FACP, Moderator

MTP 081

Rm. 111

(p. 48)

Small practices: Are they dinosaurs or cutting-edge solutions? Are there proven ideas that could enhance small practices financially, improve clinical quality, or ease time pressures?

The Role of the Generalist in the Management of Cirrhosis and Its Complications

Santiago J. Munoz, MD, FACP

MTP 023

Rm. 114

(p. 48)

How should ascites be managed, and what is the role of TIPS? When should cirrhotic patients be referred for transplant evaluation?

**8:15 - 9:15 a.m.**

Bouncing Back: Resilience and Renewing for Physicians

Linda Hawes Clever, MD, MACP

MTP 114

Rm. 204C

(p. 49)

Exploring attitudes, skills, solutions and practices to contend effectively with change.

Evidence-Based Complementary Medicine

Barak Gaster, MD

MTP 095

Rm. 111

(p. 50)

What modalities of nontraditional medicine are most frequently used by patients? How can complementary and alternative medicine contribute to medical care?

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**8:15 - 9:15 a.m. (cont.)**

Palliative Care: The Hospitalist Perspective (p. 50)

Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP

MTP 084 Rm. 102

Benefits of palliative care programs for hospitalized patients. Increase patient and family satisfaction with hospitals and the health care team through palliative care programs.

Practitioner's Report: Cardiovascular Diseases

Michael C. Sha, MD, ACP Member

PR 004 Rm. 112 (p. 34)

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Practical Steps toward a Paperless Office (p. 51)

Jeffrey P. Friedman, MD, FACP

MTP 080 Rm. 202

What are the benefits of moving toward a paperless office: What lessons have been learned?

Treatment of Menopausal Symptoms in the Post-WHI Era (repeated at 4:30 p.m.)

Marcia L. Stefanick, PhD

MTP 039 Rm. 204AB (p. 63)

When is it appropriate to treat with menopausal hormone therapy (MHT)? What is the evidence that SSRIs (or other antidepressant agents) or herbal agents improve postmenopausal symptoms?

Risk for Sudden Death

Martin C. Burke, DO

MTP 003 Rm. 201BC (p. 51)

How do I identify the patient at risk for sudden death? Who should receive an implantable defibrillator, and what is the evidence for benefit?

History of Medicine: Philadelphia Hospital; Medical Publishing in Philadelphia; Homeopathic Medical Knowledge: The Philadelphia Tradition

Jock Murray, MD, Moderator

PN 009 Rm. 109 (p. 58)

What were the principles and model for establishing the Philadelphia Hospital? Why were so many medical publishers established in Philadelphia? Origins of the homeopathic tradition.

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Ethical Issues

Paul S. Mueller, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 014 Rm. 202 (p. 52)

What are some resources available to internists, and their patients, to help evaluate the safety and efficacy of the CAM treatments that patients may be using?

Evaluation of Breast Symptoms

Mary Barton, MD

MTP 035 Rm. 201A (p. 52)

What should be the initial evaluation of a breast mass? Of breast pain?

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**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (cont.)**

Electronic Health Record Certification: How Do National Level Programs Reduce the Risk of Purchase Decisions?

Mureen Allen, MBBS

PN 040 Rm. 203 (p. 52)

Focus on the progress of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology toward providing an electronic health record certification program that would relieve ACP's members of some of the uncertainty they face as EHR buyers.

Health Literacy: A Silent Epidemic Hurting You and Your Patients

Terry C. Davis, PhD, Moderator

PN 031 Rm. 102 (p. 52)

How to improve communication with patients. What changes can be implemented in the office to help patients with low health literacy?

Optimal Asthma Management

Robert E. Reisman, MD, MACP

MTP 061 Rm. 204AB (p. 53)

How is the severity of asthma assessed? How and when is allergy evaluation and treatment an integral part of management?

