



Governor's Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

As 2025 draws to a close and my term as the MI-ACP Governor ends in April, I want to express my appreciation for all of you. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the Council and leadership team of this organization over the past 4 years. Collectively, we restarted our Annual Fall Meeting following the COVID pandemic in a new hybrid format that allows those who can't travel to join us in person. We celebrate the great work our trainees do at Resident and Medical Student Day each May (it is May 1st this year in Troy at the Detroit Marriott, and we hope you can join us). We have several active committees that have hosted incredible sessions, sponsored resolutions to change policy, visited our elected officials in DC and Lansing to add the physician voice to the critical decisions they are making, and the list goes on. None of this is possible without the community that makes the Michigan Chapter special.

I also want to acknowledge the incredible support of Jenni Kilpatrick as our MI-ACP Executive Director and Veronica DeMore as MI-ACP staff support.

I know this Chapter is in great hands with Dr. Mike Zaroukian taking over as Governor after the IM 2026 meeting in San Francisco. Please stay connected with us if there are ways that we can help.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2026!!

With gratitude,
Sarah

MI-ACP and SHM-MI 2026 Resident and Medical Student Day - Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission is now open for both Residents and Medical Students for the MI-ACP and MI-SHM 2026 Resident and Medical Student Meeting, which will be held, Friday, May 1, at the Detroit Marriott Troy in Troy, Michigan.

Abstract submission will close on January 29, 2026 at 5:00PM.

Medical Students: You must be an ACP Medical Student Member and submitting work either done at a Michigan clinical site, or with primary mentorship from faculty within Michigan. There is no category available for individuals who have graduated from medical school but have not yet been accepted to a residency program.

You must be an ACP member to submit an abstract. Medical students must be a current member to access the Abstract Submission Page. Medical student membership is FREE. Please visit this [link](#) to join. If you need to join ACP, make sure to do so a few days before you try to access the Abstract Submission Links. It will take a few days for ACP to include you in the membership database. We are not able to extend the deadline for those who are not up to date in the membership database by the submission deadline.

Residents: You must be an ACP Resident/Fellow Member in an approved IM or Med/Peds Residency Program to submit and the work that is submitted must have been completed during residency. There is no category available for individuals who have graduated from medical school but have not yet been accepted to a residency program.

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- [Resident Abstract Form](#)
- [Medical Student Abstract Form](#)

**MI-ACP and SHM-MI 2026 Resident and Medical Student Day - Call for
Abstract Reviews and Onsite Judges**

We are in need of abstract reviewers for Resident and Medical Student Day. Each reviewer will be responsible for reviewing approximately 10 abstracts (dependent on number of reviewers and number of abstracts submitted). Abstracts will be sent out the week of February 10th and reviews are due back the week of February 26th. All abstracts and the respective scoresheets will be available electronically. Each reviewer will receive Word documents of each individual abstract directly by email, with the scoresheet and criteria included.

When submitting the names of individuals who would like to review abstracts, please include the following information:

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

We are also seeking Onsite Judges for May 1, 2026 from 10:30AM-12:00PM at the Detroit Marriott Troy. Please [email us](#) the above information for faculty at your institution who can help in this role, as well.

Feel free to pass this message along to colleagues who might be interested in reviewing abstracts, or if there is anyone you would like

us to reach out to directly, please let us know by emailing us at info@acpmichigan.org.

The call for reviewers will conclude on **Monday, January 26th**.

MDHHS Statement Following Changes to Hepatitis B Vaccination Schedule by ACIP

In response to the recent ACIP vote to delay the birth dose of hepatitis B, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a [statement](#) urging families and providers to follow the immunization schedules from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Vaccine Resources

- **Vaccine Integrity Project** has created an evidence review on the universal birth dose of the hepatitis B vaccine and an interactive modeling tool on perinatal hepatitis B transmission [linked here](#).
- **The Evidence Collective** has created a document with key background information on issues likely to be raised and offers communication guidance. Download the brief [HERE](#).
- **Common Health Coalition** has created a table outlining potential voting/outcome scenarios, the associated risks, and opportunities for action by sector. This table is iterative and intended for background information and planning purposes. View the table [HERE](#).

MI-ACP Advocacy Information Sign Up

Would you like to receive regular advocacy updates from the Michigan Chapter ACP? Click the link below, submit your email address, and we'll keep you connected to the latest issues, initiatives, and opportunities to make your voice heard.

