



A Message from the Governor

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Greetings to All ACP Colleagues, Family and Friends,

I am recently returned from the ACP annual meeting that was held in San Francisco from April 16th - 18th. I was joined by the Governors from each of the other four Canadian ACP Chapters: Prairie Provinces (AB-SK-MB), Ontario, Quebec, and the combined Atlantic Provinces. Each Chapter has its own Governor and Council, and we all share an Executive Director, the talented Alyssa Muckleroy, whom many of you now know.

The scope and sophistication of the Annual Meeting continue to impress. The Scientific Sessions remain in the forefront of expert clinical education. I learned for the first time about "post-surgical first bite syndrome" as well as how to differentiate migraine variants from "visual snow syndrome". We see these cases! Of course, the role of AI continues to be intensively analyzed. What is its role in medical practice, in medical education, and in our personal lives? The take home messages: 1) AI is here to stay, 2) we had all best try to understand it and promote the positive aspects, 3) utilizing different programs (Gemini, Chat GPT, Perplexity, Claude) helps us as individuals to clarify AI's strengths and limitations, 4) The speed of AI development and applications is unparalleled, 5) Even the experts cannot tell where all this is going...!

Our BC Doctors Dilemma team of Vasyl Yavorsky, Nicka Kalaydina, and Almohannad Alqarni, fared well in the competition. Congratulations to these residents and to Dr Aman Nijjar (immediate past-Governor of the BC ACP), who helped coordinate the entry. ACP was proud to help sponsor the team and looks forward to next year's event, to be held in **Los Angeles, April 15th - 17th, 2027**. We sponsored an enjoyable social evening on Friday night with the other Canadian Chapters along with our US colleagues from the Pacific NW. These sessions go a long way to consensus building and job hunting in both countries.



If you are looking for reasons to renew your ACP membership, or to recruit other colleagues to ACP, one of the best may be the organization's success in advocating politically for humanistic health care. ACP was part of a group that *successfully* sued the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the arbitrary and capricious dissolution of the ACIP vaccine panel, ruling that most members of the panel appointed by Robert F Kennedy Jr were unqualified. ACP powerfully emphasized the inhumanity of the US Government's immigration tactics and the harm to communities, and health systems. There are *many* other examples of ACP leading with courage and conviction, in a way that merits continued support from all of us as members. I encourage you to renew your membership annually, and talk to your colleagues about how ACP works for them on the world stage.

Locally, we are still soliciting a Treasurer for the BC Chapter. This is an opportunity to fill a small but crucial role managing cash flows; our ED finalizes the budget and serves as bookkeeper. Please contact me directly if you are interested, email mckeemd@telus.net.

Looking ahead, as a Chapter we are helping to plan the fall Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine meeting to be held in Canmore November 12th - 13th , 2026. Aside from the usual up-to-date topics and social opportunities, there will be a solicitation for research abstracts and (of course!) more friendly rivalry with Doctor's Dilemma. Save the date!



Warm regards,

Scott McKee

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Additional Education Opportunities

May Webinar – Smoking Cessation

Speaker Hassan Mir, MD, MPH, MHI, FRCPC, FACP

[Register Here](#)

Date: Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

Location: Live via Zoom

Times:

- 4:00PM Pacific (Vancouver)
- 5:00PM Mountain (Edmonton)
- 7:00PM Eastern (Toronto/Montreal)
- 8:00PM Atlantic (Halifax)
- 8:30PM Newfoundland (St. John's)

June Webinar – HAH Model

Speaker Michelle Grinman, MD, MPH, FRCPC, MPH

[Register Here](#)

Date: Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

Location: Online via Zoom

Times:

- 11:00AM Pacific (Vancouver)
- 12:00PM Mountain (Edmonton)
- 2:00PM Eastern (Toronto/Montreal)
- 3:00PM Atlantic (Halifax)
- 3:30PM Newfoundland (St. John's)

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