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## FL Advocate Newsletter



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### President's Message



The Florida Medical Association held its annual meeting on August 11, 2019 at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida and your ACP delegation did an outstanding job at addressing several issues of great importance to Internal Medicine and the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians. This was a momentous meeting and well attended with physicians from around the state, gathering

to advocate on different policies and shape the future of medicine. I am grateful, appreciative and proud of the work done by our delegation as the advocacy and passion displayed by all was evident and proved that with teamwork, dedication and diligence, great accomplishments can be achieved.

A special thanks to Drs. Manning Hanline, Angeli Akey, Abdo Asmar, Ankush Bansal, Jose Baez, Yvonne Braver, Karen Echeverria-Beltran, Keely Fischbach, Himangi Kaushal, John Langdon, Cynthia Miller, Naresh Pathak, Cristina Pravia, Elisa Sottile, Michael Zimmer, and Mrs. Dawn Moerings and Mr. Chris Nuland.

It is important to understand the process and to put into context why this meeting is so important, as well as the importance of dual membership in both the Florida Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. Just as the ACP is the largest single specialty organization representing internal medicine, so too is the FMA the largest multi-specialty organization representing all the physicians in the state of Florida. The legislative and advocacy component of the FMA is the most well-respected medical group in Florida and their input is sought on all matters of health and medicine in the state. In order to set the agenda and policies of the FMA organization, it is necessary for the membership to attend the annual meeting and put forth resolutions to be voted on by the delegates present to determine what will become the guiding documents of the organization. Without this process, many important issues would not be addressed, and the legislative process would be vastly different. While the minority voice is always heard and respected, the majority rules.

The Florida ACP delegation put forth several resolutions that were taken up by the FMA. The issue of fracking was referred to the

board for further study and will be analyzed for how the FMA should proceed and the FL ACP residents' resolution on encouraging CPR for all high students as part of their curriculum was passed. Finally, the FL ACP resolution on gun reform to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines passed in the house of delegates. This is an important priority of the FL ACP and was supported by several organizations. With passage of this resolution, the FMA can now formulate policy and strategy on how to address the issue moving forward in the legislature.

A special thanks needs to be given to Drs. Akey, Bansal, Fischbach, Hanline, and Sottile who all testified in front of the House of Medicine on our issues and passionately advocated for their passage.

The real importance of FMA meeting is that it shows how individuals from different backgrounds, beliefs and philosophies can come together and discuss serious issues and concerns and develop policy without personal attacks or vitriol. We can rise above the partisan fighting and demonstrate how physicians can do what is best for the practice of medicine and our patients. The first-time members of the delegation really enjoyed the experience and were truly immersed in the process. In order to do this important work, we must all belong to both organizations. Please maintain your membership in the ACP and the FMA. The more dual members we have means the more delegates at the annual meeting; this allows us to have a greater voice in the process and better represent the needs of the members.

Finally, I believe that if you are not at the table, you are on the menu. The political process in this country is such that only by getting medicine friendly candidates elected can we hope to change the trajectory of the legislature. To do that, it requires contributions to political action committees. Your delegation won, for the second year in a row, the most amount of money raised at the meeting by a specialty society. I am beyond proud of the work done by the delegation and am so fortunate to serve as your Governor of the ACP and as the Treasurer of the FMA. An African proverb says that if we want to go faster, we go alone but if we want to go further, we go together. Let's continue to work together so we can achieve all that is good in medicine.

Thank you as always.

Jason M. Goldman, MD, FACP  
Governor, Florida Chapter American College of Physicians



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September 6—8, 2019  
The Westin Ft Lauderdale Beach Resort – Ft Lauderdale, Florida

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**23.5 CME & 23.5 MOC**

Updates in Internal Medicine • Advanced Heart Failure  
Bariatric Surgery Follow-up • Cannabis Conundrums  
HIV Epidemic Update • Human Rights Clinic & T.H.R.I.V.E.  
Update in Prevention Guidelines for Adult Wellness • Telemedicine  
Transplant Nephrology Update • Travel Medicine  
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