
Chapter Newsletter

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A Fond Farewell

Dear Esteemed CANO Members, from Students to Masters,

It is hard to believe that four years have flown by since I began my term as CANO's Governor. As I write this, we are on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the California's mandatory stay-at-home-order. This is how I began my term, in times of great uncertainty, and now I end with yet again more uncertainties: the future of Medicare, Medicaid and NIH funding, the uptake of vaccinations, and our collective health and security. National ACP has always been at the forefront of advocating for you on these salient health issues and more. CANO recently participated with our sister chapters in Southern California in a virtual Jerry Tilles Sacramento Leadership Week where we spoke with State Legislators on bills that put patients before paperwork, (SB 306 Becker; SB1120 Becker); on women's rights over their healthcare decisions; and expansion of primary care.

In the realm of physician health, we are grateful to Bay Area's Assemblymember Berman, who is also Chair of Business and Professions overseeing the Medical Board of California (MBC), for authoring **AB 2164** which has removed intrusive and stigmatizing health attestation language from our licensing applications. Assemblymember Berman is now authoring a bill, **AB 408**, sponsored by the MBC to establish legislation guiding the activities of a new Physician Health Program that we hope will be a better version of the former "Diversion" program of the MBC.

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Berman's office is dedicated to destigmatizing mental health and substance use disorders amongst physicians so they will feel safe to seek help. As a practicing addiction medicine specialist, physician health and treatment of physician substance use disorders have been a long-time passion of mine. Seeing all the members of CA ACP's Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) get behind these bills and provide testimony at Medical Board hearings, including some of our student members, has truly been heartwarming.

We are also proud to have sponsored medical students, residents and early career physicians to attend Washington Leadership Day, fostering the joy of service and advocacy. We have been one of the first state chapters to start and grow an International Medical Graduates (IMG) Committee led by **Drs. Xin-Nong Li, MD, FACP** and **Jagmohan Jandu, MD, FACP** and have reignited our Women's Health Committee led by **Drs. Pooja Jaeel, MD, FACP** and **Krithika Suresh, MD**.

Our most recent CANO led event involved medical students from all four CA Chapters and was led by our extraordinary CANO student leader **Likitha Aradhyula**. I am grateful to her willingness to help our chapter in so many capacities.

I want to also extend my deepest thanks to **Dr. Isaure Hostetter, MD**, who was a resident member when we first met and has since served on National ACP's Council of Resident/Fellow Members and led our POCUS offerings at our Annual CANO Scientific Meetings. She has become an incredible physician caring for our most vulnerable populations, delivering substance use disorder and primary care treatment to the unsheltered.

Two other student leaders who have done incredible advocacy work are **Praveen Tummalapalli** and **Alice Serenska** who have met with many legislators in the past two years.

Many thanks and gratitude to all who have donated time and expertise during our committee meetings and our scientific conferences; I've learned so much from all of you and am inspired by your work.

During these past four years, we have had multiple changes in management. I want to thank both Carmelina Raffetto and Michael Coffee for their service and would like to introduce you to our new Executive Director, **Andrea Mortley, C-TAGME**. I am excited to have her on board. We have a nascent social media presence on Instagram **@acpnorthernca** and hope that with Andrea this presence will grow including our plans to build out our own nimble chapter website. I am grateful to all of the friendships I have fostered across many state chapters especially **Dr. Jenny Silberger, MD, FACP** Governor of Oregon.

Finally, please help me welcome **Dr. Danny Sam, MD, FACP** who has been with ACP Governor's Council since 2012 and involved with the ACP for over three decades. He knows our chapter well and with his leadership, I look forward to seeing more exciting initiatives from CANO that are always meant to serve you.

I hope you will make it to the [New Orleans IM Meeting](#) April 3-5, 2025 and to Stanford Campus for our Annual Scientific Meeting October 11-12, 2025.

It has been a privilege. Thank you.

Chwen-Yuen Angie Chen, MD, FACP, FASAM
Governor, CANO

Chapter Profiles



Danny Sam, MD, FACP
Governor Elect

Dr. Sam is the Director of Medical Education at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara where he oversees the medical center training environment for medical students, residents and fellowships. He is also part of the teaching faculty at Stanford University School of Medicine and the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine.

His professional interests include medical education and diabetes. When not working, he enjoys playing tennis and spending quality time with his family.

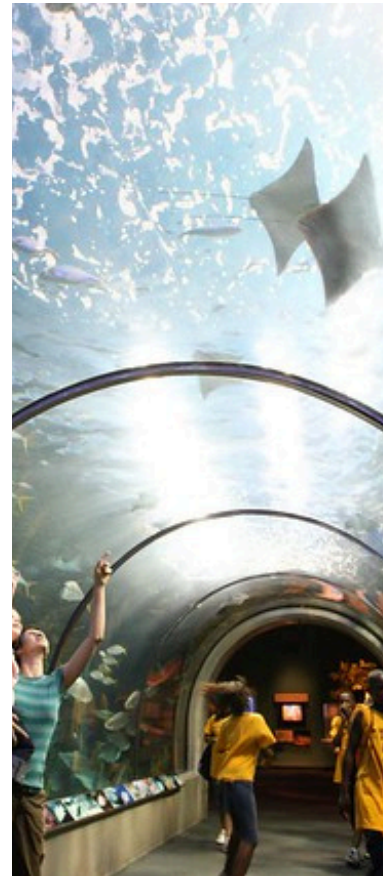


Andrea Mortley, C-TAGME
Executive Director

Andrea joined the CANO Chapter in January 2025. She has worked in graduate medical education since 2012 in residency, fellowship and GME roles.

She has been active on national committees for the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine, sat on the editorial board for A Textbook for Internal Medicine Programs (13th edition) and presented several national workshops on topics ranging from IMG acculturation to GME staff professional development.

When not working or supporting ACP, you can find her antiquing with her fiancé or reading a good book.



ACP IM Meeting Chapter Reception

Save the Date

Friday, April 4, 2025
6:00 to 9:00pm

Audobon Aquarium
1 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA

There will be food, fun, fellowship in addition to all the exhibits for you to see. RSVP strongly preferred, please email canoacp1@gmail.com to secure your spot.