



A Message from the Governor

Greetings to All ACP Colleagues,

I am recently returned from the ACP annual meeting that was held in New Orleans in early April. Like many of you, we Canadian Governors had to first debate the merits of even travelling into the USA, vs boycotting the event as a way to protest unwelcome political and economic rhetoric from the current US administration. Ultimately we felt it was the best decision to meet in person with our American colleagues, and do our best to advocate for our profession against the stark cuts to education, research and health insurance in the USA. I made a visit to the Canadian recruiters (from BC, NS, and NL) in the Exhibit Hall who told me they had never seen so much serious interest in physician emigration to Canada.

Our Doctors Dilemma team of Victoria Chen, Barbara Mainoli, and Matthew Cooper, fared well in the competition, ultimately won by the Massachusetts chapter. Congratulations to these residents and to Dr Aman Nijjar, who helped coordinate the entry. ACP was proud to sponsor the team and looks forward to next year's event, to be held in **San Francisco April 16th - 18th 2026**.

Advocacy for policy positions is taking on an increasing importance for Internal Medicine globally, and was a priority topic in New Orleans. On Wednesday the BC Chapter spoke in support of Oregon's resolution to nationally adopt a neutral approach to MAiD. Written submissions included thoughtful comments from Dr Tristen Gilchrist, recently appointed as the Internal Medicine Residency Program Director at UBC.

I was invited to serve as a panelist on the Global Forum session, summoned to consider responses to changes in the IM workforce internationally. Other speakers included members from India, UK and Indonesia.

Some of you may be aware of the Canadian Public Health Task Force, which has historically been tasked with evaluating evidence and providing consensus on numerous clinical practice guidelines nationwide. On March 4th, the Task Force work was summarily halted by the Federal Minister of Health at the time, Mark Holland. Because of the ongoing lack of clarity around the reasons for the suspension, Canadian ACP Governors composed a formal letter to the new Minister Kamal Khera that was completed during the New Orleans sessions. As of this writing there have been no updates on the Task Force's fate, although an "Expert External Review" is supposed to have finalized new recommendations.

Looking ahead, as a Chapter we are helping to plan the fall Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine meeting to be held in Canmore November 13th - 14th 2025. Aside from the usual up-to-date topics and social opportunities there will be a solicitation for research abstracts and (of course!) some more friendly rivalry with Doctor's Dilemma.

Best,

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Educational Activities

Save the Date!

British Columbia and Prairie Provinces Chapters Annual Meeting and Rocky Mountain IM Conference

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Date: November 13th - 14th, 2025
Location: Canmore, AB

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Help us grow our membership – please reach out to your colleagues and encourage them to be part of this internal medicine community!

Membership is *free* for students. Residents, only \$39 USD. There is a vast array of [benefits](#) for all membership categories, and we encourage you to be ACP champions in your centre! As well, I encourage you to volunteer on one of our many committees – email me directly at mckeemd@telus.net

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