Connecticut Chapter

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

2023

October 20, 2023
7:00 AM–5:30 PM
Aqua Turf Club
Plantsville, CT

This live activity has been designated for 5 CME and MOC credits.
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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Physicians, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting.

This meeting is designed for general internists, subspecialty internists, hospitalists, allied health practitioners, residents, and medical students and will provide high quality educational content, CME and Maintenance of Certification credits, as well as time for networking with colleagues. I want to thank Dr. Naseema Merchant, Dr. Diana Sewell and the Planning Committee for organizing such a wonderful meeting.

This conference is also about making personal contacts and getting involved in the CTACP chapter. In fact, today we will honor several of our members for their leadership and dedication, not only to CTACP but to the practice of medicine here in Connecticut.

I hope you will be inspired by their efforts and I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Ruth Weissberger, MD, FACP Governor, Connecticut Chapter
Friday, October 20, 2023 — Aqua Turf Club

COLOR CODE GUIDE FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS:
● TRACK ONE SESSIONS  ● TRACK TWO SESSIONS  ● ALL OTHER SESSIONS

6:30 AM
● Registration Opens
  ~ Location: Foyer

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM
● Poster Session/Judging
  Shaheena Shan, MD, FIDSA, FACP and Jacqueline Savage, MD, FACP
  ~ Location: The Glass Room

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
● Women in Medicine Networking Breakfast
  Naseema Merchant, MD, FACP, Diana Sewell, MD, FACP, Ruth Weissberger, MD, FACP and Julie Rosenbaum, MD
  ~ Location: Rear of Kays Pier North

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM
(Concurrent Sessions)
● Updates on the Current Landscape in Gastroenterology and Hepatology: From Clostridium Difficile to Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)
  Amy Ogurick, MD
  Moderator: Naseema Merchant, MD, FACP
  ~ Location: Wagon Room

● The Changing Landscape of Obesity Management
  Jenna Klimovich, MD and Varalakshmi Niranjan, MD
  Moderator: Daniel Tobin, MD, FACP
  ~ Location: Kays Pier South

11:20 AM – 12:20 PM
(Concurrent Sessions)
● Refugee and Immigrant Health
  Susan Levine, MD, MPH, FACP
  Moderator: Varun Jain, MD
  ~ Location: Wagon Room
Doctor's Dilemma  
Jacqueline Savage, MD, FACP, Mariam Farhan, MD, and Shaheena Shan, MD, FIDSA, FACP  
Judges: Kanwar Arora, MD & Cynthia Feher, MD  
The four programs competing in the State Final:  
1) UCONN Traditional  
2) Yale-Waterbury  
3) St Vincent  
4) UCONN PCIM  
~ Location: Kays Pier South

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM  
Lunch/Awards  
Ruth Weissberger, MD, FACP  
~ Location: Kays Pier North

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM  
Building Physician Leaders  
Omar Atiq, MD, FACP and Senator Saud Anwar  
~ Location: Kays Pier North

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM  
Break: Visit Vendors/International Medical Graduate (IMG) Meet & Greet  
~ Location: Vendor Area

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM  
Clinical Skills: Essentials of Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS)  
Ben Cherry, MD, FACP  
Moderator: Sarita Soares, MD  
~ Location: Kays Pier South

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM  
Clinical Updates in Nephrology  
Jarrod Post, MD  
Moderator: David Miner, MD, FACP  
~ Location: Kays Pier South

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM  
Happy Hour, Networking and Gathering for attendees  
~ Location: The Glass Room
A special thank you to our judges for the Abstract Competition

AWARDS

Sujata Prasad, MD, FACP
The CT ACP Chapter Volunteerism Award recognizes an internal medicine physician whose volunteer efforts have made a substantial and enduring contribution to his/her local community, to the country, or internationally. The volunteer efforts must be entirely separate from his/her paid employment and generally represent years of commitment with demonstrable and positive outcomes.

Robert Moss, MD
The Henry Gift Distinguished Internist Award honors a senior Connecticut internist, often in private or non-academic practice, who has distinguished him/herself by continuing medical education, a lifetime of outstanding service to the
care of patients, and ongoing, active participation and notable leadership within the local medical community. The awardee must practice or have practiced in Connecticut and may or may not be a member of the American College of Physicians.

**Dana W. Dunne, MD, MS**
The **George F. Thornton Teaching Award** recognizes a physician with a career distinguished by involvement and excellence in medical education. Typically this individual is involved with medical students and/or internal medicine residents but a history of peer-teaching with involvement in continuing medical education would be considered. The awardee must be an active member, Fellow, or Master of the American College of Physicians in Connecticut.

**U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy**
The **CT ACP Legislator/Public Servant of the Year Award** recognizes a Connecticut legislator or other public servant (elected or appointed) who has demonstrated leadership and strong advocacy in areas of legislation or public policy, consistent with ACP policies, to improve healthcare delivery to our patients and to enable our physicians to more effectively perform the work necessary to deliver the care. The Awardee need not be a physician or a member of the American College of Physicians.

**Nancy Angoff, MD**
The **Rosemarie L. Fisher Female Physician Leadership Award** honors outstanding female physician leaders who have made significant contributions to the science and/or practice of internal medicine, medical education or medical leadership, thus serving as exemplary role models for other female physicians.

The overall objective of the Award is to highlight the contributions of women in internal medicine and to promote role models who will motivate the next generation of female physician leaders. The awardee must be an active member, Fellow, or Master of the American College of Physicians in Connecticut.

**Stephen J. Huot, PhD, MD**
The **CT ACP Chapter Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Award** recognizes individuals who excel in meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. Promote physician diversity* and inclusion with outstanding achievements in mentoring, leadership development, and role modeling for physicians or medical students from diverse and/or under-represented populations.
2. Develop and lead effective initiatives to integrate diversity* and inclusion across the CT ACP Chapter's governance and membership AND ensure that those strategies are responsive to the changing environment and demographics.
3. Organize events that promote professional development, foster diversity* and involvement in CT ACP Chapter activities, and increase the value of ACP membership for Connecticut's diverse physician and medical student population.

The awardee must be an active member, Fellow, or Master of the American College of Physicians in Connecticut.

*Diversity is as characterized in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy of the national American College of Physicians dated July 20, 2019.*
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