

May, 2026

Tseganesh Selameab, MD, FACP, Governor



Minnesota ACP friends,

We had such a wonderful time connecting with many of you at the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting in San Francisco! It was a joy to be together as a community committed to learning and growing in medicine. Congratulations to our new ACP Fellows!

We're so proud of the Minnesota members who achieved Fellowship this year. Your commitment to excellence and service is inspiring. If Fellowship is on your horizon, we encourage you to explore the process and apply—learn more here. Please also [view this conversation](#) between myself and interim Membership Chair Dr. Katie Helgen for answers to your questions about this process.

Nominate a Colleague for ACP Mastership

We are fortunate to have many colleagues whose careers reflect deep impact, leadership, and service. ACP Mastership honors those with outstanding contributions to internal medicine and the College. While this is not a self-nomination process, we as a community can celebrate and recognize one another. If someone comes to mind, we hope you'll consider nominating them. You can find more information [here](#), and please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Thank you for being part of this incredible community.

Warm regards,
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MN-ACP Mission: *To foster excellence, education and professionalism among all internists in our community and to work together to shape the future of healthcare in Minnesota.*

MN-ACP Vision: *To be Minnesota's recognized leader for patient care, advocacy and education and to enhance career choice, satisfaction and collaboration for specialists and subspecialists in Internal Medicine*

Registration opening soon for October 23rd for Minnesota Internal Medicine:2026. Stay tuned!

Join Minnesota and Midwest internal medicine colleagues on Friday, October 23rd at the Hilton Hotel-MOA/MSP in Bloomington, MN for the annual conference **Program/Registration LINK will be available soon and sent separately.**

In response to survey comments, we are excited to invite you to join us for a networking breakfast from 7-8am. A light breakfast and coffee will be available, and there will be opportunities to connect with MN-ACP committee leaders, as well as colleagues in a similar place in their professional career journey.

Conference Topics will include: Lipids in 2026 - Not Just Statins Anymore, Things We Do for No Reason, Approach to Common Sleep Concerns, Looking Under the Bandage: Managing Wounds in the Hospital, Cardiovascular Health in Pregnancy, AI Scribes for Inpatient Use, Update in Diabetes for Primary Care, Anemia in the Hospitalized Patient, Perioperative Pearls, Heart Failure Case-Based Update, Advocacy Hot Topics in MN and Nationally, Governor's Update, Awards, National Speaker, Addiction Clinical Pearls, It's Lit - Literature Review of Topics Important to our Patients, Case Challenge, Poster Presentations/Viewing, Doctor's Dilemma, and Awards.

We are also looking for judges for the medical student/resident poster session. Please reach out to Minnesota.acp@gmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity. The time commitment will be 1-3 hours between October 2-12, 2026.

ACP Internal Medicine:2026

We had a fantastic time in San Francisco. One hundred sixty-three Minnesota members attended the National meeting.

Highlights below:

The MN-ACP received an **award for the Midwest ACP Rural Health Equity Webinar Series** and were recognized with their Midwest Chapter collaborators at the National Awards Luncheon.

FACP Convocation





Congratulations to Drs. William Conroy and Shivali Devgon who were present and recognized as a new Minnesota-FACP at the ACP Convocation.

Congratulations New Fellows and Master!

Achieving ACP Masters and Fellowship is a mark of distinction and a milestone in a physician’s career.

Please join me in congratulating the following as new Minnesota Fellows named by ACP in the last 12 months:

- **Sreekant Avula, MBBS, FACP** of Eden Prairie
- **Anne Becker, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Clair E Bourgeois, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Sanya Chandna, MD, FACP** of Rochester
- **William E Conroy, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Jeffery B Cunningham, MD, FACP** of Lakeville
- **Dominic P Decker, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Shivali Devgon, MD, FACP** of Rochester
- **Kiril Dimitrov, MD, FACP** of St. Paul
- **Margaret W Doose, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Stephanie L Grach, MD, FACP** of Rochester
- **Zachary Grice-Patil, MD, FACP** of Edina
- **Kyaw Hein, MD, PhD, FACP** of Austin
- **Ryan Huynh, MD, FACP** of Woodbury
- **Sharon Li, MD, FACP** of Minneapolis
- **Rheanne Maravelas, MD, FACP** of Roseville
- **Hannah Nordhues, MD, FACP** of Byron
- **Ellen Overson, MD, FACP** of Wayzata
- **Allyson Palmer, MD, PhD, FACP** of Rochester
- **Mariya Pogorelova, MD, FACP** of Rochester
- **Troy Rowekamp, DO, FACP** of Duluth
- **Mithun Suresh, MD, FACP** of Vadnais Heights
- **Aaron J Tande, MD, FACP** of Rochester

