

A Message from the Governor

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Dear Colleagues,

Another eventful year is drawing to a close. A quick review shows that our small-but-mighty BC Chapter has seen several positives. We had a rewarding increase in membership, added new faces to the Governor's council (see below), and supported a new medical student interest group in Kelowna. We have maintained our educational support for the annual Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine (RMIM) meeting, as well as the annual UBC Critical Care boot camp in July for the incoming R4s.

Following the 2026 Fall Board of Governors meeting, the Canadian chapters are once again revisiting the possibility of further leadership integration. Many of you recall when provinces consolidated to form the current Prairie Province and Atlantic Provinces chapters. For now BC continues as a stand-alone Chapter, and the various structural issues will be reviewed again at the annual meeting in Los Angeles in April 2027. I will be communicating on this topic regularly, and welcome your questions and comments.

In member news, I am thrilled to announce the indefatigable Dr Shavinder Gill from Abbotsford as the new Chapter Governor-elect, to begin in April 2028. Dr Gill needs no introduction to most of you, given his distinguished career and uncompromising service to Internal Medicine. Nicole Hawe R3 is our new Resident council member. In addition we are grateful to ACP members Drs Craig Cavanagh and Erik Lauder from Kamloops for leading this year's RMIM debate (hyponatremia correction, fast vs slow). And a big thank you to all who reviewed the Fall BoG resolutions and commented on the content. Your voices are always shared and are crucial to our representation. The next series will be available for review sometime in February 2027.

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Please note the upcoming deadline (nominations due on Nov 20) for an ACP member interested in developing extra depth in the arena of physician well-being, extending over 3 years:

The Class of 2030 WBC training will be held as a mixed-mode training with an online curriculum and live virtual leadership training. WBCs are asked to complete a final well-being leadership project aimed at sustainably fostering chapter-based communities of well-being that also support the WBC's long-term professional fulfillment. WBC trainees will also receive personalized group and individual coaching from ACP Physician Peer Coaches throughout their service to set them up for success, provide them with ongoing support, and help build their WBC network. WBC Training will be held from March through May 2027, with additional foundational quality improvement methodology project implementation training in Fall 2027.

Please email me directly (mckeemd@telus.net) if you would like to be nominated, and I will complete the process.
Worldwide the ACP has successfully navigated many headwinds, especially in promoting evidence-based policy as well as just and equitable care. Canadian chapters have been instrumental in contributing to the debates. In addition Dr Darilyn Moyer retired as the organizational CEO and EVP in July, replaced by Dr Leroi Hicks after a lengthy search process. Professional advocacy for internal medicine seems to be growing as a principle priority in the USA, and has been buoyed by the recent mid-term election results there.

Best wishes to everybone for the holiday season,

Scott McKee
Governor, ACP Canada | British Columbia



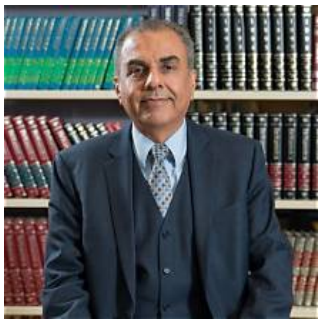
Some new faces around our chapter



Welcome to the British Columbia ACP Governor's Advisory council Resident Member, **Nicole Hawe, MD!** We are so excited to have you on our council.



Congratulations on another successful Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine Meeting taking place in Canmore, Alberta November 12-13th! We were fortunate to welcome the Japan Chapter **Dr. Harumi**



A big warm welcome to **Dr. Shavinder Gill**, incoming Governor Elect Designee for the British Columbia Chapter! Dr. Gill's term will begin in April 2028.

Gomi, pictured here alongside past BC Governor **Dr. Aman Nijjar** and Prairie Provinces Governor **Dr. Irene Ma**.

Additional Education Opportunities

December Webinar – Pearls in Internal Medicine

Presented By: Chris Stephenson, MD, MHPE, MS, FACP

Date: Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026
Location: Online via Zoom
Times:

- 9:00AM Pacific (Vancouver)
- 10:00AM Mountain (Edmonton)
- 12:00PM Eastern (Toronto/Montreal)
- 1:00PM Atlantic (Halifax)
- 1:30PM Newfoundland (St. John's)

Meet Our Speaker: Dr. Chris Stephenson is an academic physician in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic, where he serves as Associate Chair for Education, AI, and Digital Transformation and as Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency. In these roles, he integrates medical education, clinical leadership, and emerging technologies to advance innovation in training and practice. From 2022 to 2025, he also served as Practice Chair for the division, providing strategic and operational leadership.

Dr. Stephenson's scholarly work includes more than 40 peer-reviewed articles, abstracts, and book chapters, with widely cited publications in journals including *Academic Medicine*, *Medical Teacher*, and *Medical Education*. His academic contributions span management reasoning, learner engagement, and the use of artificial intelligence in medical education and clinical practice.

Dr. Stephenson holds a Master of Management with a focus on Digital Health Transformation and a Master of Health Professions Education. He leads General Internal Medicine's AI Masterclass series and founded Mayo Clinic's Internal Medicine Residency AI curriculum. He has published on prompting strategies in primary care and the critical appraisal of AI output in education and practice. He has led multiple national workshops on AI skills and critical appraisal

Register Here!

Internal Medicine Meeting

Internal Medicine Meeting 2027 takes place in Los Angeles, CA, **April 15 to 17** at Los Angeles Convention Center. Early registration discounts for ACP members are available! Register for early bird by January 31st to save!

We can't wait to head back to California for the next ACP Internal Medicine Meeting. Meet us in Los Angeles, where we will master medicine together and celebrate the many voices of internal medicine. As always, you can count on an exceptional curation of clinically pertinent education delivered by top peer educators and so much more. It's an educational, professional, and personally rewarding experience that can't be replicated and a meeting with long-lasting impact.

Register Here!

Check Out These Other Member Resources

- **ACP Journals** – a summary of the best new evidence for internal medicine from over 120 clinical journals.

- **ACP Clinical Guidelines** – providing recommendations based on the best available evidence; to inform when there is no evidence; and finally, to help clinicians deliver the best health care possible.
- **DynaMedex®** - ACP members have free access to the most current, evidence-based clinical decision support tool.
- **MKSAP** – Pre-order ACP MKSAP. New feature will include a Earn-As-You-Go CME feature. Whether you prefer to submit after you complete an entire subspecialty content area or only a couple of questions, it's easy and seamless to submit for CME and MOC with the Earn-As-You-Go feature!

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