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## **FL Advocate Newsletter**

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### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP, President/Governor  
Florida Chapter American College of Physicians  
February 5—6, 2019**



**FL Chapter Delegation Members with  
Miami physicians in the Senate Chamber**  
**Rudy Moises MD, Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP;  
FL Chapter President/Governor, Brian Toston DO,  
Hansel Tookes MD, Christopher L. Nuland Esq,  
Rahil Shah, Zachary Liao MD, Tahir Haque MD,  
Dawn Moerings**

One of the most important things we can do for advocacy is to participate in the process. This means meeting with our elected officials and making them aware of how their actions can affect our profession and our patients. I have the privilege, once again, of taking residents and medical students with me to Tallahassee to meet with our state legislature. This past week was extremely busy as we saw over 22 members of the House and Senate. The key to advocacy is understanding who you are talking to and what the political motivations are. Regardless of party, we can always find common ground to start from. There are several outstanding issues this session that we will be following and advocating on your behalf. It is critical that everyone gets involved as we will most assuredly be facing scope of practice expansion again this session and this can prove quite harmful to the practice of medicine and the patients. From in person visits to phone calls to helping with campaigns; there are plenty of opportunities for grassroots advocacy. I was exceptionally pleased with the reception we received from the majority of the elected officials and it is good to know that we have many supporters and friends in state government who continue to respect and value their physicians. I am proud of our resident and medical students who did an exceptional job presenting the issues in Tallahassee. While we may not always succeed on every issue before us, we will continue to advocate and be part of the process. Please become involved and continue to work for our profession.

**Special thanks go to the Florida Chapter ACP Delegation:** Resident physicians Tahir Haque MD, Zachary Liao MD, Brian Toston DO, and medical student Rahil Shah. The team set a new record by meeting with 23 legislators led by President/Governor Jason M. Goldman MD FACP, along with Dawn Moerings and Chris Nuland. Thank you for your efforts!



## FL Chapter Delegation Members

**Tahir Haque MD**

**Brian Toston DO**

**Christopher L. Nuland Esq.**

**Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP;**

**FL Chapter President/Governor**

**Zachary Liao MD**

**Rahil Shah**

*"I had the opportunity to attend Advocacy & Health Policy days at the state legislature in Tallahassee Feb 5-6 with a group of fellow residents and students. It was truly an enlightening*

*experience speaking with over 20 different state representatives and senators about pressing issues we face as physicians. Unlike leadership day in DC, we had ample face-to-face time with legislators and detailed discussions with them regarding our proposed issues. I look forward to attending leadership day again this year in DC. It has been a humbling opportunity working with the Florida Chapter to pursue my passion in health policy."*

*–Tahir Haque, MD, Co-Chair, FL Chapter ACP Council of Residents & Fellow Members*

*"Advocating on behalf of patients in Tallahassee was a wonderful experience. In my opinion, young physicians need to learn this crucial skill, and there is no one better to learn from than Dr. Goldman. I hope the Florida Chapter ACP will continue to give residents and students the opportunity to get involved."*

*–Zachary C. Liao, MD, MPH, Co-Chair, FL Chapter ACP Council of Residents & Fellow Members*

*"My experience advocating in Tallahassee was incredible and it showed me the true impact that dedicated individuals can have on the future of medicine. One of the biggest decisions I'm facing as a medical student, which will dictate the next 30+ years of my life, is what specialty I'll choose. When I consider the options, one of my major concerns is the outlook of that field and the potential competition from mid-level practitioners. Dr. Goldman and the Florida Chapter ACP provided me with a channel to voice my concerns, more importantly an audience with the people who can truly make a difference. Being able to represent myself and medical students across the state, I was able to explain how their decisions would affect my peer's choices moving forward. This was a great learning opportunity and I will definitely continue to work to insure that physicians' interests are represented in legislation."*

*–Rahil H. Shah,*

*Chair, FL Chapter ACP Council of Medical Students*

*"This has been a spectacular legislative experience. Having the opportunity to be on the ground where major health policy decisions are discussed and made has truly been a transformative experience. I have grown from the experience and it has made me now more than an ever an advocate for both our patients and our profession in the area of health policy. I am more cognizant of the impact health policy can have for our patients and day to day clinical practice. It could not have been led by a better and caring team including Dr. Goldman, Dawn Moerings, Chris Nuland, and the other members from the FL Chapter ACP Resident council." Many thanks!*

*–Brian Toston, DO*





Delegation members meet with Senator Gayle Harrell



Delegation members meet with Representative Margaret Good



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Michael Grieco



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Senator Jason W.B. Pizzo





Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Michael Gottlieb



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Joseph A. Casello



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Senator Kevin J. Rader



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Senator Janet Cruz





Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Cary Pigman



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Tina S. Polsky



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Richard Stark



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Senator Lori Berman





Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Daniel Perez



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Dr. James Bush, III



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Senator Gary M. Farmer, Jr.



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Lawrence McClure





Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Colleen Burton



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Nicholas X. Duran



Members of the FL Chapter Delegation meet with Representative Ralph Massullo, MD

## Registration Opening Soon

for the

### 2019 Florida Chapter ACP Annual Residents & Medical Students Meeting

March 30, 2019

Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown – Orlando, Florida

ONLINE RESERVATIONS: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49780263>

Phone Reservations: 866-247-3571 or 407-425-4455 Option #1 referencing the group name: FL CHAPTER ACP code: ACX

**Group Room Rate - \$135 S/D GROUP RATE CUTOFF: MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

Reservations made after cutoff will be accepted on a space available basis and may not be eligible for the group rate.

### Meeting Highlights:

**Residents & Medical Students Formal Poster Competition**

**Luncheon Program ♦ Doctor's Dilemma™ Competition ♦ Awards Reception**

For information on Program & Meeting Registration: [http://www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/chapters/fl/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/fl/)  
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