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Governor's Newsletter



Governor's Message

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As you read this we are half way through 2026. Needless to say it has been an interesting year. Despite the changes happening around us, or perhaps because of such, we in Florida are answering the call to serve as advocates.

Our Florida chapter started the year with a number of visits to Tallahassee in support of several key issues including raising vaccine awareness, protecting the evidence-based use of vaccines, scope of practice and prior authorization. We had some small wins: on February 11, the Florida Senate adopted the Florida Chapter-drafted SB 1244, which recognizes August as Immunization Awareness Month.

Not only is this bill important in its own right, but it also sends a powerful message to those vaccine deniers who are trying to further erode vaccine mandates.

Special thanks go to our sponsor, Senator Tracie Davis, for leading the legislative effort and recognizing the Chapter's role from the floor of the Senate.

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In March we signed onto a letter with specialty partners in opposition to SB 1756, which would allow "conscious exemptions" from school mandated vaccines AND allow pharmacists to dispense Ivermectin without a prescription. This bill never made it to committee. Also since the DOH did not publish a proposed final rule to remove some of the school vaccination mandates within the required 180 days, that initiative is also dead (at least for now)! I cannot give enough thanks to the tireless work of our counsel, Mr. Chris Nuland and our past chapter President, Dr. Ankush Bansal. It is through their work and the work of our members that we have continued to keep patients safe. I am so proud of how ACP National challenged the national attack on evidence-based practice through its suit against RFK. What an uplifting moment when we heard of the ruling in ACP's favor!

ACP is more than advocacy, it seeks to support all that we as physicians need. National and our chapter know that in order for our communities to thrive, our physicians themselves must flourish. An essential aspect of flourishing is our close connections. Those who attended the Chapter Resident and Student meeting in Orlando this spring witnessed the next generation of Internal Medicine specialists building those connections as they networked and shared their scholarship. The collaborative spirit was palpable—even if the spirit grew a bit competitive during the high-powered Doctor's Dilemma® competition!

It was amazing to watch the larger scale networking occur at ACP National in California this April. Physicians from all over the world coming together to learn and grow. We had a number of our Florida physicians and students in attendance—and even many who presented! So incredibly proud of our chapter members sharing their ideas on the national level.

Though competition was fierce, our state was represented well by the Doctor's Dilemma® team from Florida State University Tallahassee. We later all met up to celebrate our Chapter, our new Fellows and our national awardees: Dr. Jose M. Muniz MACP for receiving the Jane F Desforges Distinguished Teaching Award and Dr. Nayan Kathari MACP for receiving the Faith T. Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Educator of Residents and Fellows.

Writing now about Doctor's Dilemma® reminded me of my own current maintenance of certification process. I wanted to share how ACP is making personalized learning more accessible. Through MKSAP you can now link to your ABIM exam, MOC questions or ITE results. These systems share data, allowing you to craft your individualized study through MKSAP. You can then focus on the areas of needed improvement as identified by your own performance on those exams. I wish this existed when I first had to sit for Boards! There are also so many recent new resources available through our ACP webpage, I highly encourage all members to login and take advantage of the incredible offerings

As I have probably already exceeding my word limit I will conclude with a warm welcome to our incoming Governor, Dr. Mario Madrugá MACP. Dr. Madrugá is a long time ACP member who will continue the governor tradition of championing for our members.

I love being an ACP member, and want to hear from you if you have not yet found something to love! Until next time.