Practitioners' Report: Infectious Diseases

Bruno P. Granwehr, MD, case presenter

PR 002 Rm. 112 (p. 53)

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Beyond Depression and Anxiety

Mitchell D. Feldman, MD, MPhil

MTP 103 Rm. 204C (p. 51)

How should ADHD be evaluated and treated in adults? What is the best approach to a patient with somatization or a somatoform disorder? What are the common personality disorders?

**10:30-11:15 a.m. ACP PRESS BRIEFING Healthcare Response to Influenza Rm. 105A**

**11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Advances in Diagnosis and Management of Substance Abuse

Charles P. O'Brien, MD, PhD

MTP 108 Rm. 112 (p. 54)

What medications are available for the treatment of alcoholism? What are the effects of substance abuse on hypertension, asthma, diabetes, and other medical problems?

Domestic Violence: All Ages, All Relations

Elaine J. Alpert, MD, MPH, FACP

MTP 128 Rm. 102 (p. 55)

In what ways do childhood experiences, including exposure to domestic violence, affect health and well-being in adult life? How can physicians ask patients about domestic violence?

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The Dizzy Patient

Martin A. Samuels, MD, MACP

MTP 099 Rm. 111 (p. 55)

What are the most common etiologies of dizziness seen in primary care? What are appropriate treatments for labyrinthitis and benign positional vertigo?

Approach to Common Malignancies I: Breast Cancer and Colon Cancer

Kathleen A. Stewart, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 004 Rm. 113C (p. 54)

What is the best tool for assessing breast cancer risk? Which high-risk women should be referred for genetic screening? What progress is being made in therapy for breast cancer prevention?

Management of Dementia and Assessment of Cognitive Function

Peter V. Rabins, MD, MPH

MTP 028 Rm. 204C (p. 55)

What is the effect of drug therapy on quality of life for patient or caregiver? What are the burdens and benefits of diagnosing dementia at a very early stage?

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Osteoporosis, Thyroid Disease, Hypertension and Renal Disease

Keith W. Roach, MD, Moderator

MSFM 002 Ballroom A (p. 56)

Osteoporosis management and prevention... Thyroid disease, screening, evaluation, treatment ... Current role for beta-blockers and ACE inhibitors in hypertension.

Perioperative Evaluation and Management Issues

Geno J. Merli, MD, FACP

WSO 010 Rm. 204AB (p. 56)

What are the latest approaches to decreasing the risk for cardiac complications in the patient with cardiac disease who requires noncardiac surgery? What is the role of beta-blockers?

Update in Infectious Diseases

Bennett Lorber, MD, Moderator

UD 008 Ballroom B (p. 56)

Epidemic of community-associated MRSA infections. Respiratory syncytial virus causes significant morbidity in adults. A new strain of *Clostridium difficile* causing more severe disease. Flu epidemic of 1918 ... survival from rabies ... vaccine to prevent shingles.

Stump the Professor

Faith Fitzgerald, MD, MACP

WSO 300 Room 203 (p. 56)

What are the thought processes of an experienced internist while solving medical problems?

**1 - 1:50 p.m. ACP PRESS BRIEFING/LUNCHEON Meet the Officers/Past Year Review 105A**

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**2:15 - 3:45 p.m.**

Assessing the Medical Literature

Harold C. Sox, MD, MACP, Editor, *Annals of Internal Medicine*

MTP 117 Rm. 111 (p. 58)

How do I search the literature for relevant articles? What do editors look for when deciding whether to publish an article? How can I best organize my knowledge base of articles?

Clinical Challenges in Hypertension

*(repeated Saturday at 11:15 a.m.)*

Raymond R. Townsend, MD

MTP 058 Rm. 114 (p. 58)

Pursuing renovascular disease: Is the gain worth the risk? Secondary hypertension: Separating substance from semantics.

Clinical Pearls: Hypertension/Nephrology and Cardiology

Scott C. Litin, MD, MACP, Moderator

CP 002 Ballroom A (p. 58)

Internists acquire a collection of "pearls" to apply directly to patient care.

