

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2021

Jenny Silberger, MD, FACP - Governor – Oregon Chapter ACP

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear colleagues and friends - heartfelt Fall/Winter greetings to you all!

I hope you all had a chance to catch your breath over the summer before hunkering down into the work of the Delta surge and that your clinical burdens have eased. Another year seems to be winding down. Fall colors arrived and have already faded, bringing moments of quiet reflection for many of us.

The pandemic has been an experience none of us could have fully anticipated. Remembering to pace ourselves has been key to our own well-being and to maintaining our connection to our calling. The term, "give grace," has never been so meaningful to me as it has in the past two years. It has meant an active

practice of kindness, a conscious decision to forgive, and patience in the face of conflict or doubt. It has also been a reminder of the need to renew and refresh my commitment when I slip in those areas. I wish all of you respite in this season, confident that we will have much to celebrate again, and that standing by each other and our community will see us through.



Dr. Marianne Parshley and I celebrated our renewed friendship in October on a hike in the gorge. Husbands and dogs trudged along, up the Mosier Two Tunnels Trail in Hood River, until we passed out the far mouth of the tunnel and stepped into the dry climate of high desert. (Here we are, a little uncertain if it's actually OK to stand close without our masks and still feeling the strangeness of time together in person!) A wonderful moment of respite from charting, meetings, and distressed teams/patients/families, and a time to look outward at our beautiful state and feel connected. I hope to be able to meet some of you this way next time I'm out of Portland!

This, my first personal message to you all since Dr. Parshley passed the torch of the Oregon Chapter to me, is a message of gratitude and hope above all. You, your ACP Chapter, and the College have been working hard for our patients, for our country, and for the future of this profession we honor every day. I'd like to share some highlights with you all and I would welcome hearing from any of you about activities worth highlighting to our community!

Jenny

Influencing Partners In Our State - ACP member engagement was important in the work of the Oregon Medical Association (OMA) Racism Workgroup. The Workgroup's report was discussed by an Oregon Health Forum panel, July 29 (link below), *Medicine's Institutionalized Racism: What's A Doctor To Do?* We believe OMA is the first state medical society to develop policy changing the way issues of equity will be managed and overseen internally, opening a path to advocacy on social issues that influence health outcomes and well-being in our communities, and seeking collaboration with other key stakeholders in the state. The OHF panel emphasized the central role medical associations can play in advancing the work of equity for our profession and in our communities. This work by our state medical association mirrors the direction ACP has taken.

<https://www.oregonhealthforum.org/2021/07/08/july-29-2021-medicines-institutionalized-racism-whats-a-doctor-to-do/>

Help For The Front Lines - As the Delta surge escalated in late July and early August, Oregon ACP, partnering with Oregon Academy of Family Physicians, Oregon Pediatric Society, and Oregon Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians, sounded the alarm and called on Governor Brown and state leaders to take urgent action. We called for a return of state-wide mask mandates, requiring proof of vaccination or requiring weekly testing for front-line health care workers, and efforts to repeal the state prohibition on vaccine mandates for HCWs. Measures were needed to reduce spread and protect our fragile healthcare infrastructure. Governor Brown heard and acted. See the op-ed here:

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Taking A Stand Against Anti-Asian Hate Crimes And All Forms Of Racism - In the spring, our Chapter issued a "Statement Condemning Harassment and Violence against Asian Americans." In October, the Oregon Chapter signed on to a strong "Statement on Anti-Asian Racism, Violence, and Bias" along with nine other ACP Chapters in solidarity with the Pan-Asian community. This statement condemns and denounces all forms of racism, violence, and bias against all races and ethnic groups.

file:///C:/Users/omary/AppData/Local/Temp/statement_on_anti-asian_racism_violence_and_bias_oct_2021.pdf

Supporting A Safe Space For BIPOC Colleagues - In addition to the work being done internally by Oregon ACP on issues of inclusion and equity, members of our Chapter are supporting the establishment of a new Chapter of the National Medical Association (NMA) in our state. The NMA was formed in 1895 in response to the AMA's refusal to admit Black physicians. From the outset, NMA has been a multiracial, multicultural, and gender inclusive professional organization. Even though it is thought of as the Black physician organization, it remains multiracial, multicultural, and inclusive to this day, founded with the express intent to provide camaraderie, social interaction, and be a place where knowledge can be acquired and shared.

