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Governor's Message

Dear ACP Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting at the Wilderness Resort, September 8-9. I hope you enjoyed the program, including our wonderful speakers and outstanding presentations. Hopefully you had a chance to reunite with old friends and meet new colleagues. We are grateful to Steve Sisson, MD, MACP, President-elect of ACP for joining us this year. His Friday presentation on advocacy was a great way to open our meeting and his Saturday presentation where he shared advice for students, residents and early career physicians was full of great advice. We are grateful to our program co-chairs Andy Calvin, MD, FACP and Pinky Jha, MD, FACP, as well as all our presenters.

I extend my congratulations to all our chapter award winners including the narrative medicine competition winners, resident and student abstract award winners, and to the Doctor's Dilemma[®] team from Gundersen who won the right to represent our Chapter at the national competition next spring in Boston. Please read on for the names of our winners.

This newsletter highlights some of the outstanding accomplishments of our Chapter Committees. This month we will share updates on the JEDI Committee and Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC). Please take a moment to review some of the many exciting things our members are doing.

ACP Wisconsin was featured in the *ACP Advocate* this month. Please read the article below to learn more about the work of HPPC and Dr. Sophie Kramer who have used "Advocacy Work Groups" to transform our HPPC.

[ACP Empowers State Chapters With Personalized Advocacy Tools | ACP Online](#)

I would also like to encourage everyone to read on and follow the links below to participate in our chapter's Voter Voice requests. ACP National is working with Dr. Sophie Kramer and our HPPC to craft messages that make it easy for you to make your voice heard in Madison when the legislature is voting on policy that is important to physicians and patients here at home in Wisconsin.

Watch your inbox for more information about upcoming Chapter programs. You can also now [follow us on Instagram](#) too!

Please share any good news you feel comfortable with us featuring online, such as promotions, upcoming talks and more. We can't wait to highlight the many successes of our members.

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Follow Us on Social Media

Please be sure to connect with us on social media! Details for our social media channels can be found below:

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/acpwi/>

X (Formerly Twitter) Handle: @WisconsinACP

Instagram: @acpwisconsin

Our social media channels provide up to date information about chapter activities and ACP National initiatives. We are also looking forward to featuring "Member News". More information about sharing your news and successes can be found below.

Save the Date!

ACP 2024 Internal Medicine Meeting - [Register Here!](#)

Join ACP and your colleagues in Boston, MA, April 18-20, 2024, at the annual marquee educational event for internal medicine physicians and subspecialists around the globe. Together we will share in three days of unparalleled professional revitalization and make invaluable connections with our internal medicine community.

- Refresh your clinical skills with unmatched hands-on learning opportunities
- Make inspiring, lifelong connections at receptions and networking events
- Earn CME credits and MOC points

Submit an abstract to the 2024 Internal Medicine Meeting [here!](#)

Please note the deadline to submit is November 29, 2023.

Medical Students, Resident/Fellows, and Early Career Physicians who are ACP members are eligible to participate in the National Abstract Competitions.

ACP Wisconsin Chapter 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting - More Information Coming Soon!

September 6-7, 2024

Wilderness Resort and Glacier Canyon Conference Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

ACP-Wisconsin: Meet Voter Voice!

We are especially excited about the opportunity to help Members directly connect with their state representatives. **Voter Voice** is a tool sponsored by ACP National which allows our Chapter to craft a message related to specific bills at the state level. With a simple click members can access the message and personalize it to reach out to their representatives.

If you have not yet responded to the two Voter Voice alerts sent out via e-mail in October, now is your opportunity!

The Voter Voice on the "gun shop" bills encourages support of commonsense, bipartisan legislation that funds voluntary safe storage of firearms.

[Support Suicide Prevention Legislation in Wisconsin](#)

The Voter Voice on extension of postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months encourages a bipartisan effort to improve healthcare access in a critical period for health outcomes.

[Support Bipartisan Legislation for Postpartum Coverage](#)

Voter Voice Tips:

- Personalize your message! Make sure to review the entire text. If you chose not to enter anything in the [bracketed areas], then delete those. Even a small personal message strengthens the ask!
- Use the tool only once per ask. *Contact [Dr. Sophie Kramer](#) if you're not sure if you have responded.*
- **Please share the alerts with interested colleagues! The Voter Voice tool can be used by anyone. ACP National is encouraging us to share this tool with other interested medical professional**

organizations. You can certainly share with colleagues who are not ACP members, including other health professionals and those in other specialties.

If you are aware of any policy initiatives that might be appropriate for a “Voter Voice” alert, please contact Dr. Sophie Kramer or Dr. Jennifer Mackinnon through our chapter at info@acpwi.org.