Cultural Competency: Critical Issues and Resources for Providers

JudyAnn Bigby, MD

MTP 120 Rm. 102 (p. 58)

What are the key characteristics of culturally competent care? How can cultural competence be assessed in a practice? Can a culturally sensitive approach address disparities in care?

Management of HIV Infection: What's New

*(repeated Saturday at 11:15 a.m.)*

Howard Libman, MD

MTP 049 Rm. 204C (p. 59)

What is the diagnostic method for initial management of HIV seroconversion syndrome? What is the appropriate baseline evaluation of an HIV-infected person?

Optimal Management of the Diabetic Patient in 2006 and Beyond

*(repeated Saturday at 2:15 p.m.)*

Stephen Clement, MD

MTP 074 Rm. 204AB (p. 60)

Newer and better agents are becoming available. How does this influence when a patient should be switched to insulin? Oral and inhaled insulins: Will they have a place in therapy?

Reforming the Payment System: Aligning Incentives with Care Processes

Michael S. Barr, MD, ACP Vice President, Practice Advocacy and Improvement, Moderator

PN 011 Rm. 113C (p. 60)

How is ACP working to improve payment for evaluation and management services? How can I get paid for the increasing demands involved in coordinating care for patients with chronic illness?

Update in Gastroenterology

Norton J. Greenberger, MD, MACP

UD 003 Hall C (p. 60)

GERD, dyspepsia, endoscopy, upper GI bleeding, colon cancer, diarrheal disorders, etc.

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Update in Pulmonary Medicine

John E. Heffner, MD, FACP, Moderator

UD 010 Ballroom B (p. 60)

Pleural effusions, lung cancer, COPD, asthma, pneumonia, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia, etc.

Utilizing the Electronic Medical Record for Chronic Disease Management

Paul R. Clark, MD, Moderator

PN 0343 Rm. 202 (p. 61)

What a PHR is and what it is not. Pros and cons to exchanging health info with your patients. Identify ways a PHR would improve care and safety, and translate into better efficiency.

**3:45-4:30 p.m. Meet Harvey, Cardiac Simulator (meet at Room 105B)**

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Advances in Anticoagulation

*(repeated Saturday at 4 p.m.)*

B. Gail Macik, MD

MTP 044 Rm. 204AB (p. 61)

What are the clinical guidelines for the rational use of antithrombin therapy? Other newer anticoagulants? Are there advantages of one low-molecular-weight heparin over another?

A Day in the Life of a Doctor's PDA

R. Michael Amadeo, MD

MTP 122 Rm. 113C (p. 61)

How can something the size of my wallet improve my billings and collection? How can I use the PDA to improve patient care and my efficiency at the same time?

Doctor's Dilemma: Semi-Finals

Rm. 108

Enjoy this fast-paced *Jeopardy*-style program where resident winners from the first round test their knowledge of internal medicine.

History of Politics in American Medicine

Robert B. Doherty, ACP Senior Vice President for Health and Public Policy

MTP 130 Rm. 203 (p. 62)

What key health care issues dominated the political agenda in the U.S. from colonial days to today? What lessons can we learn from history?

Insulin Resistance vs. Metabolic Syndromes: Different Names, Different Concepts, Different Goals

Gerald M. Reaven, MD

*(repeated Saturday at 11:15 a.m.)*

MTP 015 Rm. 201BC (p. 62)

What are abnormalities and clinical syndromes related to insulin resistance? How does the metabolic syndrome differ from the insulin resistance syndrome?

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (cont.)**

Managing Chronic Nonmalignant Pain: The General Internist's Perspective

Matthew F. Hollon, MD, MPH

MTP 110

Rm. 111

(p. 62)

What are principal strategies that facilitate working with and helping patients who have chronic nonmalignant pain? What is the role of opioids in managing chronic pain, and how are common pitfalls avoided?

Palliative Medicine: Caring for the Dying

Jonathan R. Gavrin, MD

MTP 113

Rm. 112

(p. 63)

What is hospice care? Who is eligible, and when should a patient be referred? What is a spiritual assessment?

