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Greetings to ACP members in Downstate Illinois:

I am grateful for the wonderful work you are doing for Illinois patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. While you are caring for your patients, please also take care of yourselves and your families.

ACP's Comprehensive Coronavirus Resources, available at www.acponline.org/novel-coronavirus

ACP is committed to doing everything possible to help internists prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 virus to ensure that our patients get the care they need.

The resources on our [regularly updated webpage](#) include:

- Educational resources, including ACP's ["Novel Coronavirus: A Physician's Guide"](#)
- Podcasts
- Resources on Telehealth including ACP's New Curriculum, [Telemedicine: A Practical Guide for Incorporation into your Practice](#), and ACP's [Telehealth Coding and Billing Practice Management Tips](#)
- The collection of [Annals of Internal Medicine content](#)

- [Advocacy and Regulatory letters and statements](#)
- A link to ACP's Member Forum

These resources are meant to assist internists seeking to prepare and manage their response. ACP will continue to update this page with resources developed by ACP and other organizations.

COVID-19 information resources from other organizations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Johns Hopkins University: Corona Virus Resource Center

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Western Illinois University: Illinois COVID-19 Awareness Dashboard

<https://wiu-gis-center.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8ef833c7ed254fd48fe07266f96e0f70>

ACP Leadership Programs Available in Hospital Medicine or Primary Care

In partnership with the American Association for Physician Leadership, the ACP Leadership Academy offers a flexible, 18-month-long [Certificate in Physician Leadership](#) program with tracks in Hospital Medicine and Primary Care.

The program includes a combination of formal training through 46.5 hours of online coursework, online group discussions facilitated by leaders in internal medicine, and a capstone project that demonstrates successful mastery of leadership concepts.

Participants may [apply online](#) by **May 1, 2020** to enroll in the cohorts that begin work in July 2020.

This program offers exclusive training by leadership experts and important career-building skills. In addition, ACP provides participants with access to a number of professional development and membership engagement opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact us at lead@acponline.org.

Advance to FACP

Do you seek promotion to the rank of Fellow of the American College of Physician? Learn how at

<https://www.acponline.org/membership/physician-membership/acp-fellowship>

For more information, send an email to FACP@acponline.org

Planning for ACP Illinois Chapter meeting

The Education Committee continues to plan for our annual scientific meeting of the ACP Illinois Northern and Southern Chapters. The theme for the 2020 meeting will be “health care in the new decade.” The meeting date is 23 October 2020. The location is Erin’s Pavilion, 4965 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Many thanks go out to the members of the Education Committee who volunteer their time to plan an outstanding meeting for all Illinois ACP members.

For additional information or if you are interested in serving on the Education Committee, please contact the Education Committee chair, Vidya Sundareshan MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA.

ACP for Early Career Physicians

There are opportunities for leadership development in our chapter. Dr. Manasa Kandula is the Chair of the planning committee for the ACP IL Resident & Student Day. Dr. Kandula is willing to train ACP members in the project management skills needed to organize and execute a successful educational event. ACP members interested in leadership development may contact jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

ACP for Resident/Fellow members

Here is your chance to show off your research, quality improvement, or interesting cases. Submit your abstracts for the poster and clinical vignette competitions that will occur during ACP Resident & Student Day, 22 October 2020, in Springfield, IL. Judges of the competitions will select winners to receive travel awards or cash prizes. The [call for abstracts](#) is open now.

ACP call for Medical Student leaders

The Downstate Illinois ACP Chapter welcomes more students to join its student committee! If you’re looking for leadership experience in a professional organization, this is a great

opportunity. The role of the committee is to advise the chapter on how it can best support medical students. The time requirement is just 2 conference calls per year, about one hour per call. There is also an opportunity to serve as committee chair and on the chapter's membership committee. If you're interested in joining the committee, please email the current committee chair, Hanna Erickson (herick3@illinois.edu) with your CV and 2-3 sentences about why you're interested in serving on the committee.

Call for news items

Do you have good news about your recent award, promotion, or volunteer experience? Please share your stories with your colleagues in the ACP Illinois Southern Chapter. Send your news items to me so I can include them in the Downstate Dialogue: jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

Save-the-Date

- Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM Central Time: Webinar MKSAP Live Online Study Hall <https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/chapters-regions/united-states/illinois-chapter/news-meetings>
- 22 October 2020, Resident & Medical Student Day for ACP Illinois Southern Chapter, at Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703
- 23 October 2020, ACP IL Chapter Annual Scientific meeting for Continuing Medical Education, at Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703. The 2020 theme will be "health care in the new decade."

Events cancelled due to COVID-19

- 23-25 April 2020: Internal Medicine Meeting 2020 in Los Angeles, CA, **cancelled**
- 12-13 May 2020: ACP **Leadership Day 2020**, Washington, DC, **cancelled**

Sincerely,
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American College of Physicians

ACP mission:

*"To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care
by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine."*