

Governor's Newsletter



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In this newsletter you can expect:

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Call for Awards and Doctors Dilemma Teams

Summer 2025 Governor's message....

The summer has arrived, and while a cycle has ended, a new one has commenced. We are very proud of all the new Internal Medicine physicians who have graduated and are moving on into Primary Care or subspecialty fellowship; we wish them the best of success, and that empathy, compassion, love for humankind, and also for a robust knowledge base with a continuous growth mindset remains a constant in their lives. You are the new leaders in Medicine, and your ideas, passion, and enthusiasm must ignite the same in your colleagues, as well as be a source of inspiration for the future generation of physicians.

And we welcome our new interns – an entirely new generation of newly minted physicians who come with passion, motivation, and a desire to develop themselves into the next generation of excellent internal medicine physicians. I had the pleasure of working with two phenomenal interns this past week – one in his preliminary ophthalmology year and a categorical intern – both true gentlemen who demonstrated impressive patient care, an excellent knowledge base, and engaged well in meaningful discussions to optimize and outline superb medical decision-making. This was paired with a brilliant senior resident, who, interestingly, had been the intern on my team two years ago in July. I love seeing the progress and maturity of my junior colleague, who is not only a well-rounded internal medicine physician but also a thoughtful and caring person. He demonstrates excellent bedside manners to his interns, showing them how to navigate the system and care for patients. This inspires me and gives me energy, motivation, enthusiasm, and the satisfaction that what I do truly has an impact.

We are also navigating a challenging situation in healthcare, and we all must be advocates for our patients. Evidence and science should prevail, and we must remain objective and pursue the patients' best interests. I want to invite all our colleagues to strengthen our collective voice. ACP has a robust health policy platform that informs all stakeholders of the current needs, enabling them to raise their voices in support of access to care and ensuring that patients in the United States receive the best care possible. Healthcare policy is focused on maintaining the highest standards of high-value care and evidence-based medicine for our patients. This involves not only medical treatments but also preventive medicine, as well as access to care.

I want to invite everyone to join the Advocates for Internal Medicine platform. It is free, and this allows you to receive news of pressing healthcare public policy issues that matter to ACP as the leading organization for internal medicine (and regardless, all subspecialists are also internal medicine physicians, so this impacts their patients too). This can help you communicate with your representatives and senators and share your voice on these issues. Of course, you can decide whether you want to raise your voice and share your concerns with your lawmakers. The platform will provide standardized communication, helping to deliver a clear and robust message that will hopefully enable our lawmakers to assess all aspects and make the best decision possible. This is the beauty of democracy.

However, I always say, if you are not part of the solution, then you may be part of the problem. We are a strong community, comprised of people who are always looking for goodness and strive to make this a better place to live for all humankind. Internal medicine physicians are among the most intelligent individuals on earth, thoughtful, analytical, caring, and dedicated to making a difference.

Let's synergize and harmonize our voice together. Please consider joining the Advocates for Internal Medicine network and help us remain a strong voice of reason in support of healthcare and our patients. And last, but not least, we would love to see you all at our Ohio ACP Annual Meeting November 6-7 in Columbus, Ohio. This will be held in a completely different venue – a world-class, incredibly modern hotel adjacent to the convention center. The program is just fantastic, and the line-up of speakers is truly unique and wonderful. We will also have phenomenal invited speakers who will provide an incredible networking opportunity, as well as a chance to engage in conversations with meaningful thought leaders in medicine.



Wishing all a safe, sunny, warm, and happy summer, and looking forward to seeing you in November.

Moises Auron, MD, FAAP, FACP, SFHM, FRCP(Lon), FRCPCH

Are you familiar with Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)?

This program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine, using a platform that is user-friendly.

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails legislative updates and alerts to AIMn members, who are called Advocates.

Legislative alerts include all of the necessary information (including sample messages that can be easily personalized) to make informative contacts with members of Congress, and ACP staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions.

It's simple, fast, and effective.

Sign up [here](#).



Leadership Transitions

Three key roles to Chapter leadership have been filled, following the June 2025 GAC meeting. We welcome these members into their roles and look forward to their contributions to the college and the Ohio Chapter.

DOUG FEDERMAN SECRETARY/TREASURER



The Ohio Chapter is excited to announce the addition of Dr. Doug Federman as Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Federman brings valuable experience and a passion for supporting the mission of ACP.

In this role, Dr. Federman will oversee financial reporting and planning to ensure transparency, sustainability, and strategic growth. We look forward to his contributions and leadership.

DEVON ZOLLER, MD, FACP HPPC STATE



Dr. Zoller has spent the last two years as Associate Medical Director of CCF's self-insured, fully at-risk health plan, serving as the deputy to the Chief Medical Officer of the plan.

Dr. Zoller says, "My experience as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, practicing physician, and medical director for a large insurance plan allows me a balanced perspective on critical public policy issues. I hope to provide my perspective to policymakers and influential advocacy groups like the American College of Physicians to inform policy change that benefits all patients."

