

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share my first newsletter as Governor of the ACP Michigan Chapter. It is an honor and privilege to represent and serve you. My Newsletters will strive to provide you with timely information about recent and upcoming ACP National and Chapter happenings, Chapter member news, ACP professional resources, advocacy efforts and opportunities to connect, learn and grow. I will also share some of my perspectives from time to time.

Like I do, I hope you see the ACP as your **professional home** – a place where you feel you belong, supported, and can see a bright future through your continued active membership and engagement with the Chapter. I also hope you will feel free to contact me directly (zaroukia@msu.edu) about the ACP and the Michigan Chapter. I'm eager to learn more about what you consider to be strengths of ACP and the Michigan Chapter, things that are working particularly well, what you'd like to see improved, any suggestions you have, and how you want to be involved. If you would like to know more about my professional background, you can find more information on my LinkedIn profile.

As I begin my four-year term as Governor, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our outstanding immediate past governor, **Dr. Sarah Hartley**. During my year as Governor-elect, Sarah worked relentlessly to help me maintain the virtuous cycle of effectiveness she built during her term as governor, including bringing us **Jenni Kilpatrick**, our remarkable Chapter Executive Director. Sarah has also helped me build relationships with ACP National Staff, which will be essential going forward. I cannot thank her enough.

The first few months as Governor have been busy. In April, I had the pleasure of attending the **ACP Board of Governors Meeting** and the annual **Internal Medicine Meeting (IMM26)** in San Francisco, including the **Convocation Ceremony** where our new Michigan Chapter FACP and MACP members were recognized. I would love to see more Michigan Chapter members obtain their FACP credential, so if you are interested, please click the link for more information and also let us know if you would like additional assistance.

Speaking of recognizing Chapter members, the **Chapter Awards Committee** also met in April under the leadership of co-chairs Dr. Ved Gossain and Dr. Staci Blackburn. They reviewed nominations and selected recipients for the 2026 ACP Michigan Chapter Awards. Award notices were sent earlier this month and the recipients will receive their awards and formal recognition at the **Chapter Awards Luncheon** during the upcoming **2026 Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting** in October. See below for more information.

In early May, the Chapter held its Annual **Resident and Medical Student Day**, which was hosted by my very own MSU College of Human Medicine Department of Medicine. My friend and colleague Dr. Gary Ferenchick delivered the lunchtime keynote address on the important topic of AI in medical education. Special thanks to members of the Resident and Medical Student Committee and its co-chairs, **Drs. Medha Cherabuddi** and **Tudor Moldovan** for their excellent work.

May was also the month when our **MI-ACP Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC)** co-chairs, **Dr. Allison Ruff** and **Dr. Tudor Moldovan**, led a delegation of Michigan Chapter members to Washington, D.C. to attend **ACP Leadership Day**. The first day of this two-day event focuses on advocacy training and the 2026 ACP Advocacy Priorities. On Day 2, delegates visit the Capitol Hill offices of select congressional offices to advocate for issues that are important to patients, communities and physicians, including Protecting Patient Access to Immunizations, Ensuring Patient Affordability and Access to Health Care, Strengthening the Internal Medicine Physician Workforce, and Improving Payment for Internal Medicine Physicians. The next Leadership Day is scheduled for May 11-12, 2027. Let us know if you would like more information on how to participate.

Call for Spring 2027 Resolutions

Are you concerned about a practice or clinical issue or have an idea you would like to suggest? If so, consider submitting a resolution to your Governor or chapter council.

Our Chapter submitted a resolution for consideration at the September Board of Governors: R**esolution 1-F26. Defining Physician Responsibilities for Electronic Smoking Device Cessation**. Thanks to our Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee and HPPC co-chairs, **Drs. Tudor Moldovan** and **Allison Ruff** for their great work and leadership.

Not sure how to begin drafting a resolution? The *ACP Board of Governors Resolutions Guide for ACP Members* will walk you through the essential steps. *The Guide* provides a short overview and highlights ACP resources you must use.

Once drafted, members must submit resolutions to their Governor and/or chapter council. Chapter council approval is required to move resolutions forward to ACP national. The deadline for submitting new resolutions to be heard at the Spring 2027 Board of Governors Meeting is **September 18, 2026**.

