



Governor's Message

Dear Members,

We have had a very busy spring! Several residents and students represented our chapter at the Internal Medicine Meeting in San Diego last month, where we also celebrated the convocation of our newest ACP Fellows. Drs. Schaeffner and Webb continue to lead us in monthly wellness opportunities. And this past week, I represented our chapter at ACP Leadership Day in Washington D.C. Please review this quarter's newsletter for more information on all of our activities.

I hope you have the chance to rest and recharge this summer. As always, if there are things that we could do to support your patients or practice, please reach out to me at kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com.

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 Governor, Kentucky Chapter of the ACP

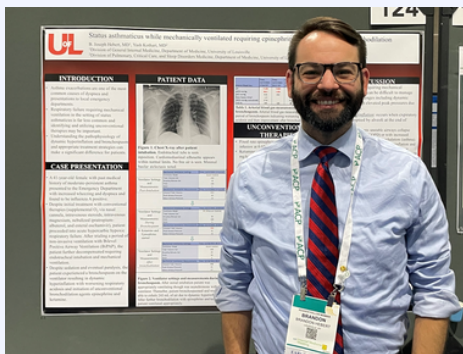
Internal Medicine 2023 Wrap Up



Several KY ACP members made the trip to San Diego to attend IM 2023 in April.

Residents from the University of Louisville represented Kentucky in the Doctor's Dilemma Competition. Dr. Yvette Cua led a session on updates in inpatient billing. Lisa Anakwenze, Lucas Steele, Dr Sandhya Kolagatla and Dr. Joey Hebert all presented posters as medical student or resident winners of our state abstract competition. And Dr. Meagan Schaeffner was inducted as a fellow of the ACP.

Save the date! IM 2024 will be held April 18-20, 2024 in Boston, MA. We hope to see you there!



Wellness Wednesday

Last Wednesday of every month 12:00-12:45 pm EST

Next meeting:

May 31

Wellness Book Club

We'll be discussing

"168 Hours: You Have More Time Than You Think" by Laura Vanderkam

<https://ukth.zoom.us/j/86922063112?from=addon>

Next month: FMIM- we'll be discussing "Heart Failure" by Dr. Joseph Zarconi in On Being A Doctor in May 2023 issue of Annals of IM

Chapter Wellness



Physician Well-Being and Professional Fulfillment

ACP has a resource page to support physician health and wellbeing. You can find more information at the [I.M. Emotional Support Hub](#).



Congratulations to the following members who were elected into fellowship in the ACP between July 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023:

*Dr. Laura Bishop
Dr. Amanda Chism
Dr. Jennifer Dotson
Dr. LK Ferrell
Dr. John Fleming
Dr. Gary Francis
Dr. Suzanne McGee
Dr. Katherine McKinney
Dr. Joshua Minix*

*Dr. Andrew Parks
Dr. John Ragsdale
Dr. Vishwanath Sagi
Dr. Patricia Santos
Dr. Meagan Schaeffner
Dr. Abdussalam Shredi
Dr. Anna-Maria South
Dr. Adnan Sultan*

SAVE THE DATE!

The KENTUCKY ACP FALL SCIENTIFIC MEETING will be
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
in LEXINGTON, KY

Advocacy Corner

ACP LEADERSHIP DAY MAY 23-24, 2023 Washington, D.C.

Dr. Olges represented the Kentucky Chapter at ACP Leadership Day 2023. She met with representatives from the offices of Kentucky's 2 Senators and 6 Congressmen to advocate for:

- H.R.2630/S. 652, the Safe Step Act of 2023, a bipartisan bill that would require group health plans to provide an exception process for any medication step therapy protocol to help ensure that patients can safely and efficiently access treatment
- The REDI (Resident Education Deferred Interest) Act (H.R. 1202/S. 704), which would allow borrowers to qualify for interest-free deferment on their student loans while in a medical or dental internship or residency program
- The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2023 (H.R. 2389/S. 1302), which would gradually raise the number of Medicare-supported GME positions by 2,000 per year for seven years
- H.R. 2474, the Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act, which preserves access to care for Medicare beneficiaries by providing an annual inflation update equal to the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) for Medicare physician payment
- H.R. 952, the Kids' Access to Primary Care Act, which aligns Medicaid reimbursement rates with Medicare payments for primary care services.

After the meeting, Congressman McGarvey signed on as a co-sponsor for H.R. 2474.

[SAVE THE DATE!](#) Leadership Day 2024 will be May 14-15th. We hope to have a larger representation in Washington D.C. next year!

ACP Advocating for Patient Rights in Kentucky

The ACP has recently joined AAP, ACOG, AMA, AAFP, AAMC and other medical societies in signing onto an amicus brief filed in the case of Doe v. Thornbury, a case currently being heard in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky which is seeking an injunction of the recent law banning gender affirming care.

ACP has longstanding policy supports LGBTQ+-inclusive policies that benefit the overall health and well-being of these populations and opposes legislation with discriminatory intent upon individuals based on gender identity. ACP's policy calls on public and private payers to cover comprehensive transgender health services, as well as opposes discrimination on the basis of gender identity. ACP also has policy against medically unnecessary restrictions on care and services, as well as joint principles opposing political interference in the patient-physician relationship.