

Fall 2024

E- Newsletter

Governor's Message



Dear Colleagues,

As the hurricane season comes to a close, we can reflect on the past few months and look forward to cooler days and our upcoming ACP activities.

Looking Back: The Fall Board of Governors meeting was held in Boston in September. Our own Angie Johnson MD FACP chaired the informational and inspirational meeting. Two resolutions were brought up for discussion which included Declaring Access to Equitable, Affordable Healthcare is a Human Right and a revision of ACP's DEI policy to create opportunities for Senior and Retired Physicians. Members were also encouraged to join the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn), which is particularly vital as we approach cuts in Medicare reimbursement. Updates were given on the new MKSAP 19 which has exciting new features. Finally, the new dues renewal process has been launched –don't forget to update your credit card information!

Congratulations to our 5 new Fellows of the College and our two recipients of Mastership: Drs Lee Engel and Cathy Lazarus.

Looking forward: The LA Chapter has been quite busy planning our Resident and Student Meeting as well as our annual LA Chapter meeting. Registration is currently open. We have excellent speakers scheduled and I look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans. Stay Internal Medicine proud!

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

ONE DAY!

ACP
American College of Physicians
Leading Internal Medicine, Improving Lives

Louisiana Chapter

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting
Fostering Excellence in Internal Medicine

Friday, January 31, 2025
LSU Lions Building
2020 Gravier St 6th floor, New Orleans

Meeting Highlights

- Cardiology
- Interventional Pulmonology
- Obesity Management
- Allergy
- Wellness
- Primary Care
- Neurology
- Hospital Medicine
- ACP Advocacy

New Location!

7 hours of CME credit and MOC points

MEETING HUB & REGISTRATION

Resident and Student Members are always invited to attend the Scientific Meeting free of charge, though registration is required.

Early Career Physicians Networking Breakfast

**Please Join Us for the Early Career Physician (ECP) Breakfast at the
Louisiana ACP Annual Scientific Meeting!**

**Date: Friday, January 31, 2025
Location: LSU NO Lions Building
6th floor, Conference Room 8
Time: 7:15-7:55 am**

**Come say hi before the start of the meeting!
Grab breakfast, meet with ECP leaders
and network with other ECP members**

What is an ECP?

**ACP defines an ECP as a physician who has completed training
and is within 16 years of completing medical school.**



2024 Resident and Student Meeting



Abstract submissions are being reviewed! All notifications for oral and poster presentations will be sent by December 6th.

The Resident and Student Meeting is free, but registration is required. A light breakfast and lunch are included. The registration link is coming soon and will be sent to all resident and student members via email.

The Chapter will hold the Second Annual Art in Medicine Contest during the Resident and Student Meeting. Please submit your work by January 13th!



Second Annual Art in Medicine: Exhibition and Contest

WHEN: February 1, 2025

**WHERE: Annual Resident & Student Meeting
in New Orleans**

WHO: Students, Residents and Fellows

DEADLINE: Monday, January 13, 2025

Categories can include drawing/pencil/pastel work, paintings, sculpture/clay, and mixed media. We will display all entries on screens at the meeting, and members will have a chance to vote on their favorite entries! We will have prizes for the winners, and will have a e-pamphlet of entries on the Chapter website following the meeting. Come and show your creative side while we sharpen our scientific skills!

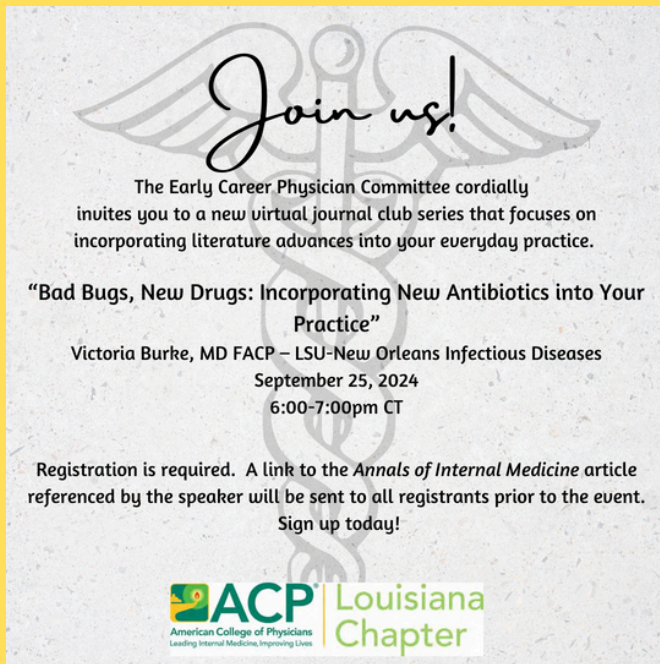
To submit, please email an electronic file (power point format is preferred) of your art piece to:
laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com.



Resident and Student Meeting Tentative Schedule

8:30am	Registration
9:00am	Oral Presentations – Students
10:00am	Oral Presentations – Residents
11:00am	Mystery Cases with Panel of Judges
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Poster Session
1:30pm	Break
1:40pm	Jeopardy
3:10pm	Awards
3:30pm	Adjourn

A finalized schedule will be on the Chapter website and sent via email when it becomes available.



Louisiana ACP Journal Club

The Early Career Physician Committee hosted the first Louisiana ACP Journal Club on September 25th. Victoria Burke, MD FACP led the virtual journal club. Dr Burke presented a recent Annals article highlighting many new antibiotics to use in everyday medicine practices.