- **Leyla Warsame, MD, FACP** of Forest Lake

If you received your FACP in the past few years and have been unable to attend a Convocation ceremony, please consider joining us in Los Angeles next April.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Oxentenکو on being awarded ACP Mastership!

- **Amy Oxentenکو, MD, MACP** of Rochester



Doctors’ Dilemma

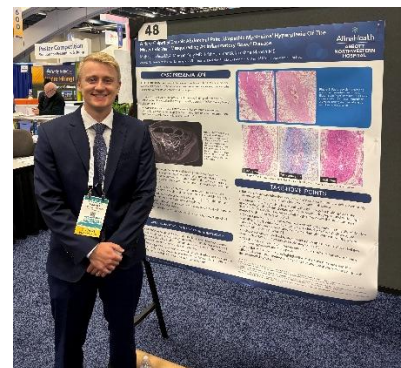
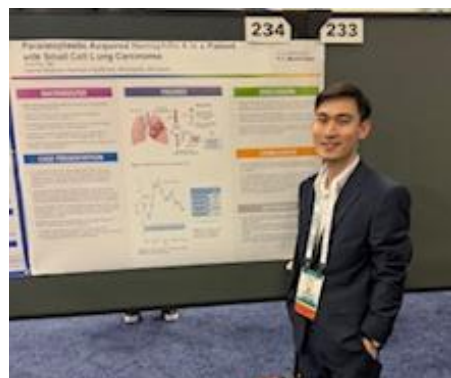
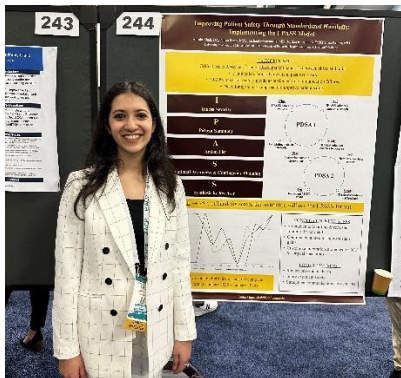
Team Minnesota hailed from Mayo Clinic this year. Drs. Dino Al-Shakarchi, Vishwesh Bharadiya, and Jade Wexler represented Minnesota in Round 1 and did a stellar job, advancing into Round 2.



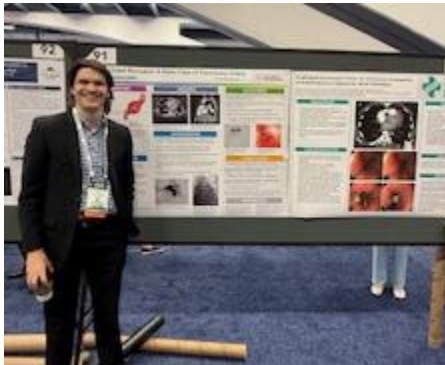
Drs. Jade Wexler, Dino Al-Shakarchi, and Vishwesh Bharadiya win Round 1

Drs. Dino Al-Shakarchi, Vishwesh Bharadiya, and Carla Borre started strong in Round 2 but unfortunately, did not advance to the finals. They did a great job and the Minnesota ACP community is very proud of them.

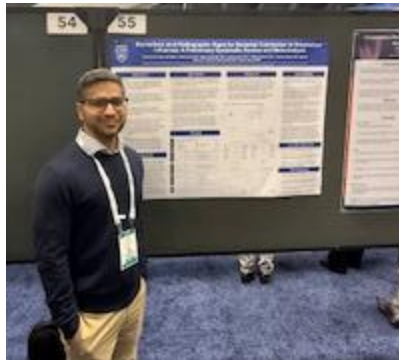
Here are a few of our **Minnesota Poster Session Participants**, which included early career physicians, residents, and medical students.