One of the things which Black physicians and other physicians from groups underrepresented in medicine (URiM) say deters them from applying to residency programs or jobs in Oregon is the lack of community here. Multiple barriers have been described by our colleagues: "few like me or my family at work or in the schools or in the community," Oregon's racist history, the impression that the West is closed to/biased against IMGs, microaggressions at work and overt racism.



Oregon is late to found an NMA Chapter. The impact of Oregon's racist history is still felt in this state which remains very white due to the historic Black Exclusion Law and other policies which contributed to low numbers of Black Oregonians. Oregon's own local version of Jim Crow segregation was legal until the 1950s and 1960s. Cascade State Medical Association (CSMA), Oregon's new NMA Chapter, has been founded in the hope that it can be active in promoting the health and well-being of the BIPOC community

in our state and provide community and connection to the BIPOC healthcare community. *(Photo of Dr. Fred Williams, President of the new NMA Chapter in Oregon, being congratulated by Dr. L. Khadijah Lang, Chair of the NMA Western Region on October 10, 2021.)*

Given that the available statistics show significant health outcome disparities between races, CSMA will be advocating for good record keeping with regard to these numbers so that progress can be evaluated and addressed. CSMA members expect to be involved in mentoring and encouraging BIPOC students to enter and persevere in medical professions and plan to provide a robust nexus for Black physicians, URiM, and their allies in the state. Listen to Dr. Fred Williams address the OMA - Dr. Williams is a retired neurosurgeon and past-president for the Oregon Medical Association. He currently serves as Co-Chair for OMA's Equity Task Force and was instrumental in bringing a Chapter of the National Medical Association to Oregon: the Cascade State Medical Association.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHrgQQ65RFw>

Oregon ACP plans to collaborate with CSMA on this work and support the growth and flourishing of this community within the state's broader healthcare community. If you would like to join this group, please contact Dr. Fred Williams, President of CSMA, at fcwilliamsjr@gmail.com. Join the NMA to help grow this network and advance the work. *(Pictured above are Dr. Khadijah Lang, Chair of the Western Region, celebrating with several founding members of CSMA, Dr. Reva Ricketts-Loriaux, Dr. Mandrill Taylor, Dr. Jenny Silberger, and Dr. Fred Williams. I am very proud to stand with this group of leaders and represent Oregon ACP's partnership!)*

Advocating For A Sensible MOC Process - The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is working on changes in the MOC process. ABMS called for public comment on its proposed ABMS Draft Standards last summer. While members of our Chapter and others submitted feedback, national ACP was acutely aware that internists around the country in the middle of the pandemic did not have the time or energy to thoughtfully review and provide feedback on the proposed MOC process. Our College leaders have heard our feedback from many sources, however, and filled the gap. National ACP submitted careful feedback on the ABMS Draft Standards on our behalf. Please review the attached letter to see how well represented we are by the national ACP.

https://www.acponline.org/acp_policy/letters/acp_comment_letter_abms_draft_standards_june_22_2021.pdf

Invitation To Become More Involved In Your ACP - We have space on several Oregon ACP committees to welcome new members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague to participate, please contact our executive director, Mary Olhausen, oregonacp@comcast.net. We will consider all candidates and especially encourage the nominations of ACP members who bring diversity of perspective. We are seeking representation from internists outside the Portland area, among our international and foreign medical graduates, from groups underrepresented in medicine, and from those in all kinds of internal medicine practices.

Below are the committees with openings for new members. The time commitment is variable; please reach out with any questions – oregonacp@comcast.net

Awards Committee

(Chair, Dr. Anne Hirsch) *This committee focuses on recognition of excellence in the practice of medicine, service to our communities, and demonstrated leadership.* Members will solicit nominations for state and national ACP awards, review candidates for recognition, and present awards at an annual Awards meeting. (2-3 meetings/year).