Treatment of Menopausal Symptoms in the Post-WHI Era

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**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

**7 - 8 a.m.**

Approach to Common Malignancies II: Prostate Cancer and Lung Cancer

Kathleen A. Stewart, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 003 Rm. 204C (p. 64)

Does PSA remain controversial? What are therapeutic options for patients with localized prostate cancer? Has there been progress in screening strategies for patients at high risk for lung cancer?

Chronic Kidney Disease: The New Silent Killer Part I

Robert G. Narins, MD, MACP, Moderator

PN 035A Rm. 202 (p. 64)

What are the major etiologies and stages of CKD? What clinical indicators determine how to use vitamin D, calcimimetic drugs, and phosphate-binding agents in CKD? Are all antihypertensive drugs equally effective?

The Clinical, Quality, and Financial Case for Palliative Care in Hospitals

Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP

MTP 082 Rm. 203 (p. 64)

Understand the evidence for the clinical, demographic, educational and financial imperatives for palliative care services. Discuss case studies of models for palliative services.

Evaluation and Treatment of Common Symptoms

Douglas S. Paauw, MD, FACP

MTP 105 Rm. 114 (p. 65)

What are the most common causes of chronic cough, and what is the appropriate diagnostic and management plan? When should you image patients with low back pain? With headache?

Polypharmacy: What Drugs Can Be Trimmed?

Thomas E. Finucane, MD, FACP

MTP 031 Rm. 113AB (p. 66)

What commonly used drugs have few data to support their utility? What interactions are common and clinically important? How can clinicians obtain unbiased and nonpromotional data about medications?

Thinking of Part-Time Medicine?

Sarah K. Warren, MD, Moderator

PN 025 Rm. 112 (p. 66)

Review job opportunities available, negotiating skills, transitioning to part-time work.

What's New from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, 2006

David Atkins, MD, MPH

MTP 115 Rm. 201A (p. 66)

What new preventive services should I be offering to patients? What screening tests are not appropriate for widespread use?

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**8:15 - 9:15 a.m.**

Chronic Kidney Disease: The New Silent Killer Part II

Robert G. Narins, MD, MACP, Moderator

PN 035B Rm. 202 (p. 67)

What are the major etiologies of CKD? What clinical indicators determine how to use vitamin D, calcimimetic drugs, and phosphate-binding agents in CKD? How does renal damage adversely affect atherosclerosis?

Ethical Challenges: Issues Surrounding Organ Donation

David C. Dale, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 017 Rm. 113C (p. 67)

How and when should physicians discuss the option of organ donation with patients and families, and what are the federal regulations around this issue?

Exciting Research Advances (ERA): Cardiology and Endocrinology

Jack Ende, MD, FACP, Moderator

ERA 003 Rm. 113AB (p. 68)

Stem-Cell Therapy for the Ischemically Damaged Myocardium

Genetics in Primary Care: The Family History in 2006

Reed E. Pyeritz, MD, PhD, FACP

MTP 097 Rm. 203 (p. 68)

How has modern medical genetics changed the family history as part of the clinical database? What are the syndromes that general internists should be looking for?

Global Health Challenge: Diabetes

Christopher Murray, MD

MTP 129 Rm. 111 (p. 68)

Learn methods of approach in the management of obesity and hypertension in diabetic patients. Learn preventive strategies to combat this problem in different areas of the world.

Group Visits: Improving Quality and Revitalizing Your Practice

Dawn E. Clancy, MD, FACP

MTP 079 Rm. 201A (p. 68)

Can group visits reduce physician time pressures while simultaneously increasing the practice's bottom line, patient satisfaction, and clinical quality?

How Should We Train Internists for the Future?

Steven E. Weinberger, MD, FACP, ACP Senior Vice President for Medical Knowledge and Education, Moderator

PN 032 Rm. 204C (p. 68)

Current status on redesign of residency training and perspectives from collaborating organizations including the AAIM, ABIM, and ACP.

