

The following programs won a 2026 John Tooker Evergreen Award. Below is a brief description of their program.

California Southern III - I.M. for IMGs: Creating and Fostering Opportunities for Connection, Mentorship, and Allyship for International Medical Graduate (IMG) Members

Themes: Collaboration, Communication, Early Career Physicians, International Engagement, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows, Membership, Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction

The WhatsApp group is a great way for members to stay connected, to support each other's well-being, celebrate successes, to rapidly query other members or mentors in the group when issues arise, and to quickly disseminate information about programs and opportunities throughout the year.



Through a powerful chapter-led collaboration, four in-person “I.M. for IMGs” events have been held at ACP’s Internal Medicine Meetings for hundreds of IMG members, mentors, and allies. The California Southern III Chapter, among 20 revolving domestic and international chapters, developed the event series to strengthen belonging, inclusion, and community beyond the Internal Medicine Meeting. With annual surveys sent out post-programming, the collaboration tailored content and function of the “IM for IMGs” event based on responses. The program opened new pathways, possibilities, and connections for IMG leaders and members to connect across multiple chapters and provide additional programming to ACP’s annual meeting.

If you’d like to know more about the California Southern III Chapter, visit cachapter.acponline.org.

Colombia - Se Cierra Interconsulta | Adaptation of Consult Guys in Latin America

Themes: Communication, Early Career Physicians, Education, International Engagement

Future plans include maintaining the current monthly publication schedule, expanding the pool of real clinical cases submitted by viewers, and incorporating additional interactive features such as live Q&A sessions.

Se Cierra Interconsulta (Consult Signed Off) is a digital education initiative led by the Colombia Chapter in collaboration with the Colombian Association of Internal Medicine (ACMI). The program was designed to replicate and adapt ACP’s Consult



Guys for Spanish-speaking physicians and trainees who face a language barrier to accessing resources. Through interactive case-based discussions on YouTube, the program promoted diagnostic reasoning and evidence-based decision-making using educational resources from ACP and ACMI. Since its launch, the program has reached 350,000+ collective viewers across Latin America, engaging physicians, residents, and medical students in collaborative learning. By leveraging technology, Se Cierra Interconsulta removes geographic barriers, fosters continuous professional development, and offers a sustainable model for chapters seeking innovative strategies to expand educational outreach and member engagement.

If you'd like to know more about the Colombia Chapter, visit colombiachapter.acponline.org.

Colombia - IV Encuentro de IMIGs Colombia

Themes: Education, High Value Care/Quality, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows

The winners of the annual knowledge competition are automatically designated as hosts of the following year's event, fostering healthy academic competition, a culture of continuous learning, and the development of leadership and organizational skills within each participating group.



El IV Encuentro de IMIGs (The 4th National Meeting of Internal Medicine Interest Groups in Colombia) is a national initiative led by the Colombia Chapter and the Colombian Association of Internal Medicine (ACMI) that strengthened the community of Internal Medicine Interest Groups (IMIGs) throughout the country. The meeting brought together student representatives from IMIGs at various Colombian universities, along with faculty members, to share successful experiences, present impactful projects, and define joint growth strategies. It also served as a platform to encourage student participation in international initiatives and consolidate the identity of IMIGs as an essential part of the chapter's academic development. Since its inception, the national IMIG meetings have become a sustainable model of integration, learning, and leadership, fostering collaboration among institutions and promoting excellence in medical education.

If you'd like to know more about the Colombia Chapter, visit colombiachapter.acponline.org.

Delaware - Advancing Advocacy in Delaware

Themes: Advocacy, Collaboration, Early Career Physicians

Annual planning ensures advocacy priorities remain relevant, while institutionalized partnerships and established event formats guarantee sustainability.

Over the past seven years, the Delaware Chapter has established a durable physician advocacy program at the state level. The initiatives have focused on consistent policy engagement, resolution drafting, testimonial submissions, and direct collaboration with policymakers and the Medical Society of Delaware. By switching to a virtual format and sessions held in informal environments, the chapter has been able to engage with more individuals. The chapter has elevated critical issues including primary care sustainability, patient access challenges, and prior authorization reforms. Their advocacy framework is now institutionalized and provides a replicable model for sustained physician engagement.

If you'd like to know more about the Delaware Chapter, visit dechapter.acponline.org.

Massachusetts - Navigating Medicine: A Program Series to Improve Understanding of Each Other's Experiences in Medicine

Themes: International Engagement, Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction, Health Equity, Other - Diversity

The programs are always illuminating, enhancing understanding of each other's diverse experiences as physicians.

The "Navigating Medicine Series" was designed by the Massachusetts Chapter's Health Equity Committee to share experiences focused on diversity, emphasizing equity, inclusion, and justice. The topics varied from speakers across career stage, practice type, and geography. The series then expanded to include a book club session. Most recently, a key session at the Annual Scientific Meeting was added to provide attendees with glimpses on how to design and implement clinical programs to underserved patients. Program topics have ranged from gender diversity to race and ethnicity.

If you'd like to know more about the Massachusetts Chapter, visit machapter.acponline.org.

Michigan - A Statewide Collaboration to Strengthen Physician Response to Emerging Public Health Challenges



Themes: Advocacy, Collaboration, Communication, Education, High Value Care/Quality, Membership

The inaugural session addressed the measles outbreak that had spread from Canada to Michigan, reviewed state vaccination rates, response efforts and practical tips when talking to patients about immunization.

