



Wisconsin
Chapter

BADGER BEAT



Governor's Message

Happy New Year!

The New Year is off to a very busy start for ACP Wisconsin. This Badger Beat provides important Chapter updates including election results and information about key winter programs for our Chapter. Please read on and visit the links included!

Please take time to review the Mary Bieter Award competition and vote for ACP Wisconsin! We are excited that our Narrative Medicine Program is among the top 7 innovative chapter programs in the country. The program that receives the most votes will be highlighted at the upcoming ACP National Meeting in San Diego!

As we start the new year, please consider including ACP Wisconsin in your New Year's Resolutions! Have you been thinking about getting more involved in ACP Wisconsin? Do you want to become a Fellow? Do you have a great idea for a new Chapter program? Maybe you want to join a Chapter Committee? We want to hear from you! Please email us at info@acpwi.org.

Our Chapter Governor's Advisory Council will meet Friday, January 27. Our next Newsletter with updates on Chapter activities and programs will be available in February.

Have a great month!

Ann Maguire, MD, MPH, FACP

Election Results

Congratulations to the following physicians that were elected as At-Large members to the Governor's Advisory Council for 3-year or 2-year terms that began December 2022! ACP-WI would like to thank you for your commitment to our organization. Our members, and their institutions, benefit greatly from the ACP-WI community that supports internal medicine specialists and sub-specialists throughout the state in their work and research.

Dr. Alok Arora, MD, MBA, FACP, Marinette, WI, 3-year term

Dr. Andrew Calvin, MD, MPH, FACP, Eau Claire, WI, 3-year term

Dr. Ian Gilson, MD, FACP, Milwaukee, WI, 2-year term

Dr. Lopa Kabir-Islam, MD, MBA, FACP, Wausau, WI, 2-year term

Mary Bieter Award - Please Vote to Support ACP Wisconsin!!

ACP Wisconsin is one of only 7 Chapters competing to win the **Mary Bieter All Star Award!** Our Chapter submitted an application to recognize the three-year success of our Evergreen Award winning Narrative Medicine Program. To view our submission, please see the attached document.

Mary Bieter Evergreen All-Stars Award program recognizes exceptional and sustained chapter-initiated programs that have adapted to the Internal Medicine landscape in the United States and around the world.

The goals of this program are to:

- Celebrate chapter-initiated programs that align with ACP's priority themes and
- Increase prominence of chapter programs by granting ACP's 161,000 membership base autonomy to select All-Star winners

Please use the link below to review the 7 Chapters featured in this competition and cast your vote for your favorite programs. We hope you will vote for ACP Wisconsin!

Voting Directions:

1. Login to [acponline.org](https://www.acponline.org) with your credentials.
2. Go to <https://www.acponline.org/allstars>
3. Select your top 3 favorite nominations.
4. Click submit!

If you receive an "Access Denied" message, you will have to log in again in the top right-hand corner.

I Raise the Rates

ACP Wisconsin is participating in the **ACP Advance I Raise the Rates Program.** *ACP's I Raise the Rates program is supported in part by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services.*

Join ACP-WI on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 6-7PM for the "Immunization Update: COVID, Pneumonia, Monkeypox and More." Presented by Dr. Paul Hunter, MD, this session will cover updates from the ACIP and new vaccine recommendations. Discussion of potential adverse events of vaccine exposure will also take place.

This session has been reviewed and approved for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM and 1 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) point.

To register, visit [here](#)!

December 2022 I Raise the Rates (IRtR) Newsletter

In this edition of I Raise the Rates (IRtR), you will find a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a selection of media articles related to immunization. Click [here](#) to view the December 2022 issue

Fellowship Webinar

ACP Wisconsin will co-host a Fellowship Webinar with the Michigan Chapter ACP on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00PM CST/7:00PM EST. We welcome all Members who are interested in learning more about how to become a Fellow of the College (FACP). All Chapter Members are welcome to attend including residents and fellows in training. The Webinar will feature presentations from Dr. Binod Khadka, FACP, Chair of the ACP Wisconsin International Medical Graduate Committee, and Dr. Sarah Floden, MD, an ACP Wisconsin Early Career Physician currently enrolled in the Guided Pathway to Fellowship. Attendees can ask questions of the presenters as well as Dr. David Bleidorn, MD, FACP, ACP Wisconsin's Membership Committee Chair and Dr. Noel Deep, MD, MACP, ACP Wisconsin's Immediate Past Governor. **All Members who attend are entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon gift card!**

Please use [this link](#) to register!

Please note the Zoom registration is in Eastern Standard Time. The meeting begins at 6:00PM CST/7:00PM EST.

Committee Updates

ACP Wisconsin welcomes any member to join one of our Chapter Committees. If you are interested in joining a Chapter Committee or have questions about committee activity, please send a statement of interest to info@acpwi.org. To view ACP-WI's current committees, please click [here](#).

