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Greetings to ACP members in Downstate Illinois:

Internal Medicine Meeting 2021: Virtual Experience

ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting 2021: Virtual Experience is just a few months away. Register now to get ready for this truly interactive live learning event!

[Informational Brochure](#)

ACP BOR Action on Fall 2020 BOG Resolutions

A [summary of Board of Regents \(BOR\) actions on resolutions debated at the fall 2020 Board of Governors \(BOG\) virtual meeting is now available](#). Resolutions initiated by ACP members and endorsed by a chapter council and the BOG become ACP policy when adopted by the BOR.

The ACP Board of Regents adopted the following resolutions and referred them for implementation:

- 3-S19. Allowing Patients Covered under Federal Health Insurance Programs to be Able to Use Prescription Drug Coupons and Co-pay Cards
- 4-S19. Developing Policy on Provisions of Inducements that Encourage Utilization of Allied Healthcare Services and Practitioners without Exception
- 7-S19. Enhancing the Ability for Clinicians to Provide Advance Care Planning Services to Medicare Beneficiaries by Removing Cost Burdens
- 3-F19. Recommending the Initial Referral Appointment with an Internal Medicine Subspecialist Be Conducted by a Physician
- 4-F19. Ensuring that ACP Guidelines Incorporate the Potential Adverse Effects of Polypharmacy
- 10-F19. Optimizing Data Coming from Pharmacy Benefit Manager Systems to Improve Drug Pricing Transparency

- 1-F20. Advocating for Visitation and Support of Hospitalized Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or a Physician Defined Need
- 2-F20. Studying the Impact of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic and Developing Policy to Insure Safe Operation of Post-Acute Care Services, Long-term Care and Residential Facilities during Healthcare Emergencies
- 6-F20. Creating a Multi-Partisan Commission to Examine the U.S. Preparations for and Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic to Inform Future Efforts
- 7-F20. Promoting Policy Standards for Workplace Violence Prevention and Management
- 8-F20. Studying the Impact of and Advocating for Assistance with the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program
- 9-F20. Developing Public Policies to Protect All Essential Workers during Public Health Crises
- 12-F20. Supporting the Mental Health of Medical Students

The ACP Board of Regents adopted the following resolutions as reaffirmation of current ACP policy:

- 5-F20. Defining Physician Practice Styles in ACP Policy
- 13-F20. Updating ACP Policy to Define Ownership of Patient Medical Records

If you have an idea you'd like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to your Governor or local ACP chapter. Visit your [ACP chapter website](#) for more information on how to contact your Governor or chapter staff about proposing a resolution.

Call for Nominations for ILS Governor's Advisory Council

In accordance with our bylaws, the Downstate Region will conduct an election to fill one (1) Governor's Advisory Council seat in April 2021.

The Call for Nominations for the Governor's Advisory Council is now open. If you are interested in running, please email your Name, Short Bio (less than 200 words), and CV to [Colleen Keeku](#) no later than **Friday, February 26th**.

If you would like to nominate a colleague, please email that person's name and contact information to Colleen no later than **Wednesday, February 17th**.

The Governor's Council consists of physician volunteer leaders entrusted to represent and actively engage the membership of the Chapter. The Council sets policy and provides leadership, including planning strategically for the Chapter's growth; determining the mission, goals, and priorities; and allocating resources in line with those priorities. The Council meets in person or online 4 times annually.

ACP for Women in Medicine

The Women in Medicine committee of ACP ILS co-hosts a series of webinars on "Gender Equity." Please join the "Gender Equity" webinar on 21 APR 2021 at 7:00 PM. [Register HERE](#)

The ACP ILS thanks the co-chairs of the Women in Medicine Committee, Dr. Jennie Hsu-Lumetta and Dr. Emily Horvath, as well as the leadership from Dr. Vidya Sundareshan, Dr. Sue Hingle, and Dr. Vidhya Prakash.

ACP for Early Career Physicians

The ACP ILS Early Career Physician Committee, chaired by Dr. Waqas Azhar, co-hosts a series of webinars. The next webinar will offer updates on COVID-19 and will occur on 24 FEB 2021 from 7:00-8:00 PM. [Register HERE.](#)

Did you miss one of the previous webinars? Don't worry, the recordings are available on our chapter website: [HERE](#)

Advancing to ACP Fellowship

Matthew B. Carroll, MD, FACP, FACR, Chair of ACP's Credentials Committee, invites members to apply for advancement to ACP Fellowship (FACP). FACP is a mark of honor and distinction within the internal medicine community. Each year, ACP Fellows are celebrated and inducted at ACP's annual Internal Medicine Meeting during the Convocation Ceremony.

For more information about ACP Fellowship and to access application materials, visit www.acponline.org/facp.

Medical Students and Resident/Fellows Needed for Story Slam at ACP Future IM Meeting

On May 14 - 15, 2021, ACP will be holding a virtual event for ACP Medical Student and Resident/Fellow Members titled, ACP Future IM Meeting.

Although the ACP Future IM Meeting landing page is not yet on the ACP website, we want to start soliciting/spreading the word about the story slam happening during the event.

We need 10 participants to speak on the theme: lessons learned from the pandemic as a trainee.