Warmest,

Elisa M Sottile, MD FACP
ACP Governor Florida

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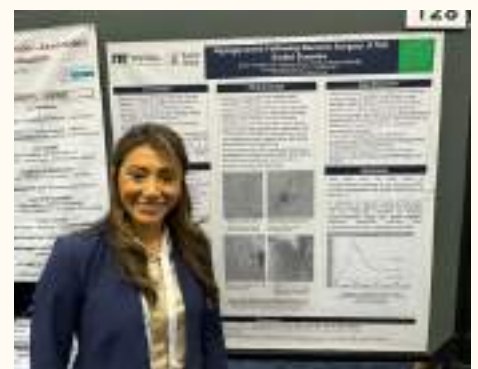
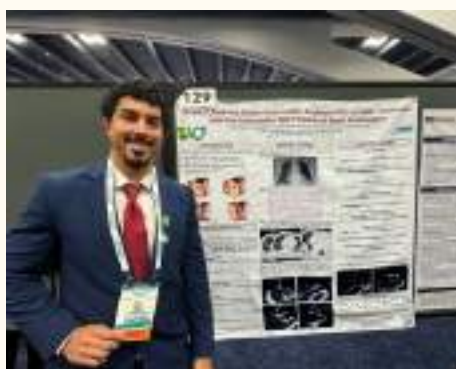
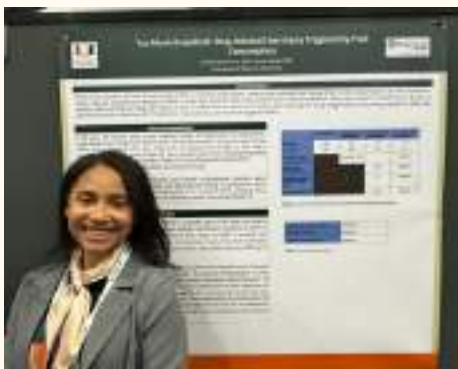
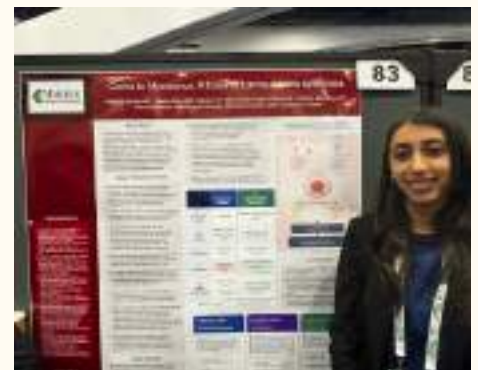
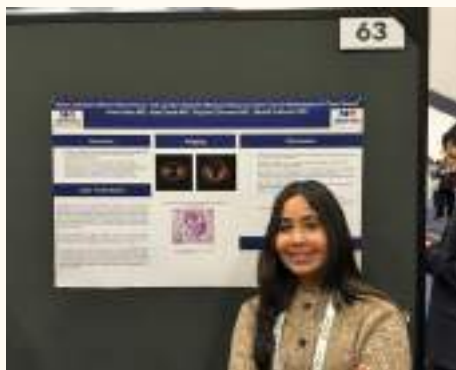
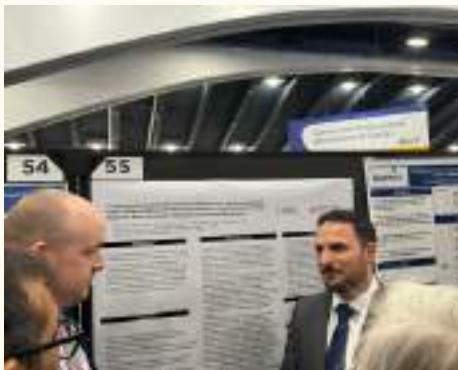
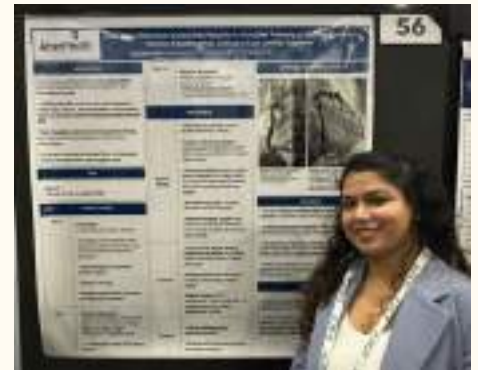