Resolutions Committee

Our chapter reactivated the Resolutions Committee in 2022 which has been active in creating and researching new initiatives for health policy. Based on this work, our Governor's council at the 9/9/22 meeting approved moving forward on two resolutions.

The first, "*Resolution on Clinician Role in reducing Firearm Death and Injury with focus on Extreme Risk Protection Order*," initiated with our chapter and will be reviewed by the national ACP Board of

Governors at the spring 2023 meeting. Dr. Maguire assisted in getting multiple co-sponsors of this resolution, including New Jersey, Florida, Maryland, New York, and New Hampshire chapters and the Governor's Class of 2026.

In addition, the Council approved the Resolutions Committee's recommendation to co-sponsor New Jersey's "*Resolution on Achieving Sustainable Healthcare*," also to be presented to ACP National in spring 2023.

The Resolutions Committee and other chapter members contributed to commentary on resolutions submitted for the fall 2022 Board of Governors meeting; our chapter's review contributed to important discussions on the national level around proposals regarding coverage of newer diabetes treatments and paid parental leave for internal medicine residents, among other proposals.

The committee welcomes proposals for policy resolutions from all chapter members and committees. For future resolutions, we are considering issues such as advancing health equity, food as medicine, hospital at home, and supporting rural physicians.

Council of Student Members

The ACP Wisconsin Council of Student Members has made large strides to accomplish its goal this fall: to unite all medical students in Wisconsin and increase ACP medical student membership. The UW-Madison and MCW Internal Medicine Interest Groups (IMIGs) both held a Fall Kick-Off Picnic, which brought Medicine faculty (GIM + subspecialties) to network & mingle with interested students. The IMIGs also held various simulation events during which Medicine faculty led 4 stations of clinical skills (arterial lines, Heartworks, intubation, central lines) to help students develop skills otherwise not offered in the traditional medical school curriculum. Upcoming events include discussions on integrative medicine, a class on the U.S. healthcare system, anti-racism training with White Coats 4 Black Lives/SNMA/LMSA, and policy writing workshops.

The ACP Wisconsin Council has led opportunities for Council members to interview Wisconsin-based community health organizations doing grassroots work to uplift access to healthcare in the state. These interviews will be available on the ACP website for Members to view and refer patients.

Congratulations to Our Chapter Members

ACP Wisconsin is pleased to make two important announcements of members appointed to ACP National Committees.

Congratulations to Dr. Sara Tesfatsion, MD!

Dr. Tesfatsion, a PGY3 resident at MCW has been appointed to the ACP National Council of Residents and Fellows. Dr. Tesfatsion will serve a two-year term starting in May 2023.

Congratulations to Harini Shah!

Harini is a third-year medical student and current Chair of ACP Wisconsin's Council of Student Members. Harini is appointed to the ACP National Council of Student Members and will serve a one-year term.

Please join me in congratulating Sara and Harini for these outstanding achievements!

Combatting Medical Misinformation

Medical misinformation is a threat to public health and to our profession. Each of us has a professional responsibility to do what we can to educate our patients and the public about where they can go to get accurate, credible medical information.

ACP National has created instructional videos and tools to support each of us in talking to patients about medical misinformation, including resisting false statements about COVID-19. Please see the links below for YouTube videos with tips on talking to your patients.

Ask Your Internist

ACP's videos will also educate the public about where to get trusted, credible information, and provide viewers with an opportunity to ask physicians vaccine questions as part of their [Ask Your Internist](#) Q&A series.

Physician to Physician conversations

Physician to Physician Conversations – Practical communication strategies to help physicians and other healthcare professionals build vaccine confidence and address patient concerns that may be rooted in misinformation. To watch these videos, [visit](#).

ACP Wisconsin's Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) is committed to working to help resist the corrosive influence of medical misinformation on our profession. Dr. Ian Gilson, MD, FACP, ACP Wisconsin HPPC member is leading a workgroup devoted to this issue. If you are interested in joining this important work, please email info@acpwi.org.

ACP Advance QI Curriculum

Ongoing quality improvement (QI) is critical to advancing patient care. Learn how to implement and successfully run a QI program with the [ACP Advance QI Curriculum](#), free to ACP members. With four self-paced modules, the curriculum provides practical, step-by-step guidance on how to:

- Establish the "what" and "why" for change
- Identify solutions
- Implement and sustain change

An accompanying QI toolkit provides project templates and worksheets to help with planning at every step. CME/MOC is available.

Save the Date!

February 1, 2023 - [I Raise the Rates "Immunization Update: COVID, Pneumonia, Monkeypox and More"](#)

February 15, 2023 - [ACP-WI and MI-ACP Fellowship Webinar](#)

Please note the Zoom registration is in Eastern Standard Time. The meeting begins at 6:00PM CST/7:00PM EST.

April 27-29, 2023 - [ACP National Meeting in San Diego](#)

September 8-9, 2023 - ACP Wisconsin Chapter Meeting in the Dells, more information coming soon!