[**Sign Up Here!**](#)

Coaching for Impact: Empowering Early Career IMGs Practicing in Under-Resourced Communities

ACP has received funding from the ABIM (American Board of Internal Medicine) Foundation to support a new member-exclusive program: Coaching for Impact: Empowering Early Career IMGs Practicing in Under-Resourced Communities. This opportunity is part of a research study being conducted by ACP to assess the impact of coaching on physicians' professional development and fulfillment, physician retention in underserved communities, and physicians' ability to address challenges related to health equity.*

To be eligible for this cohort of the program, applicants must:

- Be an ACP member in good standing at the time of application through the end of the program (June 2026)
- Be an early career physician (within 16 years of medical school graduation) who attended and graduated from medical school outside of the United States
- Be practicing in an under-resourced, rural, or underserved community

Selected participants will be expected to:

- Attend four one-on-one live coaching sessions with their assigned coach during the duration of the coaching program (January-June 2026).
- Attend up to 3 group sessions during the duration of the coaching program (January-June 2026).
- Complete a pre-assessment prior to the start of the program (January 2026)
- Complete a post-assessment upon completion of the program (June 2026)
- Complete a final assessment six months after completion of the program (December 2026)

This program is at no charge and space is limited. Application does not guarantee a place in the program. Applications must be received by December 19, 2025. Physicians who are accepted into the program will be notified shortly after the deadline.

Please use [this flyer](#) to find more information, application requirements and application link.

MI-ACP and SHM-MI 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting - Call for Speakers

We invite members to submit speakers and topics for presentations at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting in Kalamazoo, Michigan on October 23-25, 2026.

We seek presentations that advance clinical knowledge, promote best practices, and address emerging issues in patient care, research, education, leadership, and health systems. Submissions may include clinical updates, case-based learning, quality improvement initiatives, population health, health equity, physician well-being, and innovations in medical practice.

Sessions should be engaging, relevant to a physician audience, and aligned with continuing medical education (CME) standards. Speakers will be notified following review of submissions by the Program Co-Chairs.

Please submit the identified speakers name, institution/affiliation, phone number, email address and topic of interest to info@acpmichigan.org.

Call for 2026 Award Nominations

The Michigan Chapter of ACP believes that it is important to recognize and honor distinguished internal medicine physicians and colleagues for their teaching, research, service and leadership accomplishments through our 2026 Michigan Chapter ACP Awards. The Awards Committee requests your assistance in recognizing these individuals. Please refer to the information below for the details of each award and please consider nominating a deserving colleague.

- You may nominate only one candidate for each of the nine awards.
- All nominees must be members of the Michigan Chapter of ACP. To determine if a person is a MI-ACP member, please contact MI-ACP Staff, Veronica DeMore (info@acpmichigan.org) or by phone, 414-488-3917.
- **Nominations are due by Monday, March 2, 2026.** Winners will be notified in July and invited to attend the Awards Luncheon at the 2026 MI-ACP Annual Scientific Meeting at the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites in Kalamazoo, MI.

- Please click the following link to view details for each award and to fill out a nomination form: <https://fs8.formsite.com/GBcCIP/u0mwifht4i/index>

If you have any questions, please contact MI-ACP Staff, [Veronica DeMore](#).

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting - Abstract and Doctor's Dilemma Winners

Resident Clinical Vignette Oral Presentation Winners:

- **1st Place:** “aHUShed Warning: Atypical HUS with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy for Metastatic Melanoma” - Harini Venkatesh, MD, Resident at Henry Ford Hospital Macomb
- **2nd Place:** "Blurred Lines: Unraveling CMV Retinitis and Neurosyphilis in an Immunocompromised Patient” - Wilo Issack, MD, Resident at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Med-Peds
- **3rd Place:** “Hiding in Plain Sight: Checkpoint Mediated Pneumonitis Mimicking as Multifocal Pneumonia” - Preet Katyara, MD, Resident at Henry Ford Hospital Detroit

Resident Research Oral Presentation Winners:

- **1st Place:** “Using AI to Optimize Insulin Dosing in Type 1 Diabetes: A Path to Precision Medicine - A Literature Review” - Reshma Reguram, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Oakland
- **2nd Place:** “Epistatic Somatic BCOR Mutations Improve Survival in RUNX1 Mutated Myeloid Neoplasms Through Modulation of Oncogenic Signals” - Jeff Justin Aguilar, MD, Resident at Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center Sinai Grace
- **3rd Place:** “Mapping Inequity: Racial Disparities and Social Vulnerability Drive Sudden Cardiac Death Hotspots” - Danish Zamir, MD, Resident at Central Michigan University