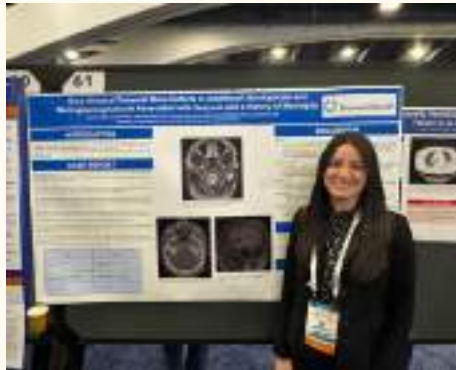
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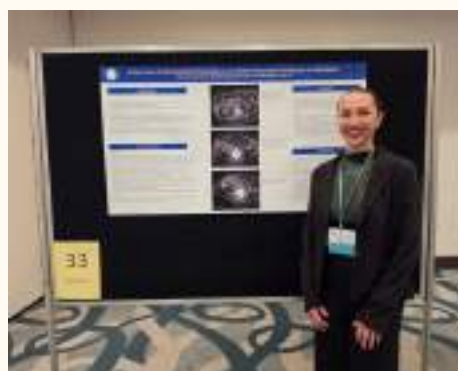
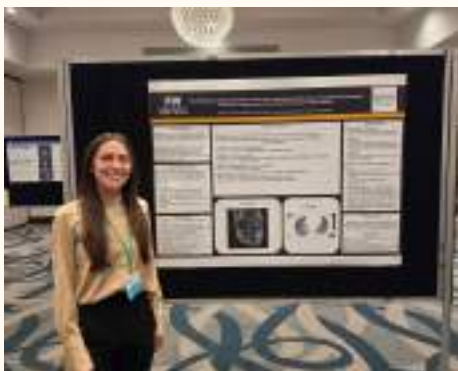
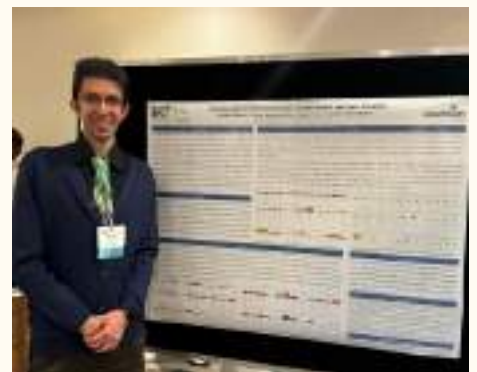
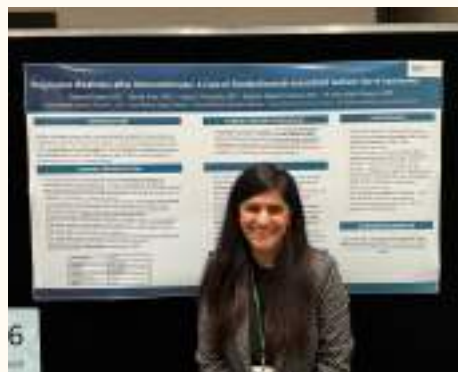
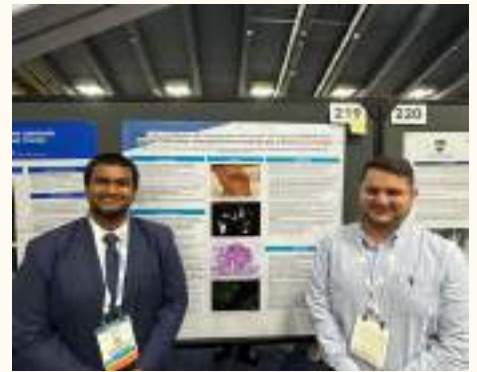
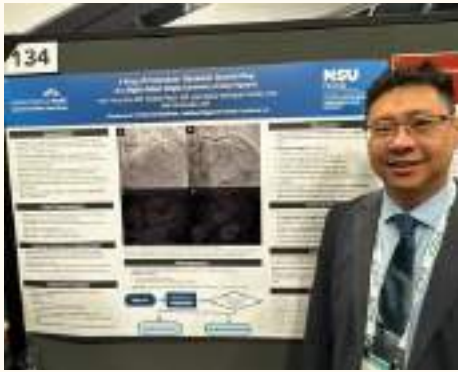
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