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President's Message



Jason M. Goldman MD FACP

As another ACP leadership day comes to a close, I am proud of the work that our Florida delegation has done on behalf of our patients, physicians and the practice of medicine. Leadership Day is the annual program created by the ACP services division where members are invited to come to Washington DC from all over the country to meet with members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to discuss important issues affecting internal medicine. Over four hundred physicians, resident physicians and medical students participated in this important advocacy effort.

It has been said by many that if you are not at the table, you are on the menu and this is never more true than it is today. Healthcare is at the forefront of the issues facing our country and if we do not go to the members of congress and explain how their decisions affect us, laws will be passed without our knowledge

or input. I want to thank the members of our Florida delegation who traveled to Washington and participated in Leadership Day.

The major issues ranged from stabilization of the insurance market and primary care workforce to reducing the cost of prescription drug prices, increased residency slots and reducing administrative burden as well as fixing the opioid epidemic. These important topics were communicated to the members of congress and it is hopeful that action will be taken. This day alone is not enough as all of us should be following up and communicating with our elected officials to effect change. I hope more of our members will take action and become involved in the college's advocacy activities.

I was also privileged, honored and humbled to be the recipient of the ACP Richard Neubauer Advocate for Internal Medicine Award. I could not have done this without all the support of my colleagues and I appreciate all the opportunities the college has offered. Remember that alone we go faster but together we go farther. By continuing to work as a unified organization we can accomplish much of our collective goals.

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President/Governor

Florida Chapter American College of Physicians

ACP LEADERSHIP DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

May 22—23, 2018

The Florida Delegation

Florida Chapter Delegation members who participated in ACP Leadership Day 2018 included:

Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP, FL Chapter President/Governor

Ankush Bansal MD FACP, Daniel Bendetowicz MD FACP, Michelle L. Rossi MD FACP, Claudio Tuda MD FACP

Tahir Haque MD, Zachary C. Liao MD, Julio Perez-Downes DO, Israel Ugalde DO

Dawn Moerings, Christopher L. Nuland Esq.



ACP Florida Governor Jason M Goldman MD FACP

Recipient of the ACP 2018 Richard Neubauer Advocate for Internal Medicine Award with the Florida Delegation

RESIDENTS REFLECTIONS ON THEIR LEADERSHIP DAY EXPERIENCE

One of the most crucial things that all physicians should do is engage in the political process to protect the interest of our patients and the practice of internal medicine. Participating in leadership day with the Florida Chapter ACP affords one this opportunity, and it ensures that we as physicians take an important role in informing our legislators about the day to day practice of medicine.

~Julio Perez-Downes, DO - Chair, FL Chapter Council of Resident/Fellow Members

It was my first time being able to participate in health policy advocacy with ACP, and I really didn't know what to expect! As physicians, we are trained throughout school and residency to focus heavily on our clinical duties so much so we often forget that part of our job as healthcare providers is to be advocates for our patients even outside the hospital. Being able to advocate alongside my fellow ACP colleagues this past week on Capitol Hill was truly a humbling experience. Meeting with legislators from both parties and making them aware of the pressing health issues that we face as providers taught me the importance of the active role that we as physicians need to take to change the face of healthcare at a national level. I look forward to returning to Washington next year!

~Tahir Haque, MD

Participating in ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC was a wonderful experience. This was my first time attending the event, and having taken classes on health economics and health policy in the past, it was fascinating to get a glimpse of the legislative process. Thank you to Florida Chapter ACP for the opportunity to advocate for my patients on Capitol Hill!

~Zachary C. Liao, MD

The Florida Delegation Meets with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill



Julio Perez-Downes DO, Dawn Moerings, & Michelle L. Rossi, MD FACP with Congressman Charlie Crist



Congressman Neal Dunn MD & Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP



Claudio Tuda MD FACP, Ankush Bansal MD FACP and Israel Ugalde DO with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

The Florida Delegation Meets with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill



Christopher L. Nuland, Esq, Dawn Moerings, Michelle L. Rossi, MD FACP and Julio Perez-Downes DO meet with Congressman Ted S. Yoho DVM



Julio Perez-Downes DO, Dawn Moerings and Congressman Daniel Webster

The Florida Delegation Meets with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill



Julio Perez-Downes DO, Michelle L. Rossi MD FACP, Dawn Moerings and Christopher L. Nuland, Esq. meet with Congressman John Rutherford



Julio Perez-Downes DO, Ankush Bansal MD FACP, Christopher L. Nuland Esq, Michelle L. Rossi MD FACP, Claudio Tuda MD FACP, Tahir Haque MD, Dawn Moerings, Israel Ugalde DO, Jason M. Goldman MD FACP, Zachary Liao MD, Daniel Bendetowicz MD FACP with Congresswoman Kathy Castor

Call to Arms

Organized medicine is made up of many different groups working together for common and shared goals to achieve the best results for the collective good of our profession. In the state of Florida we have a strong medical organization in the Florida Medical Association. The FMA is made up of several diverse physician groups from county medical societies to various specialty societies. The Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians is one of the specialty societies that participates in the FMA. It is important to understand the structure of the organization and why your participation in both the FL Chapter ACP and the FMA is critical to the shared success of all physicians.

The pinnacle event of the FMA is the annual meeting held in the summer each year. At this, meeting delegates are sent from both county medical societies and the specialty societies. The number of delegates allowed are based on the percentage of membership. This year we have a record number of slots allowed for the meeting and it is my hope that we can fill the entire delegation. This will give the FL Chapter ACP an unprecedented voice in the Florida Medical Association.

The purpose of the annual meeting is wide reaching as it provides a forum for resolutions to be discussed and voted on that will shape the policies of the organization. The elections of officers also occur at this time. In addition, CME activities are provided as well as poster competitions and vendor displays. It is a time to connect with colleagues, shape policy, and make a difference in the state of Florida. The House of Delegates resolution process is also important because it allows for ideas to become policy. Members can become part of the policy process by writing a resolution and presenting it to the FL Chapter for consideration. This democratic process only works if members get involved and participate.

To that end, I am calling for our membership to rise to the challenge and fill our delegation at the FMA annual meeting. Of equal and critical importance is dual membership in both the FMA and the FL Chapter ACP. It is my sincere hope that not only will we fill the entire delegation but every FL Chapter ACP member will also consider becoming an FMA member. The chapter delegates have always enjoyed the FMA annual meeting and stay involved throughout the year. Please contact Dawn Moerings by Friday, June 8, 2018 in the chapter office at floridchapteracp@comcast.net or 904-355-0800 for more information.

I truly hope you will consider participate in this important event.

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