DEI and Membership Committee

(Chair, Dr. Melinda Muller) *This committee is focused on expansion of membership and diversity by developing initiatives that share the benefits of ACP membership with Oregon's diverse internal medicine community.* Members will help strategize outreach, learn about and participate in advertising the benefits of ACP membership, and advance their own knowledge on historical inequities and challenges in the practice of internal medicine to further the Chapter's efforts to be antiracist and inclusive. (Monthly meetings).

Women in Medicine – Collaboration Team

(Co-chairs, Drs. Angelina Platas and Anne Weinsolt) *This council provides opportunities for female-identifying physicians to network and to learn from and sponsor each other.* Members will support the direction of the council co-chairs, identifying activities that create community, shared experiences, awareness of the challenges women internists face in their professional lives, and a forum to advocate for change when it is needed. (Meeting frequency TBD).

Council of Early Career Physicians – Collaboration Team

(Co-chairs, Drs. Philippe Champagne and Ximena Levander) *This council provides opportunities for early career physicians to network, to develop community, and to learn from and sponsor each other.* Early career encompasses the first 16 years after completing training and includes some of the most challenging years for physicians – a time when physicians are establishing career, while also frequently navigating family life, transitions to a new home and community, and varying financial concerns. CECP members will support the direction of the council co-chairs and help identify activities that address the specific concerns of this ACP demographic. (Meeting frequency TBD).

PRES (Policy Research & Education Sub-committee)

(Co-chairs, Dr. Logan Jones and MD candidate Teva Brender) *This committee is focused on reviewing evidence and writing policy briefs for ACP Oregon's Advocacy Agenda.* Members will learn how to navigate the Oregon State Legislative portal to track active legislation, work in teams to perform literature reviews to inform chapter members on evidence behind key policy positions, and work on scientific/policy writing by creating educational materials for ACP Oregon's Annual Advocacy Day. (Meetings ad hoc September-February).

Wellness Committee

(Co-chairs, Drs. James Clements and Mary Gearn) *This committee is focused on improving the well-being of general internists in our community and providing skills and knowledge for physicians to take control of the factors impacting their professional lives.* Members will monitor the needs of our physician community, provide information and skills training on how to advocate effectively for change in the practice environment, support communication across our Oregon internal medicine community about ways to improve well-being within our profession, and offer networking opportunities for those with an interest in wellness work. (Monthly meetings).

Celebrating Excellence! - Join me in congratulating members of our Chapter and state whose excellence in practice, teaching, service, and advocacy have led to special recognition recently.

Dr. Sima Desai, MD MACP - Congratulations to Sima S. Desai, MD, MACP, Portland, Oregon the newest Mastership awardee of the American College of Physicians (MACP) for the Oregon chapter. MACP is one of the most prestigious awards in the college, for those fellows of the college who demonstrate integrity, the utmost professional behaviors, excellence in the practice of medicine, and significant impact on the profession. MACPs represent a very small percentage of college membership. Join me in congratulating her on this tremendous accomplishment.

Senator Ronald Wyden - Congratulations to Senator Ronald Wyden, the winner of the National ACP *Joseph F. Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service*. The award is bestowed upon a current or former government official or a physician acting in an official capacity (city, county, state or federal, executive, or legislative) who has provided outstanding public service toward improving the delivery of health care. This individual should be distinguished by accomplishments aligned with the ACP's goals, objectives, and advocacy efforts. Preference is given to nominees who have directly contributed to achieving ACP's public policy objectives, such as introducing or advocating legislative or regulatory changes that are based on ACP policy and/or working collaboratively with the College to achieve shared objectives. Join me in congratulating him on this tremendous accomplishment.

Congratulations To Our New Fellows - We welcome you as leaders in our IM community!

