

## New and Noteworthy: ACP Annual Session 2006

- Jock Murray, MD, MACP, will address the Opening Ceremony of the ACP Annual Session Thurs., April 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 in Hall C of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. His keynote address is entitled, “The Call to Professionalism: Use It or Lose It!” He’s also moderating two panels on Philadelphia medical history (see 7<sup>th</sup> bullet point) and is signing copies of the ACP book “Medicine in Quotations,” 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, which he co-edited with Edward J. Huth, MD, MACP.
- Preparing for Disasters -- Looking Forward and Looking Back  
What did we learn from Hurricane Katrina? What is being done to prepare for the next disaster? These will be explored in two special sessions on these critical topics: “Emergency Preparedness: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina and Preparations for the Avian Flu,” Thurs., 4/6, 8:15-9:15 in room 201A. “Hurricane Katrina: Physicians’ Experiences,” Sat., 4/8, 4-5 p.m., room 204C.
- A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Hall D on Fri., April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Physicians are being encouraged to take time during the morning or afternoon breaks to donate blood to the American Red Cross.
- ACP is holding its fourth annual 5K Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, April 8, from 6-7 a.m. This year’s walk will benefit Bridging the Gaps, an organization that provides service to underserved populations and trains health professionals. The course begins at Philadelphia’s famous Boathouse Row in historic Fairmount Park. The run parallels the Schuylkill River and offers impressive views of the collegiate boathouses, early morning rowers, wildlife and the city skyline.
- Exciting Research Advances, a new learning format, will include faculty reports on major trends and advances in research likely to affect future practice. There will be one ERA session per day, offered twice. Each session will focus on two internal medicine subspecialties.
- Also new this year is the Practitioner’s Report, which provides an interactive case-based format for discussion of diagnostic and therapeutic challenges that are presented as unknowns to a master clinician-teacher. The clinician will work through the issues with the audience, using the case as a springboard for teaching points.
- Opening Ceremony Speaker Jock Murray, MD, MACP, a neurologist and medical historian, will explore Philadelphia’s unique role in medical history as he moderates two panel presentations. On Thurs., 4/6, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., in room 202, it’s “History of Medicine: Physician Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Osler in Philadelphia; Medical Works of Eakins.” On Fri., 8:15-9:15 a.m., in room 203, it’s “History of Medicine: Philadelphia Hospital; Medical Publishing in Philadelphia; Homeopathic Medical Knowledge: The Philadelphia Tradition.”
- Internists as Artists, a juried exhibit of ACP members’ work, showcases the hobbies and talents of physicians attending the Annual Session. Photography, mixed media, painting, sculpture, jewelry and more will be on display in Exhibit Hall B.

- The Second Annual Internal Medicine Residency Fair will be held Saturday, 4/7, from 2-5 p.m. in the Grand Hall. Representatives of residency programs from around the country are invited to discuss their programs with medical students.
- New this year to the Herbert S. Waxman Learning Center are ECG interpretation, ankle-brachial index by Doppler, toenail removal, thyroid examination, Harvey cardiac simulator, and, for medical students, practice for the Step 2 Clinical Skills Examination. Tours of the Learning Center, in Hall D, are available upon request to press office staff.
- Annual Session concludes Saturday evening in a special session from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., Ballroom B, “Annual Session Highlights: Key Messages You’ll Want to Take Home.” Three outstanding clinician educators share what they think are Annual Session’s most important take-home messages.
- The latter part of the above session will be the final round of “Doctor’s Dilemma.” The final four teams of residents who survived Thursday’s and Friday’s competitions will face off in the championship round of this *Jeopardy*-style medical knowledge challenge. The winner takes home the Osler Cup (for Sir William Osler, 1849-1919, known as “The Father of Internal Medicine.”)