HPPC Advocacy Workgroup (AWG) Highlights

Reproductive Health AWG continues to monitor the status of the court case testing the current legal status of abortion in Wisconsin and is also monitoring concerns about regulation of mifepristone. In addition, this group is studying current legislation that would remove the “pink tax,” making feminine hygiene products tax-free.

COVID and Medical Misinformation AWG is encouraging internal medicine specialists to promote immunizations and consider using the social media site **#thisisourshot** to promote fall respiratory virus immunizations.

Climate and Health AWG continues to monitor EPA standards on emissions and collaborates with the advocacy group Healthy Climate Wisconsin.

Dr. Jen Mackinnon, HPPC Vice-Chair, testified at a Milwaukee City Council committee meeting on 10/23/23 in opposition to the proposed “tobacco bar” bills that would weaken Wisconsin’s smoke-free air laws. Our chapter co-signed a letter of healthcare organizations in the state in opposition to these bills, S. 471/AB 451.

Gun Safety AWG continues to collaborate with the Gun Safety Coalition through the Wisconsin Legislature and **#thisisourlane**, a group of medical educators.

Dr. Apurva Popat, PGY-2 at Marshfield Clinic, has published an op-ed in the Wisconsin State Journal.

[Gunman on Metra train changed my view about firearms \(madison.com\)](#)

Medicaid Expansion AWG crafted the Voter Voice alert encouraging support for AB 114

Advocacy Alert: Your Help Needed Urging Congress to Support Implementation of the G2211 Code and Halt the 3.4% Physician Payment Cuts

ACP needs your help calling on internal medicine physicians to urge their members of Congress to support the implementation of the new Medicare add-on code, [G2211](#), included in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) final rule, while also acting to prevent an across-the-board 3.4 percent cut to physician payment scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2024.

The 2024 MPFS final rule includes implementation of the G2211 code on January 1, 2024. Implementation of G2211 will allow physicians to account for services like chronic disease management tracking, review of consultative or diagnostic reports, medication monitoring, safety outside of patient visits, and physician input at assisted living or nursing homes.

While ACP is encouraged by the inclusion of the G2211 code in the MPFS final rule, we are concerned that the MPFS also includes an across-the-board 3.4 percent cut to physician payment due to reduction in the MPFS’ conversion factor for 2024.

Absent physician advocacy, physician payment is at risk in 2024. Please ask your chapter members to urge their members of Congress to support implementation of G2211 and stop the physician payment cut.

Please [send a message](#) to your members of Congress, and share the [alert](#) in your next chapter communication and during chapter meetings. A sample email message to your members of Congress is provided including space for you to personalize your messages.

Announcing ACP Connect, a New Mobile Membership App - Download Today!

Exclusively for members, ACP Connect offers easy, on-the-go access to ACP news and information.

- Connect with other medical students, engage with a variety of communities, and access ACP resources.
- Exchange ideas with peers in the medical students community or direct message another member
- Search event listings and add them to your calendar
- Customize your News Feed based on your preferences

Learn more, get download instructions, and watch a brief video on how to use the app and its features.

[ACP Connect App: On-the-go access to ACP and your internal medicine colleagues](#) | [ACP Online](#)

ACP Wisconsin JEDI Committee Highlights

The Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee Lead by Ridhwi Mukerji, MD, FACP and Claire Lo, MCW M2 student, is our chapter's newest committee. The JEDI committee hosted a panel discussion at our Chapter Meeting on the importance of DEI for early career physicians, students and residents. The panel was moderated by Dr. Leonard Egede, MD, FACP, Chief of General Internal Medicine at MCW. Participants included Farah Kaiksow, MD, FACP, Andy Petroll, MD, FACP, and Gene Pruitt, MD. The panelists shared some of the experiences that shaped their early careers including obstacles they overcame to reach their current position and continue to meet the needs of diverse and underserved populations.

The Committee is currently making plans for the 2023-2024 year including an in-person event at the 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting. If you are interested in joining the JEDI committee, please email info@acpwi.org.

2023 ACP Wisconsin Chapter Award Winners

Please congratulate the following 2023 awardees! To read the 2023 Awards Brochure, [visit here](#).

LAUREATE AWARD – Theodore MacKinney, MD, MPH, FACP

ADDIS COSTELLO INTERNIST OF THE YEAR AWARD – Victoria Gillet, MD

SHARON HAASE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AWARD – Anne Haines

COMMUNITY-BASED PHYSICIAN AND MENTOR AWARD – Andrew Calvin, MD, MPH, FACP, FACC, FASE

HELEN DICKIE DISTINGUISHED INTERNIST OF THE YEAR AWARD – Jeremy Smith, MD, FACP

EARLY CAREER INTERNIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS – Amalia Lyons, MD, FACP & Abby Bales, MD, FACP

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS – Representative Deb Andraca, Representative Sheila Stubbs & Senator LaTonya Johnson

VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Joel Miller, DO, FACP

RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS – Sara Tesfatsion, MD & Sarah Floden, MD

2023 Annual Scientific Meeting Abstract Competition Winners

ACP-WI would like to acknowledge the winning abstracts from our 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting, as well as the winning Doctors Dilemma team. Congratulations to all of the winning individuals! Please see below for the list of winners.