Pamela Ator, MD, FACP
James Clements, MD, FACP
Cornelia Taylor, MD, FACP
Heather Fox, MD, FACP
Jason Heino, MD, FACP
Kellie Littlefield, MD, FACP
Jacob Luty, MD, FACP
Helen Duewel, MD, FACP

Matthew Zollinger, MD, FACP
Augustine Okeke, MD, FACP
Mythili Ransdell, MD, FACP
Sanaz W Askari, DO, FACP
Imelda Dacones, MD, FACP
Albert DiPiero, MD, FACP
Shalini Gupta, MBBS, FACP
Claire S. Zeigler, MD, FACP

Educational Offerings - National ACP has developed a Learning HUB, which contains links to many free CME accredited on-demand resources for ACP members. These include Podcasts as well as webinar classes and other materials for reading. I'd like to share some of the highlights which may be of particular interest.

A Webinar Class on POCUS

Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) for Internal Medicine

Learn how you can apply POCUS in your practice through this training series consisting of 12 online modules with an emphasis on common pathologies and image analysis. These modules include case studies, short video examples, and opportunities to test your knowledge. In addition to the 6 foundational courses, check out the **5 new advanced POCUS modules** on detecting:

- Pathologies of the skin, soft tissue and the musculoskeletal system;
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm;
- Gallbladder;
- Knee and ankle pathologies;
- Hand, wrist, and shoulder pathologies.

[View Hub](#)



Pain Module Materials



Pain Management Learning Series

This expansive new series of peer-to-peer learning materials [🔗](#) consists of seven core modules, with two sets of case-based studies, video presentations, and more – over 23 hours of self-paced, comprehensive content. It combines evidence-based guidance with effective management principles, providing opportunities to practice skills necessary for pain assessment, diagnostic differentials, treatment plans, and communication in partnership with patients.

[View Hub](#)

And keep in mind that the learning HUB provides information on every state's specific requirements for certification and licensure renewal. Attached to each state's requirements are the links to offerings which may help you fulfill requirements. Here's what it looks like for Oregon.

HOME > CME & MOC > ONLINE LEARNING CENTER

Online Learning Center

Explore a wide-ranging library of online CME and MOC activities, aimed at improving your knowledge and practice.

Search Format Product Name State CME Requirements

CME Requirements for: **Oregon**

All Oregon licensees must engage in a culture of continuous quality improvement and lifelong learning. Sixty (60) hours of continuing medical education (CME) per two years relevant to the licensee's current medical practice, or 30 hours of CME if licensed during the second year of the biennium, in American Medical Association (AMA) Category 1 credit.

Oregon topic requirements include:

- Suicide risk assessment, treatment and management
- Alzheimer's disease detection and early diagnosis
- Pain management (1 CME hour)
- Treatment of terminally ill and dying patients
- Cultural competency (1 CME hour every 4 years)

The following categories contain activities that may be related to these requirements. Please review the [Oregon Medical Board site](#) to determine the eligibility of individual activities before completing. All activities on the Online Learning Center are accredited by the ACCME for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits*™ and will help meet your state requirements.

[Alzheimer's](#) [Chronic Pain Management](#) [End-of-Life and Palliative Care](#) [Physician Well-Being and Professional Fulfillment](#)

This can serve as a friendly reminder that we all have state-specific requirements for continuing education and training. If you practice in the state of Oregon, you can also refer to the OMB website ([link below](https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/Continuing-Education.aspx)) to review requirements and consider if any of the events you have recently attended would qualify. This determination is made by individual attendees. It may be easier to track your requirements proactively, recognizing that the period for auditing of some requirements is scheduled to start in 2023. <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/Topics-of-Interest/Pages/Continuing-Education.aspx> "

The first installment of MKSAP 19 was released on August 31 with incredible new content, multimedia, and assistance at identifying learning gaps for focus. This is still being offered at a discount through January 31, 2022. <https://www.acponline.org/featured-products/mksap-19>

Annals of Internal Medicine CLINICAL CASESSM



Now accepting submissions for *Annals of Internal Medicine: Clinical Cases*

The American College of Physicians and the American Heart Association invite you to submit to our newly launched journal, [Annals of Internal Medicine: Clinical Cases \(AIMCC\)](#). AIMCC is a peer-reviewed, open access journal that publishes case reports, case series, and image/video cases across the spectrum of medicine. AIMCC will consider original case report manuscripts and provide expert peer review, timely online publication, and immediate global open access. Cases published in the journal will serve as an educational resource for clinicians and promote critical thinking around the prevention, diagnosis, and management of challenging clinical situations. The new journal will cultivate awareness of new or unique clinical entities by disseminating real clinical cases encountered by physicians and other medical professionals. It will also serve as a source to generate hypotheses and advance knowledge. To learn more or submit, visit the [journal site](#) and review the *Annals of Internal Medicine: Clinical Cases* [Information for Authors](#) page.