Medical students and residents/fellows must be ACP members, but they do not need to be registered or be "present" during the story slam on May 15. As you'll see from the directions on the submission form, they need only submit their information and a URL to their 5-minute story. If selected, their stories will be edited together with the other chosen submissions for the hour-long story slam.

Here is the form to submit stories. Applicants need to be logged into their ACP account in order to access the form:

[Submit Stories](#)

Deadline to apply is Friday, March 19, 2021.

ACP Resident & Student Day online poster competition winners

Thank you to the residents and fellows who submitted abstracts for the poster and clinical vignette competitions. Over 60 abstract submissions passed the first review by the judges and those applicants

were invited to record their poster presentations for online competition. The judges selected the following as the winners.

ACP ILS Oral Clinical Vignette Winners

1st place, Dr. Srijan Valasapalli - Carle Foundation

Title: "Ataxia - who has the clue"

2nd place, Dr. Sanjivani Sathe - Carle Foundation

Title: "Not so innocent incidentaloma"

3rd place, Dr. Ruby Maini - SIU School of Medicine (\$50 Award)

Title: "A rare case of endocarditis with c-anca vasculitis"

Resident Poster Winners

1st place, Clinical Vignette competition, Dr. Rose Chisenga – UICOM-Peoria (winner receives Invitation to present at the National Competition)

Title: "Cutaneous Blastomycosis Mimicking Breast Malignancy"

2nd place Clinical Vignette competition TIE

Dr. Morton Machir, Southern Illinois University & **Dr. Abuzar Asif**, UICOM-Peoria

Title: "Double-Positive Anti-GBM and p-ANCA Glomerulonephritis"

Title: "Fulminant Pancreatitis due to disseminated histoplasmosis"

3rd Clinical Vignette competition

Dr. Anusha Chidharla, UICOM-Peoria

Title: "A Rare Case of MRSA Ventriculitis"

1st place in the Research Poster competition

Dr. Joseph Norton, UICOM-Peoria (winner receives Invitation to present at the National Competition)

Title: "Cathepsin B Expression in Pancreatic Cancer: A Potential Prognostic Indicator and Therapeutic Target"

2nd place in the Research Poster competition

Dr. Muhammad Asghar, UICOM-Peoria

Title: "Hematological Characteristics of Patients in Corona Virus 19 Infection: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis"

3rd place in the Research Poster competition

Dr. Hasan Shoaib, UICOM-Peoria

Title: "Is N-Acetylcysteine The Holy Grail In Non-Acetaminophen Related Acute Liver Failure: An Updated Meta-analysis"

The ACP ILS congratulates all the competitors!

Many thanks go to Dr. Manasa Kandula, MD (Peoria) and Dr. Harini Rathinamanickam, MD (Springfield). They organized the poster and clinical vignette competitions.

Doctor's Dilemma team from SIU will compete for global prize

The ACP ILS hosted a competition for Doctor's Dilemma in 2019. The winning team was from Southern Illinois School of Medicine. Because of the pandemic, the SIU team did not have a chance to compete at the annual Internal Medicine meeting in 2020. The ACP reconfigured the global competition for Doctor's Dilemma to occur online in 2021. We have asked the winning SIU team from 2019 to represent ACP ILS at the global competition in 2021. Please join the members of ACP ILS and cheer for the SIU team.

Doctor's Dilemma Team from SIU

Dr. Edwin Oduche

Dr. Odalys Estefania Lara Garcia

Dr. Morton Machir

ACP for Medical Students, poster competition winners

The ACP ILS thanks the medical students who competed in the poster competition. The judges selected the following as the winners who will receive cash awards.

1st Jared Hendren-Southern Illinois University

Title: "Glutathione peroxidase 1 affects inflammation and proliferation in colitis"

2nd Shahnoor Amin-Carle Illinois College of Medicine

Title: "Vehicle Occupant Cardiac Monitoring System and Methods"

3rd Matthew Lee- Carle Illinois College of Medicine

Title: "A Familiar Pathology in an Unfamiliar Location: Case Report of Ovarian Teratoma in the Left Upper Quadrant"

The ACP ILS congratulates all the competitors!

ACP Anti-Racism In Medicine

Thank you to the ACP ILS Student Committee members. They host an online series of meetings with ILN on the topic of Anti-racism in Medicine. The date of the next online article/book club is February 18, 2021. [Register HERE](#). The Student Committee invites **students and residents** to join the online discussion. During our February Session we will be discussing [The 1619 Podcast Episode 4: How the Bad Blood Started](#) and [The Tuskegee Experiment](#).

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](#)
- 18 FEB 2021, online article/book club on the topic, [“Anti-Racism in Medicine”](#)
- 24 FEB 2021 from 7:00-8:00 PM, [Fear, Sorrow, and Hope Update on COVID-19](#)
- 19 MAR 2021, deadline for applications, online story slam for medical students, residents, and fellows-in-training
- 21 APR 2021 at 7:00 PM, [“Gender Equity” webinar](#)
- 29 APR 2021 to 1 MAY 2021: [ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting 2021: Virtual Experience](#)
- October 15th, 2021 ACP Virtual Illinois Internal Medicine 2021

Sincerely,

Jim

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ACP mission:

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