Aarohi Shah
Medical Student, University of MN
Winner, MN-ACP MS Research



Trinh Do, MD
PGY1, Hennepin Healthcare



Michael Tschida
Medical Student, University of MN
Winner, MN-ACP MS Clinical Vignette

Kyle Wansing, DO
PGY1, Hennepin Healthcare
Winner, MN-ACP Res Clinical Vignette

Vishal Paresh, MD
Early Career Physician, Mayo Clinic

Minnesota Speakers at the American College of Physicians IM:26

Minnesota was well represented with the following speakers at the IM:2026 international meeting in San Francisco. Minnesota speakers and Skills Center participants included:

- Point of Care Ultrasound Training (multiple sessions) with **Drs. David Tierney and Noelle Northcutt**
- Automated Insulin Delivery: Practical Management for Internal Medicine Physicians with **Drs. Irl Hirsch, Thomas Martens, and Gregg Simonson**
- Hospital Medicine: Success in a Complex Environment with **Drs. James Newman and Rachel Hamme**
- Beyond A1C: Using Continuous Glucose Monitoring to Improve Type 2 Diabetes Management in Primary Care with **Drs. Thomas Martens and Gregg Simonson** and **Kathryn Leet, RN, CDCES**
- Clinical Pearls: Gastroenterology and General Internal Medicine with **Dr. John Bundrick** and panelists **Drs. Amy Oxentenکو and Christopher Stephenson**
- Assessment and Management of Frail Older Patients in the Hospital: A Case-Based Approach with **Dr. Donna Miller**
- Clinical Pearls: Addiction Medicine and Endocrinology with **Drs. John Bundrick, Christopher Stephenson,** and panelists **Drs. Charles Reznikoff and William Young, Jr.**
- Ultrasound-Guided Thoracentesis with **Dr. Alice Gallo De Moraes**
- Update in Gastroenterology with **Dr. Amy Oxentenکو**
- Clinical Pearls: Neurology and Infectious Diseases with **Drs. John Bundrick, Christopher Stephenson,** and panelists **Drs. Randall Edson and Carrie Robertson**
- **Dr. David Tierney** on Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Foundational Skills for Internal Medicine Physicians



A. Oxentenko J. Bundrick C. Reznikoff T. Martens C. Robertson C. Stephenson D. Miller

The MN-ACP and Mayo Alumni Reception was a great success. Colleagues gathered for food and fellowship at the Marquis Marriott hotel with over 75 attendees.



Get Involved with Your Chapter

Looking to deepen your connection to ACP? **We're inviting members to join chapter committees and are currently seeking a new Chairs for the Membership Committee.** Your voice and leadership can help shape the future of our chapter. Chairs have the privilege of serving on the Governor's Council. Please contact Michelle Herbers at Minnesota.acp@gmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

If you are interested in volunteering for an MN-ACP committees, please email Minnesota.acp@gmail.com and someone will contact you to discuss your interests and involvement. Volunteer activity hours are noted below with meetings primarily held virtually. We are especially recruiting for members in the following areas:

- Membership Committee Chair (5-10 hours/year);
- Hospitalist Committee member (1-5 hours/year);
- Health Policy Committee member (4-10 hours/year);
- Awards Committee member from UMN, NW and SW Minnesota (1-5 hours/year);
- International Medical Graduates (IMG) committee member (1-5 hours/year);
- I.M. Retired Committee Planning Group, and
- AI Committee (formerly Health IT Committee) member (2-3 hours/year).

MN-ACP Medical Informatics Committee is pleased to present their AI interview series, recently releasing interview #2 through Leadernet. The committee is comprised of educators and informatics-interested members across practice settings who help guide discussions, curate key resources, and shape practical, Minnesota-specific insights. If you're curious about where AI will take our specialty (and how to prepare!) please reach out to Ryan Jelinek (ryan.jelinek@hcmcd.org).

The IM Retired Committee continue to meet quarterly at the French Meadow Bakery in Minneapolis. If you are a retired physician or thinking about retirement, please consider joining us for breakfast and conversation. Recent topics included, "Tuberculosis," presented by David Williams, MD, MACP, and "Hobbies and Activities for Retired Physicians." Please join us on Friday, May 29th for our topic, "What Advice/Encouragement would you give to incoming interns and residents?" If you do not receive an invitation (sent to all physicians over 50 years of age) and are interested in attending, please contact Minnesota.acp@gmail.com.