Clinical Posters

- **1st Place:** THE HIDDEN GIANT - A RARE CASE OF GIANT BASAL CELL CARCINOMA - Christopher Ehret, MD, Resident at Gundersen
- **2nd Place:** AN ATYPICAL CAUSE OF CHEST PAIN: A CASE REPORT OF THYMIC CARCINOID TUMOR - Alexander Kerschner, MD, Resident at MCW
- **3rd Place:** SYNCOPE, SARCOIDOSIS, AND STRUCTURAL CAUSES OF VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA: A CASE REPORT - Matthew Konz, MD, Resident at UW

Research Posters

- **1st Place:** IMPACT OF BRIEF CULTURAL HUMILITY & IMPLICIT BIAS TRAININGS AT THE SATURDAY CLINIC FOR THE UNINSURED – RESEARCH POSTER- Buruj Mohammed, Medical Student at MCW
- **2nd Place:** THE STATE OF PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURES IN RHEUMATOLOGY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - Kenrick Manswell, Medical Student at MCW
- **3rd Place:** THE EFFECTS OF APOLIPOPROTEIN E (APOE) GENE LOSS AND DIET ON PENTRAXIN 3 LEVELS AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS - Olivia Chao, Medical Student at UW

Clinical Orals

Winner: UNEXPLAINED LVH AND HEART FAILURE WITH PRESERVED EJECTION FRACTION: A CASE OF FABRY'S DISEASE, Ahmed El Shaer, MBBS, Resident at UW

Runner Up: A TICKY CASE OF ANAPLASMOSIS, Bianca Mulaikal, DO, Resident at MCW

Research Orals

Winner: IMPROVING INTERNAL MEDICINE INTERN CLINICAL TRANSITION VIA INTENSIVE ORIENTATION, Rinki Pandya, MD, Resident at Marshfield Clinic

Runner Up: COMPARISON OF PREDICTED BENEFIT USING RS CLIN VERSUS OBSERVED BENEFIT IN A US REGISTRY OF STAGE I ER POSITIVE HER2 NEGATIVE HIGH ONCOTYPE DX RS BREAST CANCER, Christopher Walden, MD, PhD, Resident at Gundersen Health System

Doctors Dilemma Winning Team: Gundersen Health System

Pictured below, from left to right: Brooke Jennings, MD, Brett Macleod, MD, and Sean O'Neil, MD

2023 Narrative Medicine Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Narrative Medicine Competition Winners!

1st Place Poetry: Amy Holzer, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, "Dissection"

1st Place Essay (tie): Amber Bo, Medical College of Wisconsin, "In Moments of Vulnerability, We Respond"

1st Place Essay (tie): Meghan Schilthuis, Medical College of Wisconsin, "The Dream Killer"

2023 I Raise the Rates (IRtR) Newsletters - July Through October

I Raise the Rates (IRtR) Newsletters provide a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a selection of media articles related to immunization. Click below to view recent issues:

[July 2023](#)

[August 2023](#)

[September 2023](#)

[October 2023](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in getting involved and serving ACP as a volunteer leader? Visit [here](#) to learn more about ACP's volunteer opportunities.

DEA Update

Beginning on June 27, 2023, the [DEA will require](#) that all prescribers provide a one-time attestation that they have completed 8 hours of training on the management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders (SUDs) prior to renewing their DEA registration.

As an ACCME-accredited CME provider with Commendation, ACP offers a wide variety of activities that count toward meeting this new requirement. Choose from a curated list at [ACP's SUD Hub](#).

ACP I.M. Emotional Support Hub

Protect your mental health and well-being with the help of ACP's [I.M Emotional Support Hub](#). This curated resource includes videos, webinars, counseling and much more. It's common to feel overwhelmed, stressed, or depressed, and ACP is here to help you!

Share Your Success

We're eager to showcase the incredible achievements and noteworthy updates from our membership. Whether you've recently launched a groundbreaking project, achieved a significant milestone, or have exciting news to share, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences contribute immensely to the collective success of our association. Please take a moment to share your accomplishments, challenges, or upcoming events with us. Your stories inspire us all, and we look forward to highlighting them in our next newsletter.

Please reach out to ACP-WI Staff at info@acpwi.org with anything you are comfortable sharing.