[Submit Now](#)

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Fundraising Efforts With Multiple Ways To Donate!
November 12 through March 1, 2022

Oregon Chapter American College of Physicians (Oregon ACP) invites you to support medical students in need with a voluntary financial contribution. Oregon ACP is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, established for the purpose of assisting in the education of health care professionals in Internal Medicine. Your tax-deductible donation will support both Oregon medical schools – **Western University of Health Sciences/COMP-NW (Lebanon, OR) – Care Cabinet** – and - **Oregon Health & Science University (Portland, OR) – Food Resource Center**. Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to affordable and nutritious food and is not uncommon among students in higher education. To help ensure the wellbeing of our students, your monetary donations will help to provide food and personal essential items for students. More than 30% of college/university students are food insecure and unsure where their next meal will come from. Thanks to leadership at both COMP-NW and OHSU, they have established viable ways to provide healthy meals and basic needs for our students and the next generation of health professionals. We appreciate any and all donations, of any size.

#1: COMP-NW – STUDENT SUPPLIES PANTRY FUND

Oregon ACP has partnered with COMP-NW to raise funds for the Student Supplies Pantry Fund.

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO DONATE TO COMP-NW:

[Giving Form - COMP-NW Student Supplies Pantry Fund - Western University of Health Sciences](#)

At top of page----choose Give to COMP-NW Student Supplies Pantry Fund.

In comments box, write in "Oregon ACP Fundraiser".

#2: OHSU - FOOD RESOURCE CENTER

Oregon ACP has partnered with the OHSU Foundation to raise funds for [OHSU's Food Resource Center!](#) **FOLLOW THIS LINK TO DONATE TO OHSU:**

https://give.ohsufoundation.org/?fund_id=5383&fund_name=Food+Resource+Center+at+OHSU&src=SOMV21L

For Select Gift Designation—this should auto-populate "Food Resource Center at OHSU"..

#3: OREGON CHAPTER ACP - DONATION

Oregon ACP will accept donations via mailing in a check. Your donation will be split evenly between the two medical schools. Please make checks payable to Oregon ACP.

Mail to: Oregon Chapter ACP - 3021 NE 72nd Drive, Suite 9, PMB 148, Vancouver, WA 98661.

#4: OREGON CHAPTER ACP – SILENT AUCTION

Watch for Silent Auction details – early 2022!

QUESTIONS:

Mary Olhausen – Executive Director, Oregon ACP oregonacp@comcast.net 503-880-7383.

COMPETITION 2021

Oregon Chapter ACP – Competition Posters & Oral Presentations

Invites all Chapter Members and Non-Members
(All Healthcare Professionals, Faculty, Residents, Students)

SHOWCASING RESIDENTS & MEDICAL STUDENTS SCHOLARLY WORK

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 / 7:00pm—9:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Sponsored by Oregon Chapter ACP Council of Residents & Fellows (CORF)

***Six Residents Will Present Oral Presentations (live)
Poster Winners Will Be Announced***

Follow This Link To Register For The Event:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

6:45pm Zoom Opens – Log In.
7:00pm Competition Event Begins.

We look forward to seeing you on January 11, 2022
to share scholarly work from our Residents and Medical Students.

Questions: Contact Mary Olhausen at oregonacp@comcast.net

CHAPTER SOCIAL MEDIA – TWITTER

TWITTER: @OregonACP (<http://twitter.com/OregonACP>) **INSTAGRAM:** @OregonACP

Twitter for chapter related news, including highlights of policy and advocacy work at the National ACP level, as well as photos of chapter activities and news about chapter members.



