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2026 ILLINOIS NORTHERN LAUREATE

MELVIN SPEISMAN, MD, FACP



Dr. Speisman is an accomplished academic internist with more than 28 years of experience in patient care, medical education, and mentorship. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing Internal Medicine and supporting the next generation of physicians.

A Fellow of the American College of Physicians and lifetime member of Alpha Omega Alpha, Dr. Speisman has served as a faculty member in an Internal Medicine Residency Program, educating generations of medical students and residents. His commitment to innovation has also led him to pursue advanced training in artificial intelligence and healthcare through Harvard Medical School, MIT, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and Stanford University.

In 2024, Dr. Speisman became President of the American College of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, where he continues to promote education and mentorship while helping physicians and trainees navigate the evolving role of AI in healthcare.

Dr. Speisman has remained deeply engaged with ACP, serving for the past two years on the ACP Illinois Northern Governor's Advisory Council and contributing to the Chapter's Education Committee. He has shared his expertise in artificial intelligence through presentations at I.M. Speaks and the Illinois Chapter Annual Meeting, reflecting his dedication to lifelong learning, professional development, and service to his colleagues and the College.



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2026 ILLINOIS NORTHERN OUTSTANDING
WOMEN IN MEDICINE LEADER AWARD

MARINA KOVAČEVIĆ, MD, FACP



Dr. Kovačević currently practices at Quintessential Care, where she provides adult primary care, geriatric care, and chronic disease management.

Previously, Dr. Kovačević served as Hospital Medicine Lead at Evanston Hospital within Endeavor Health, where she led clinical operations and initiatives focused on patient experience, quality improvement, and interdisciplinary care redesign. Her work reflects a commitment to clinical excellence and to developing practical, sustainable solutions that improve patient care.

She been an active leader within the American College of Physicians, including serving as Co-Chair of the Women in Medicine Committee. In that role, she helped create opportunities for women physicians to connect, grow, and support one another through leadership and career development initiatives, including Women in Medicine Lean In Circles focused on mentorship, professional growth, and peer support.

Dr. Kovačević has also served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, where she contributed to the education and mentorship of medical students and residents. Through her clinical practice, leadership, advocacy, mentorship, and service, she exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding woman leader in medicine.

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EARLY CAREER AWARD

CALEB MURPHY, MD, MBA, FACP



Dr. Caleb Murphy is an academic hospitalist, educator, and quality improvement leader at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, with professional interests in high-value care, health policy, and reducing unnecessary care in the hospital setting. He earned his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine.

A dedicated contributor to the American College of Physicians, Dr. Caleb Murphy serves as Co-Chair of the ACP Illinois Northern Chapter's Early Career Physicians Committee, supporting physicians during an important stage of their professional development. His commitment to ACP also includes national leadership roles and five years of participation in ACP Leadership Day in Washington, D.C.

Through his health policy expertise and advocacy experience, Dr. Caleb Murphy has become a valued mentor to colleagues participating in Leadership Day, helping physicians prepare for congressional meetings and engage more confidently with policymakers. His leadership, mentorship, and commitment to advocacy reflect a strong dedication to ACP and the future of Internal Medicine.