Management of Common Outpatient Infections

*(repeated at 4 p.m.)*

MTP 051 Rm. 201BC (p. 79)

Rational approach for selection of empirical therapy of urinary tract infections .... when is antimicrobial therapy appropriate for upper respiratory tract infection and sinusitis?

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

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Capacity, Competence, and Surrogate Decision-Making in End-of-Life Care

Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 015

Rm. 102

(p. 69)

How can internists determine whether patients near the end of life are or are not competent to make their own health care decisions?

Colon Cancer Screening and Surveillance

Benjamin Krevsky, MD, MPH, FACP

MTP 022

Rm. 114

(p. 69)

How useful is virtual colonoscopy? Are fecal occult blood testing and flexible sigmoidoscopy obsolete for colon cancer testing?

Health Care Disparities in the U.S. in 2006: Where Are We Now and How Can We Do Better?

John Z. Ayanian, MD, FACP

MTP 078

Rm. 202

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What are the public health implications of health disparities? How do physicians contribute to disparities for patients in their clinical practices?

Obesity: A New Epidemic of Our Time?

Xavier Pi-Sunyer, MD, FACP

MTP 016

Ballroom A

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What are the true medical risks of obesity? Are low-carb diets a panacea? What are the evolving criteria for surgical therapies for obesity?

Practitioners' Report: Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care

Daniel K. Dilling, MD

PR 006

Rm. 112

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Talkin' about My Generation and Yours: Understanding Cross-Generational Differences among Physicians

Lawrence G. Smith, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 019

Rm. 201A

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How can a mix of generations add to a practice or training situation rather than create difficulties? What generational differences come up in teaching medical students and residents? What about when older physicians add younger ones to a practice?

Ten Common Prescribing Errors: Drug Interactions and Side Effects

Douglas S. Paauw, MD, FACP

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What are common mistakes made by physicians in the use of coumadin? What herbal medications commonly interact with common prescription drugs?

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**11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Clinical Challenges in Hypertension

Raymond R. Townsend, MD

MTP 057

Rm. 114

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Pursuing renovascular disease: Is the gain worth the risk? Secondary hypertension: Separating substance from semantics.

The Dilemma of Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism

Geno J. Merli, MD, FACP

MTP 067

Rm. 201A

(p. 72)

Anticoagulant therapy: which, when, how long, where? What is the long-term prognosis and treatment of the patient with an initial episode of DVT or PE?

Ethics Year In Review

Paul S. Mueller, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 106

Rm. 202

(p. 72)

What are the pressing bioethical issues for physicians today, and what are their practical implications for internists?

Incorporating Volunteerism into Training: Domestic and International

Kristen Ries, MD, FACP

PN 023

Rm. 102

(p. 72)

Identify opportunities for volunteerism for medical students and residents. Review the logistical issues such as impact on training program, language barriers, and legal issues.

Insulin Resistance vs. Metabolic Syndromes: Different Names, Different Concepts, Different Goals

Gerald M. Reaven, MD

MTP 075

Rm. 201BC

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What are abnormalities and clinical syndromes related to insulin resistance? How does the metabolic syndrome differ from the insulin resistance syndrome?

Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind: Hepatology, Infectious Diseases in the Office, Update on Treatment of ACS and CHF

Wendy Simons Klein, MD, FACP, Moderator

MSFM 003

Ballroom A

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When is liver biopsy indicated in patients with chronic hepatitis? Prophylactic drugs for travelers to countries with malaria. Which patients with CHF should be considered for transplantation?

What Internists Need to Know About the New Medicare Prescription Drug Program and Other Changes

Neil Kirschner, PhD, director

WSO 006

Rm. 203

(p. 74)

What the changes in Medicare coverage and benefits will mean to patients and practice.

Management of HIV Infection: What's New

Howard Libman, MD

MTP 050

Rm. 204AB

(p. 59)

What is the diagnostic method for initial management of HIV seroconversion syndrome? What is the appropriate baseline evaluation of an HIV-infected person?

