

## **Leadership Day 2021 is On!**

Mark your calendars for this year's [virtual advocacy event on May 25-26](#).

For over 20 years, ACP members have annually met face-to-face with their congressional delegations in Washington as part of Leadership Day on Capitol Hill. The program is highly effective in increasing the visibility of internal medicine issues on Capitol Hill and building leaders who are trained to advocate for the College's positions throughout the year.

Though we won't be able to send a delegation in person this year, a virtual advocacy event allows all ACP members to participate in the informational sessions. These sessions include top-notch briefings from White House officials, Hill staff, and Members of Congress who are key health policy decision-makers. Leadership Day participants also receive an in-depth orientation on the College's top legislative priorities, have the opportunity to network with other chapters, and learn how to conduct an effective advocacy program. This event also features a grassroots-training module on effective advocacy to gain support for ACP policy positions.

If you would like to participate, click on the [registration link](#) to sign up; once registered (\$25), email your receipt to the Maine Chapter office for reimbursement. Your registration receipt is required before the start of Leadership Day so we may know who is participating.

[Learn more about Leadership Day](#)

[Virtual Advocacy Toolkit](#)

[Read the ACP's Vision for the U.S. Health Care System](#)

To stay informed on how ACP is working for members in Washington, read the [ACP Advocate](#), check out [ACP's advocacy page](#) online, and read about important issues on our radar.

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## **Other Ways to Help with ACP Advocacy!**

Advocacy is a year-round undertaking.

[Join the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network \(AIMn\)](#)

The AIMn is for ACP members who want to stay up-to-date on the happenings in Washington, and to arm us with the advocacy tools to fight for internists and our patients.

Advocates develop relationships and communicate with their members of Congress in numerous ways. As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College e-mails Legislative Alerts, typically posts them on [ACP's Facebook page](#) and [sends a Tweet via @advocatesIM](#). Advocates are asked to e-mail, post, tweet, and sometimes call their Members of Congress. Legislative Alerts include all of the necessary information (including sample messages that can be easily personalized) with which to reach out to their members of Congress. ACP staff is available to provide support and answer questions. Advocates simply need to go to the Legislative Action Center and follow a simple process to contact their members of Congress.

In addition to Legislative Alerts, some Advocates also take the time to write editorials and letters to the editor, attend Town Hall meetings, and otherwise engage with their elected officials over the course of the year on federal legislative issues of importance to the College.

Advocates also receive The Capitol Key newsletter, updating them on the advocacy activities of their fellow Advocates. Explore previous issues of the newsletter at [www.acponline.org/advocacy/aimn/capitol\\_key\\_newsletter](http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/aimn/capitol_key_newsletter).

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