The committee would like to offer future journal clubs. If you are interested in presenting a recent article*, please reach out to Sarah Wardrop or Celeste Newby.

*There is the issue of copyright. If the article is not from Annuals, it must be publicly available online.



Spring 2025 Resolutions

The Board of Governors discussed the Spring slate of Resolutions during the April meeting in New Orleans. A summary of Board of Regents(BOR) actions on resolutions debated at the Fall 2024 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting is now available. The member comments added to the Resolutions survey is greatly appreciated. The feedback provided by you, the members, allows the Governor to speak on behalf of the Chapter and reflect the thoughts and opinions of the membership.

If you have an idea you'd like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to Angela McLean or the Louisiana ACP chapter. The ACP has a call for Resolutions twice each year for the Fall and Spring Board of Governors Meetings. The Board of Governors (BOG) Resolutions Process was instituted in 1985 as a means for the ACP membership to have formal input to the Board of Regents (BOR), the policymaking body of the College. A resolution reflects the grassroots voice of ACP. A resolution is a proposal that asks the ACP to take a position and/or an action. Any ACP member can submit a resolution to his or her ACP Governor for consideration by the local chapter council. A resolution consists of at least one directive ("Resolved clause") accompanied by supporting statements ("Whereas clauses"). If you have a proposal, please review the Resolutions Guide and submit it to the Governor. The deadlines to submit a Resolution for consideration are typically in May for the Fall BOG meeting and December for the Spring BOG meeting.

1992 Louisiana Laureate

Marion D. Hargrove, Jr.

Marion D. Hargrove, Jr., a 1992 Louisiana Laureate Award winner, passed away on September 9, 2024 at the age of 94. His life and career were remarkable. His full obituary can be found [here](#).

International Medical Graduates

The Chapter's new formed IMG Committee has begun to develop an [IMG Resource](#) page on the Chapter website. This will house a collection of resources for the IMG community. Please visit the page for updates and if you have suggestions for useful resources for the IMG community, please email [Sarah Wardrop](#) or [Dr. Pramod Savarapu](#).

ACP also has a wealth of resources on [their webpage](#) to assist IMGs in navigating the process of practicing internal medicine in the United States. More than 30 resources are available and cover topics including career guidance, visa and immigration information, best practices for financial planning and well-being, and more.

2024 ACP Advocacy Priorities

ACP's advocacy priorities seek to promote policy reforms on the federal level through legislative, regulatory, and executive actions that benefit the overall health and well-being of patients, physicians, and the practice of internal medicine.

- Valuing the Care Provided by Internal Medicine Physicians
- Reducing Administrative Burden in Medicine
- Ensuring Access to Care
- Protecting the Patient-Physician Relationship
- Strengthening the Primary Care and the Physician Workforce
- Supporting and Enhancing Health Information Technology
- Increasing Prescription Drug Access and Affordability
- Preventing Firearms-Related Injuries and Deaths

Use the link above to access more information about reach issue.

ACP News

Register Now for ACP's and Annals of Internal Medicine's Forum on Vector-Borne Illnesses

In "Emerging and Resurging Vector-Borne Illnesses," an upcoming live virtual forum for ACP members and Annals subscribers, a panel of experts will discuss clinical case examples of vector-borne illnesses, including current strategies for prevention and testing. They will also answer questions submitted before the forum which is being held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. ET. [Register now.](#)

Now Available: ACP Member-Exclusive Physician Peer Coaching Service

New for ACP members, our just launched career and professional development coaching service includes both coaching support for individuals and groups, along with the opportunity to become an ACP-trained Physician Peer Coach.

Available exclusively to ACP members, this unique service provides personalized career support from practicing physicians trained in evidence-based coaching techniques who understand the challenges and demands faced by internal medicine physicians. Those looking to take the next step in their professional journey, can become an ACP-trained Physician Peer Coach.

Our coaching service provides customized coaching from physicians who have an in-depth understanding of the healthcare landscape, tailored to help physician members succeed both personally and professionally. The coaching options can help members overcome personal challenges, enhance leadership skills, or achieve specific career goals. Availability is limited so act now to secure your spot today.

Explore www.acponline.org/coaching for group and individual coaching services, opportunities to become a trained coach, eligibility requirements, and pricing.



Internal Medicine Meeting 2025

The Internal Medicine Meeting 2025 is in New Orleans! What an awesome opportunity to attend a national meeting. Early Bird rates are currently available as are hotel rooms!

REGISTER TODAY!



ACP Resources

2024 ACP Advocacy Priorities

I.M. Emotional Support Hub

Financial Well-being

Telehealth Resources

Integrating Behavioral and Mental Health into Primary Care

Practice Resources

Clinical Information Resources

Substance Use Disorder Education

Get Involved

Committees

Looking for ways to get involved? There are many places that your time and talents can be used in the Chapter! The **Membership, Early Career Physician, Health and Public Policy, and Awards Committees**, to name a few, are looking for new members to join. If you have a particular interest, contact Sarah Wardrop and get plugged into the Chapter!

Upcoming Dates

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

January 31, 2025
New Orleans

2025 Annual Resident & Student Meeting

February 1, 2025
New Orleans

IMM 2025

April 3-5, 2025
New Orleans

ACP Leadership Day

April 28-29, 2025
Washington, DC

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