JAYNE BARR, VOLUNTEERISM



Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
The MetroHealth System, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Dr. Barr says "My years of serving as a primary care physician in rural and underserved areas have deeply influenced my commitment to community engagement. These experiences have shaped not only my clinical practice but also my academic and professional values with a strong desire to give back and to encourage others to do the same. I am passionate about instilling in practicing physicians, residents, and fellows the importance of service and volunteerism, particularly in the communities they care for. Connecting to our communities helps to reinforce the broader mission of medicine and strengthens our collective impact beyond the clinical setting."

2025 Call for Award Nominations

We would like to invite all Masters, Fellows, and Members of the Chapter to submit nominations for the Chapter's 2025 Awards to be presented at the fall Ohio/Air Force Chapter Scientific Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

A nomination template, the criteria for nominations, and prior award recipients are below. We encourage you to consider colleagues and mentors as potential award recipients. Please submit all nominations by either electronic mail to our chapter's Executive Director, Chrissy Gedeon at Chrissy Gedeon or mail nominations to 10127 Sprucewood Lane, West Chester, OH 45241.

Electronic mail is preferable, but we will also accept overland mail. Chrissy will compile and forward this information to the awards committee for review.

Nominations must be received by end of day, August 8, 2025.

If you have any questions about the nominations process or the appropriateness of a nomination, please feel free to contact Chrissy Gedeon at cmgedeon@outlook.com.

Scan here for Award Criteria, Past Award Winner Listing, and a Nominating Template.




2025 Call for Doctors Dilemma Teams

Join Us for the Annual ACP Ohio Doctors' Dilemma! We are excited to welcome you to this year's Resident-only Doctors' Dilemma competition as part of the Ohio ACP Chapter Meeting.

Competition Details:

 Time: 11/6/2025 at 1:00 PM – 4:15 PM

 Location: Hilton Columbus Downtown. (New location!)

Registration for Doctors Dilemma is now open and closes on September 20th midnight, 2025 by emailing your team members' list to cmgedeon@outlook.com

Please use the form found here to register your team.



Important Notes:

There is no team registration fee this year, aligning with national ACP guidelines, however, all team members must be registered for the Ohio Chapter Meeting to participate. We will accept up to 18 Resident Teams—so register early to secure your spot! Each team may consist of 3 players and 1 alternate. All participants must: Be current ACP members, have a valid ACP member number, be registered for the Chapter Meeting (meeting registration will open soon)

 Questions regarding Doctors Dilemma? Please contact:

Chrissy Gedeon, Organizational Guru & Executive Director, Ohio ACP @: cmgedeon@outlook.com
Houman Varghai, Resident Wrangler & Doctors' Dilemma Chair @: houman.varghai@uc.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS



**ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP IN
HOSPITAL MEDICINE:
EFFECTIVELY DEALING WITH CHANGE
AND CHALLENGING SITUATIONS**



**ALPESH AMIN, MD, MBA,
MACP, MHM, FRCP (LOND),
FACC, FHFA, CPE;**



EILEEN BARRETT, MD, MPH



**EFREN MANJARREZ, MD,
SFHM, FACP**

**AUGUST 15, 2025
12:00 PM EST**

REGISTER NOW



*THIS ACTIVITY IS DESIGNATED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 1 AMA PRA CATEGORY 1 CREDIT. YOU WILL
NEED TO FILL OUT THE EVALUATION AFTER THE WEBINAR.
THE LINK WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SPEAKER.*

In order to effectively adapt and achieve continuous longitudinal personal and professional growth, the healthcare providers and leaders must develop very specific skills and competencies, which include, but are not limited to, emotional intelligence, enhanced communication skills, mentorship, and ability to generate vision and inspire others.

This workshop will provide a skill set that participants can implement immediately to enhance their professional advancement and sustainability of their career in Hospital Medicine.

Burnout to Well-being: Coaching Principles for Physicians Webinar

Monday, September 15, 2025
12:00 pm–1:00 pm Eastern Time.
Hosted via Zoom



Dr. Kerri Palamara
Physician Lead, ACP Physician Peer
Coaching Program

Review drivers of physician burnout and their
impact on well-being



Learn core coaching principles to foster
physician support



Explore coaching strategies to boost individual
and organizational well-being



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

This webinar is open to all chapters. Earn: 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™



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UPCOMING EVENTS



OHIO/USAF ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Mark your calendars for the 2025 ACP OH/USAF Annual Chapter Meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 6th & 7th, 2025 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. This newly renovated space is conveniently located next to the convention center. We will have a block of rooms available at the Hilton. More information to come.



NEW LOCATION

A short walk from over 150 dining and entertainment venues. Nationwide Arena and North Market are two blocks away. Enjoy our art collection, with pieces by Central Ohio artists. This hotel offers an indoor saline pool, whirlpool, and two fitness centers, one featuring a Peloton® bike with toe cages.



Sponsorship Opportunities for the 2025 Annual Meeting are now available. Please reach out to Chrissy Gedeon, cmgedeon@outlook.com for information.