The Michigan Chapter, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), launched “Public Health Grand Rounds” in July 2024 as a pilot initiative to offer quarterly CME accredited sessions on timely physician-centered public health issues. The inaugural session addressed the measles outbreak that had spread from Canada to Michigan, reviewed state vaccination rates, response efforts, and practical tips when talking to patients about immunization. Since then, the partnership has also held sessions on voting access and health equity, the role of physicians in firearm-injury prevention, the impact of climate change on human health, and two grand round sessions. In total, 861 individuals have registered for at least one session.

If you’d like to know more about the Michigan Chapter, visit michapter.acponline.org.



New Hampshire - JEDI Corner

Themes: Advocacy, Communication, Education, Health Equity

This program is an innovative way to deliver teaching material to members without a specific program or meeting to do so.

In collaboration with the New Hampshire DEI committee, the chapter identified lacking education and awareness of important JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) concepts. The “JEDI Corner” initially launched with in-person micro-teaching sessions with the Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC) which evolved into micro-teaching slides that were included in a standing section of the chapter’s newsletter. As a result, the newsletter open rates increased from 32% in 2024 to 58% in 2025. The increased focus on JEDI concepts also led to a keynote session on ageism in medicine at the chapter’s Annual Scientific Meeting.

If you’d like to know more about the New Hampshire Chapter, visit nhchapter.acponline.org.



New York - Creating a Climate Change Task Force

Themes: Advocacy, Education, Other -Climate Change and Health

The NYACP Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) was created to address the growing intersection between climate change and human health, and to align the Chapter's initiatives with sustainable practices.

Through collaboration, education, and innovation, the New York Chapter's "Climate Change Task Force (CCTF)" successfully built awareness of the healthcare sector's environmental footprint, engaged members across diverse disciplines, and developed tangible actions to reduce the chapter's environmental impact. Initiatives include the Sustainable NYACP greening effort, the CCTF Newsletter Corner, and advocacy for state-level climate-health legislation. CCTF has continued to attract interest, increase member engagement, expand the reach of activities, and positions the chapter as a recognized leader in climate-health advocacy. The chapter intends to continue and expand the CCTF and its initiatives beyond the initial two-year exploration cycle.

If you'd like to know more about the New York Chapter, visit nychapter.acponline.org.



North Carolina - Chief Resident Summit

Themes: Medical Students and Residents/Fellows

This was innovative because it was a new way to engage our RFMs and PD/APDs as a collective group outside of our chapter meeting - building on professional development and advocacy education that had just been done once a year prior to that.

Over the past three years, the North Carolina Chapter has held a "Chief Resident Summit", an annual one-day event for chief residents, residency program directors, and chapter leadership to connect and learn. Attendees have shared the programming offers an impactful mid-year touch point with program leadership, an opportunity to engage and educate chief residents early in their academic year, and a way to share the multitude of ACP resources to the benefit of the chiefs and the residents they lead. The chapter has seen a rebound of resident and fellow membership numbers and have been invited to replicate the program for senior residents and present at local grand rounds. The Summit has been well received and a wonderful way to connect with chief residents and program director leadership mid-year.



If you'd like to know more about the North Carolina Chapter, visit ncchapter.acponline.org.

Oregon - A New Generation of Poster Competitions

Themes: Community Service/Volunteerism, Education, Medical Students and Residents/Fellows, Other Reduce Environmental Impact

This was a highly innovative way to continue a stellar program with high participation, incorporate new technology, and maximize the number of participants despite our small complimentary space.

The Oregon Chapter successfully transitioned to a digital abstract competition by using televisions. The switch to digital helped to accommodate a virtual round of judging leading to increased participation, improved socioeconomic equity, and markedly reduced cost to the chapter. The project arose from a need to separate the competition from the annual meeting because it was held at a geographically distant area from Oregon's medical school and residency programs. The digital system is flexible; it can be used for competitions that are entirely in-person, entirely digital or a combination.

If you'd like to know more about the Oregon Chapter, visit orchapter.acponline.org.



Tennessee - Rituals and Traditions Series

Themes: Collaboration, Communication, International Engagement, Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction

This program enhances and elevates numerous goals for our chapter including developing innovative programs related to well-being and fulfillment, global engagement, International Medical Graduates, and narrative medicine.

The Tennessee Chapter's "Rituals and Traditions Series" is a multi-chapter collaborative webinar program that explores how rituals, through traditional meals, storytelling, and cultural practices, offer windows into others' lived experiences. In each event, speakers spend 5-10 minutes sharing unique traditions from their background that have fundamentally shaped their thoughts and practices. Multiple participants have enthusiastically shared that this program has improved their sense of well-being (especially when external environments



and events are stressful) and strengthened their connection to others they may have known (but not known the stories or background of) or may never have met otherwise. So far, 16 webinars have been conducted over the past two years.

If you'd like to know more about the Tennessee Chapter, visit tnchapter.acponline.org.

Wisconsin - Philanthropy at the Chapter Meeting: How to Engage Members and Support the Community

Themes: Collaboration, Community Service/Volunteerism

The Governor's Council agreed that the Chapter could enhance the value of the award by not only recognizing the recipient but educating the membership about the importance of their efforts and by providing concrete ways to support ongoing work.

The Wisconsin Chapter's "Annual Sharon Haase Advancement in Women's Health Award", sought to recognize an individual/organization who demonstrated outstanding dedication to the health of women in Wisconsin. In 2022, the chapter combined the Women's Health Award with the chapter's Annual Meeting Philanthropy Event. Award recipients received additional publicity for their cause, targeted emails to Chapter members, and designated collection sites at medical schools to fulfill the organization's needs. In 2024, the Chapter harnessed Voter Voice to help pass state legislation on reducing "Period Poverty". The project continues to demonstrate a creative way to provide a permanent funding mechanism while increasing the chapter's impact.

If you'd like to know more about the Wisconsin Chapter, visit wichapter.acponline.org.