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**2:15 - 3:45 p.m.**

Clinical Pearls: General Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology

Scott C. Litin, MD, MACP, Moderator

CP 003 Ballroom A (p. 75)

Internists acquire a collection of "pearls" to apply directly to patient care.

Evidence-Based Physical Diagnosis

Steven McGee, MD

MTP 109 Rm. 201A (p. 75)

Which physical examination findings best suggest ascites, congestive heart failure, peritonitis, or pneumonia?

Moving Beyond Disease Management for the Primary Care Physician: Managing Patients with Multiple Comorbidities

Bruce Leff, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 018 Rm. 202 (p. 76)

What are the characteristics of persons with multiple chronic illnesses, and why is it important for my practice to identify them?

Optimal Management of the Diabetic Patient in 2006 and Beyond

Stephen Clement, MD

MTP 014 Rm. 201BC (p. 76)

Newer and better agents are becoming available. How does this influence when a patient should be switched to insulin? Oral and inhaled insulins: Will they have a place in therapy?

William C. Menninger Memorial Award Lecture: The Psychiatry of AIDS -- Practicing Psychiatry as a Discipline of Medicine

Glenn Treisman, MD

AL002 Rm. 204C (p. 77)

How psychiatric disorders promote the HIV epidemic and are the barriers to effective treatment.

**4 - 5 p.m.**

Advances in Anticoagulation

B. Gail Macik, MD

MTP 045 Rm. 114 (p. 61)

What are the clinical guidelines for the rational use of antithrombin therapy? Other newer anticoagulants? Are there advantages of one low-molecular-weight heparin over another?

An Approach to Chronic Diarrhea

David A. Katzka, MD

MTP 021 Rm. 113AB (p. 77)

How is diarrhea in the diabetic approached? What is the diagnostic approach to suspected celiac sprue?

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**  
**4 - 5 p.m. (contd.)**

Belching, Flatulence, Distension, and the Irritable Bowel

Harris R. Clearfield, MD, FACP

MTP 020 Rm. 111 (p. 77)

What are the causes of increased belching and flatulence? Is abdominal distension always caused by distended bowel?

Catch 'em Before It's Too Late! Obesity: Risk Factors and Interventions in Young Adults

Victor Strasburger, MD, FAAP, Moderator

PN 022 Rm. 202 (p. 78)

How the media contribute to obesity and eating disorders in children and adolescents. Defining obesity in the adolescent and young adult, and treating it in the office setting.

Determining the Safety and Efficacy of Drugs: The Example of Antimicrobials

John H. Powers, III, MD, FACP

MTP 107 Rm. 113C (p. 78)

What data the FDA evaluate in determining the safety and efficacy of drugs ... what constitutes adequate and well-controlled trials.

Hurricane Katrina: Physicians' Experiences

Sandra A. Kemmerly, MD, FACP, Moderator

PN 037 Rm. 204C (p. 78)

Physicians and residents who were caught up in the recent tragic events resulting from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath recount their experiences and insights into coping.

Magical Medical History Tour

Faith T. Fitzgerald, MD, MACP

MTP 116 Rm. 201BC (p. 78)

Lessons learned by expanding the definition of "Medicine" to cover all things human.

Management of Common Outpatient Infections

MTP 052 Rm. 201A (p. 79)

Rational approach for selection of empirical therapy of urinary tract infections .... when is antimicrobial therapy appropriate for upper respiratory tract infection and sinusitis?

**5:15 - 6:30 p.m.**

Annual Session Highlights: Key Messages You'll Want to Take Home, and Doctor's Dilemma: The Finals

Douglas S. Paauw, MD, FACP, Moderator

ASH 001 Ballroom B (p. 79)

Annual Session culminates in this wrap-up session. Hear three outstanding clinician-educators share what they consider Annual Session's most important take-home messages.

Then join the excitement of the final round of Doctor's Dilemma: The "Final Four" teams of residents who survived Thursday and Friday's competitions will face off in the championship round of this *Jeopardy*-style test of knowledge in pursuit of the Osler Cup.