Chapter Recognition

In June, the Michigan Chapter was also proud to receive the **2026 John Tooker Evergreen Award** from the ACP, which recognizes chapters that have successfully implemented programs to increase membership, improve communication, encourage member involvement, enhance diversity, foster careers in internal medicine or improve chapter management. The Michigan Chapter received a 2026 John Tooker Evergreen Award for their innovative initiative: **A Statewide Collaboration to Strengthen Physician Response to Emerging Public Health Challenges.** This partnership between the ACP-MI Chapter and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) was presented as "Public Health Grand Rounds". The first session in 2024 addressed the **measles outbreak** that had spread from Canada to Michigan, followed by sessions on **Voting Access and Health Equity**, the **Role of Physicians in firearm-injury prevention**, and the **Impact of Climate Change on Human Health**. Kudos to **Drs. Natasha Bagdasarian, Brittany Tayler, Tudor Moldovan, Allison Ruff,** and **Sarah Hartley**, for their key contributions to this work.

2026 Annual Scientific Meeting

Summer is the time when the **ACP-MI Annual Scientific Meeting Planning Committee** members and its co-chairs – **Drs. Kate Levy**, **Anupama Nair** and **Mariam Aoun** – transform their many hours of planning and preparation into the incredible educational program that ACP-MI Members have come to expect every year. The 2026 Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, cohosted by MI-ACP and the Michigan Chapter of the Society for Hospital Medicine (SHM-MI), will be held October 22-25, 2026 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo (map). Please save the date and look for the registration and full program information coming to your email inbox soon!

Reserve Your Room Now: We have reserved a block of rooms at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center at the following rates until 5:00PM ET on September 30th. When making your reservation, be sure to mention that you will be attending the 2026 MI-ACP and SHM-MI Annual Scientific Meeting. The rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click here to make your reservation as early as possible.

Interested in Judging? We are still in need of onsite poster judges in Kalamazoo for Friday, October 23rd from 12PM-1:30PM, and Saturday, October 24th from 4:45PM-6:45PM. If you are interested, please send the following information to info@acpmichigan.org:

First Name
Last Name
Credentials (M.D., FACP, etc.)
Hospital Affiliation and/or Academic Affiliation
Email Address

Upcoming Webinars

Finally, I want to call out the following **upcoming ACP Chapter Webinars** that you are invited to attend:

Intern Survival Series
Hosted by the MI-ACP Fellow, Resident, and Medical Student Committee
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
12:00PM-1:00PM
Register Now

About the Session: Practical, high-yield virtual sessions designed for incoming interns, focused on essential skills and strategies to navigate the challenges of intern year. Topics include:

- Must-have clinical resources & apps
- Pre-rounding and rounding tools
- Post-round workflow and time management
- Efficient note-writing
- Handling pages & nursing communication
- Wellness strategies & imposter syndrome

MI-ACP and MDHHS Public Health Grand Rounds: Firearms
Monday, August 31, 2026
12:00PM-1:00PM
Register Now

Presenters:
Natasha Bagdasarian, MD, MPH, FIDSA, FACP: Chief Medical Executive, State of Michigan, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan
Patrick Carter, MD: Co-Director, Injury Prevention Center (IPC), Co-Director, Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention (IFIP), Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Michigan
Laura Seewald, MD: Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention, Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Michigan

Why Attend? Firearm-related injuries are an urgent health crisis in the United States, with firearm-related deaths surpassing deaths from motor vehicle crashes since 2017. Clinicians can play a unique and critical role in interacting, interrupting, and preventing firearm injuries. This presentation will summarize the scope of the problem of firearm injury and death, give an overview of the work of the Michigan Governor's Gun Violence Task Force, and review clinical approaches to preventing firearm-related injury, including the role clinicians play in the implementation of Extreme Risk Protection Orders.

Strategies for Increasing Vaccine Engagement and the Role of the Michigan Advisory Council on Immunizations for Members of ACP
This webinar has been designated for 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM and 1.0 MOC points.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026
12:00PM
Register Now

Presenters:
Catherine Bodnar, MD, MPH, FACP, Medical Director, Midland County Department of Public Health
Andrew Jameson, MD, FACP, FIDSA, AAHIVS, Associate Professor, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; Specialty Medical Director, Trinity Health Medical Group

Why Attend? ACP representatives to the Michigan Advisory Council on Immunizations describe the current vaccine landscape in Michigan. They will discuss strategies for increasing engagement amongst the hesitant and a brief update on major changes to vaccine recommendations.

Thanks for taking great care of your patients, colleagues, communities and families.

Warm regards,

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