Resident Quality Improvement/Patient Safety/High Value Care Winner:

- “Understanding Antibiotic Delays in Patients Presenting with Bacterial Sepsis” - Anna Conlon, MD, PhD, Resident at University of Michigan

Resident Clinical Vignette Poster Winners:

- **1st Place:** "Renal Transplant Rejection Induced by Programmed Cell Death Protein 1 Inhibitor and Concomitant Use of Calcineurin Inhibitor" - Ali Khalil, MD, Resident at Henry Ford St. John Hospital
- **2nd Place:** "A Roadblock to Venous Flow: Diagnosing May Thurner Syndrome in a Truck Driver with Recurrent VTE" - Avneet Ghuman, MD, Resident at McLaren Flint
- **3rd Place:** "Spiraling into BRASH: A Case of Synergistic Cardio-renal Instability" - Ashley Armstrong, DO, Resident at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital

Resident Research Poster Winners:

- **1st Place:** "A Retrospective Comparison of the AHA/ACC ASCVD Risk Assessment and Statin Recommendations Versus the New PREVENT Equation" - Ahmad Sater, DO, Resident at Henry Ford St. John Hospital
- **2nd Place:** "Race, Social Vulnerability, and Premature Ischemic Heart Disease in Older Adults" - Archita Chandra, MD, Resident at Central Michigan University
- **3rd Place:** "Off the Map: a 10-Year Review of Coccidioidomycosis in Southeast Michigan" - Daniel Muller, MD, Resident at University of Michigan

Medical Student Clinical Vignette Poster Winners:

- **1st Place:** "Bartonella Neuroretinitis; The Scratch That Stole My Sight" - Phoebe Sotiroff, Medical Student at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
- **2nd Place:** "Rare Lupus Overlap: Seronegative Immune Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy" - Dawson Sloan, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit
- **3rd Place:** "Rapidly Progressive Shock: A Case of Toxic Shock Syndrome" - Kevin Tran, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit

Medical Student Research Posters Winners:

- **1st Place:** "Characterizing KMT2D in Endometrial Cancer" - Katherine Davanzo, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit
- **2nd Place (Tie):** "Global Patterns of Telehealth Use and Satisfaction in Primary Care and Mental Health Services" - Madison Miller, Medical Student at Central Michigan University

- **2nd Place (Tie):** “Efficacy of Group Prenatal Care in Medically Underserved Populations: A Retrospective Study” - Emily Hock, Medical Student at Central Michigan University

Medical Student Quality Improvement/Patient Safety/High Value Care Winner:

- “Evaluating the Impact of Educational Interventions on Medical Students' Knowledge of HPV” - Akarsh Lal, Medical Student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit

SHM-MI Resident Winners:

- **1st Place:** “Shewanella algae Bacteremia Presenting as Stroke-like Symptoms: The Importance of a Thorough Physical Exam and Early Antibiotic Administration” - Emma Glover, DO, Resident at Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital
- **2nd Place:** “Strain Speaks: Prognostic Power of Global Longitudinal Strain in Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction” - Robert Alhaddadin, MD, Resident at Central Michigan University
- **3rd Place:** “Increasing SGLT2i Prescriptions for Inpatient Heart Failure Care” - Misha Khan, MD, Resident at Trinity Health Ann Arbor

SHM-MI Medical Student Winner:

- “Navigating Conflicting Guidelines in Pregnancy: Shared Decision-Making in a Patient with Sickle Cell Disease” - Ross Schmiedeknecht, Medical Student at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine



Doctor's Dilemma ® Winning Team: Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center Sinai Grace
From left to right: Ravjot Singh Bhatia, MD; Rakesh Shah, MD; Nayef Alghneimin, MD

Due to an unfortunate incident that took place during an MI-ACP webinar, MI-ACP staff and leadership please ask that you no longer share Zoom Access links for any upcoming webinars. All individuals must register themselves individually and join using their own registration link.

2026 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting - Save the Date!

Join ACP and your colleagues in San Francisco, CA, April 16-18, 2026, at the 2026 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting! For more information, [visit here](#).

For any questions, please contact [MI-ACP Staff](#).