

Governor's Welcome

It is my honor to be serving as your governor for the next four years. I moved here for residency 10 yrs ago and am lucky to call Kentucky my home. I am very grateful to Dr. Jenny Olges who preceded me as governor for her guidance during this transition. I would love to hear how our chapter can help you! A suggestion box and my email are at the bottom of this newsletter.



National ACP Meeting and Leadership Day

ACP 2026 was in San Francisco! Poster winners who represented KY were Kush Patel (UoL), Maribeth Stafford (UK NKY), and Kara Bradley (UoL). Robin Faulkner, Mohammed Hindi, and Chandra Kakarala from UK LEX represented KY on our Doctor's Dilemma team. Dr. Mary Duke was inducted as our newest Master of ACP (MACP)!

Leadership Day was May 12-13 in Washington DC. We sent a medical student (Victoria Spadafora), a fellow (Dr. Andrew Hearn) and our newest MACP (Dr. Mary Duke) to represent KY!

Recent Chapter Events

- April- The Changing Legal Landscape for IMGs
- May- Abstract writing session for students
- May- Financial Planning 101 for ECPs (hosted by LA chapter)
- May- Food drive organized by our Student Council
- June- M3 Clerkship Panel for students

Follow us on Social Media

Medical student Adam Strong is our new Social Media Manager and is working hard on building our presence online. If you want to be featured in a Member Spotlight, please reach out to our Membership Chair Amber Deptola at aszimm01@gmail.com



KY Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting

Meeting Details

- When: September 11, 2027 8a-6p
- Where: Spindletop Hall in Lexington
- Cost: \$35 for ACP Members who register before 9/1, \$45 after 9/1. FREE for students and residents who are members
- Theme: Practice Changing Updates in Infectious Diseases
- Earn up to 4.75 CME
- Register [here](#)!

Call for Abstracts

- Submission deadline: August 3
- Notification by: August 14
- Poster competition: Sept. 11, 1-4 pm
- Monetary prizes will be awarded
- First place from each category will go on to compete at the National ACP Meeting and receive travel support
- More info [here](#)
- Submission portal [here](#)

New! Coaching Sessions Offered

One of our chapter's Well-Being Champions Lesley Kellie will be offering individual 15 min coaching sessions at the meeting. These are FREE and will take place in the afternoon. Sign-up the day of the conference at the registration desk

Call for Volunteers

- We need your help with the scientific competition!
 - Abstract submission judge: needed the first two weeks of August, remote
 - Poster session judge: at the meeting from 1-4 pm
 - Please contact [Pranav Sharma](#) and [Megan Dunagan](#)
- Photographer: must be present from 1-6 pm, ideally all day. Please contact [Meagan Schaeffner](#)

ACP Fellowship

- Congrats to our newest fellows Sayee Sundar Alagusundaramoorthy, MD, Sirmad B Chaudhary, MD, and Megan M Wolak, MD!
- ACP Fellowship is a peer-reviewed credential that recognizes excellence and ongoing dedication within the internal medicine profession.
- If you recently finished residency in 2025 or 2026 and would like to join the Guided Fellowship program, the deadline to apply is December 31, 2026. The program is 3 years and starts in January 2027. Learn more [here](#)
- For all other ACP members: Learn about the traditional pathway and apply [here](#)

Seeking Feedback on Fall ACP Resolutions

We want to hear from you! Please provide your feedback regarding resolutions that will be considered at the Fall 2026 Board of Governors Meeting. The resolutions have been posted on ACP Online for your review and cover topics such as electronic smoking device cessation, sanitary conditions for immigrant detainees, and licensure for internationally-trained physicians.

After considering the intent of each resolution, please provide your feedback indicating your support or opposition by completing the electronic response form by **August 11**. Your input will be used as part of testimony on behalf of the chapter. Read and leave comments [here](#).

(NOTE: Proposed resolutions should be considered confidential information and are intended to be viewed by ACP members only. Under no circumstances should proposed resolutions be shared with the news media or social networking media, nor should they be shared with other individuals and organizations. Proposed resolutions do not represent ACP policy.)

Mentorship Program for Early Career Physicians

- This NEW program aims to pair mentors and mentees within Internal Medicine with the aim to support career development for early career ACP members.
- If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee, fill out this brief [form](#)

Upcoming Events

- "Why Doctors are Paid the Way they are Paid -- and Why You Should Care" by Dr. William Fox, MD, MACP and Chair Emeritus, ACP Board of Regents
 - August 18 at 6 pm CST/7 pm EST
 - Earn 1 CME Credit
 - Hosted by Nebraska Chapter- Register [here](#)
- KY ACP Chapter Meeting- September 11, 2026 in Lexington
- National ACP Meeting- April 15-17, 2027 in Los Angeles

Call for Student, Resident/Fellow Volunteers!

Are you interested in getting more involved with ACP and joining the student or resident/fellow council? Medical students- Please contact Dr. Tyler Sims tcsi224@uky.edu and Adam Strong (Chair of Student Council) adam.strong@uky.edu. Residents/fellows- please contact Dr. Andrew Hearn (Chair of Resident/Fellow Council) andrew.hearn@louisville.edu

From National ACP

ACP Joins Family Medicine and Pediatric Leaders in STAT Letter on Primary Care

- ACP President Jan Carney, MD, MPH, joined the presidents of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in a letter to the editor to STAT News responding to a First Opinion essay that framed primary care investment as a tradeoff against specialty care. The three leaders reject that framing and argue that patients need both, whether they are managing diabetes, tracking a child's development, or facing a complex diagnosis.
- The letter makes the case that Medicare's outdated physician payment policies and budget neutrality rules impede a system that delivers the right care at the right time, and that these rates shape what other payers, including Medicaid, will cover.
- Read the full letter in [STAT News](#).

What has ACP done in the past year to stand up for patients and serve members?
Check out the [2025-2026 Annual Report](#)

Need help navigating how to interact with and use AI? Check out ACP's [Artificial Intelligence Resource Hub](#)

Want to get more involved in advocacy? Check out the Legislative Action Center and join the [Advocates for Internal Medicine Network \(AIMn\)](#)

Looking for a job? Check out ACP's [Career Connection](#)

Want to join ACP's Political Action Committee (PAC)? Click [here](#)

Suggestion Box: <https://forms.gle/QaVvHwNwse7w6yJs7>

Please reach out to the Governor with other questions at mmsc245@uky.edu!