Members in the News

- **Dr. Daniel Peasley** submitted a letter to the editor regarding the Allina/Sutter Merger, [featured in the MN Strib](#) in April 2026.
- **Dr. Paul Bielman** from the UMN was [featured in the MN Strib](#) in April 2026 in an article for physicians in support of funding for Hennepin Healthcare.
- **Dr. LoAnn Heuring** submitted a letter in support of measles legislation, [featured in the MN Strib](#) in March 2026.



- **Dr. Thomas Kottke** submitted a letter to the editor on the purchase of secure gun locks/gun safes, [featured in the MN Strib](#) in February 2026.
- **Dr. Dimitri Drkonja** submitted a letter to the editor on vaccines and infectious diseases, [featured in the MN Strib](#) in December 2025.

If you are an ACP member who has been featured in the News, or know of a colleague who has been featured, PLEASE email details to Minnesota.acp@gmail.com for inclusion in our next newsletter.

MN-ACP Health and Public Policy Update -Sally Berryman, MD, FACP

Thank you to members of our MN-ACP Health and Public Policy committee, who continue to meet monthly while the legislature is in session. Our legislative monitor, Natalie Larkin-Schmidt, provides MN-ACP with timely updates on our key policy concerns, which we continue to share bi-weekly with MN-ACP members.

ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC on May 12-13, 2026 was a great success. A total of nine members participated this year. Our efforts focused on three of ACP’s advocacy priorities: vaccine coverage, Medicare physician payments, and deferral of student loan interest for medical residents. We would like to congratulate medical student member Kathryn Robinson (UMN) and resident members Drs. Sara Busche (ABNW) and Lauren Pomerantz (Mayo), who were selected to receive travel scholarships for this important event. Their presentations to MN’s Congressional staffers were impressive and we are excited to mentor them on their advocacy journey.



Sarah Busche, Kathryn Robinson, Priya Bhatt, Laura DalSanto



David Hilden, Austin Haug, Lauren Pomerantz, Priya Bhatt



Busche, DalSanto, Sally Berryman, Hilden, Legislative Rep, Pomerantz, Haug, Amy Holbrook, Robinson, Bhatt

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Sally Berryman, Chair of our Health and Public Policy Committee, for her ongoing leadership—and to the entire committee for diligently monitoring legislation and bringing timely updates to our broader community. Your work keeps us informed and engaged. We continue to recruit medical students, residents/fellows, and physicians with an interest in health policy. Please let Dr. Berryman know if you are interested in participating in our MN-ACP Health and Public Policy Committee or have any questions about this work. You may contact her at berry022@gmail.com.

ACP Membership

Former members, don't lose access to your amazing ACP benefits valued at over \$3,300! Continue your complimentary access to JournalWise, DynaMedex, and enjoy exclusively deep member discounts for MKSAP,

Resolve (Physician Compensation services), Group insurance plans through AGIA, and so much more. Did you know your dues are also tax deductible?

Residents and Chief Residents transitioning to practice – the MN-ACP has many resources to help you on your professional journey as an Early Career Physician, including a [Guided Fellowship Program](#). Join or renew your membership now to avoid a lapse in benefits.

[Renew Today!](#)

Welcome New Minnesota Medical Students to ACP and MN-ACP!

Twenty-five new medical students have joined ACP and MN-ACP in the past six months. Welcome to your new training programs in Minneapolis, Rochester, Duluth and St. Cloud, MN.

Welcome New Minnesota Resident/Fellows, Affiliates, Transitional Residents and Members!

Nine new resident/fellows, physician affiliates, and transitional medical graduates have joined ACP and the MN chapter in the past six months. Thank you for your membership and count ACP and MN-ACP as a professional home and resource for you.

Save the Dates:

May 26, 2026 – Governor’s Spring Council Meeting from 6-8pm by Zoom

May 29, 2026 – I.M. Retired Meeting at the French Meadow Bakery, Minneapolis at 9:00am

October 23, 2026 - MN-ACP Minnesota Internal Medicine:2026 in Bloomington, MN

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