OREGON ACP CHAPTER-----3rd ANNUAL ADVOCACY DAY

REGISTER NOW!!



- *Learn The Importance of Advocacy*
- * Advocate For Our Patients & Communities Beyond The Bedside*
- *Gain Confidence in Political Activism*
- *Listen to Renowned Physician Leaders in Advocacy*
- *Engage With Local Politicians and Begin Your Advocacy Career*

February 10, 2022

3rd ANNUAL

OREGON ACP CHAPTER ADVOCACY DAY

All Day Event—Virtual

Advocacy Workshops in Morning / Meetings With Legislators in Afternoon

Open to ACP Members & Non-members / \$20 Practicing Physicians / Free for Trainees & Others

Follow This Link To Register For This Event

<https://store.acponline.org/ebiz/events-calendar/meeting-details/productid/306787821>

8:00am – 12:30pm: Training – Speakers TBD

Physician As Advocates / Advocacy Priorities / Communicating With Legislators / Oregon 2022 Legislative Session Update / Breakouts For Team Appointments With Legislators

1:00pm - 4:00pm: Meetings With Legislators

Questions: Mary Olhausen, Executive Director, Oregon ACP: oregonacp@comcast.net

ACP---ADVOCATES FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE NETWORK

**Advocates for
Internal Medicine
Network**



Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn) in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn 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.

Follow @AdvocatesIM <https://www.acponline.org/advocacy/advocates-for-internal-medicine-network>

You only need to enroll via this AIMn enroll form <https://cqcengage.com/acplac/app/register?1&m=13815>.

REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE IN OREGON

Gather Signatures For Oregon Initiatives

Dear Oregon ACP Colleague,

As you know, gun violence has become a public health emergency. Many of the statistics are known to you and will not be recited here. However, there are **two evidenced-based initiatives for reducing gun violence in Oregon for the Oregon Ballot in November 2022**. Oregon ACP has endorsed these two initiatives. If you are interested in becoming a signature gatherer for these initiatives, please read on.

- **INITIATIVE 17** -- limits gun magazines to a maximum of ten rounds and requires a permit-to-purchase any new guns that includes a complete background check without any loopholes and gun safety training before purchasing a gun.
- **INITIATIVE 18** -- bans all assault-type weapons and assault-type weapon ammunition with exceptions for law enforcement.

Neither initiative is focused on removing guns from any Oregon resident and no current owner of an assault-type weapon will need to give these up although their use would be limited to the owner's property, shooting ranges, competitions and hunting as allowed by Oregon law. More information about the initiatives can be found at **Lift Every Voice Oregon** www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com

The substance of these initiatives are already supported by the American College of Physicians and, as above, have been endorsed by our Oregon ACP. Two relevant excerpts from the ACP Gun Safety Policy Statements (2018) are below. The full policy statement is at <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M18-1530> if you are interested.

- Support legislation to prevent gun violence including: (a) criminal background checks; (b) completion of educational program on firearm safety; (c) keeping guns out of the hands of felons and persons with mental illnesses; (d) waiting periods; (e) ban on firearms that cannot be detected by security screening devices; (f) penalties and criminal prosecution for those who sell firearms illegally; (g) safe storage practices; (h) opposes state reciprocity for concealed weapons.
- Support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale, transfer, and subsequent ownership for civilian use of semiautomatic firearms ('assault weapons') and large-capacity magazines.

Any Oregon resident can collect signatures. To get the initiative on the ballot, 112,000 valid signatures are needed and the aim is to get a total of 130,000 signatures because the state often invalidates a large number of signatures for various technical reasons. The deadline for signature gathering is July 2022, but LEVO is trying to get as many signatures as possible by February 2022 so that they have a better idea of the work remaining for March—July 2022.

If you are interested in gathering signatures, please contact Dr. Andrew Felcher at felcher@comcast.net. We also ask that you let our Oregon ACP Executive Director, Mary Olhausen, know if you plan to sign up as a signature gatherer, oregonacp@comcast.net And please remember – *Collecting initiative signatures is considered political activity in Oregon, and as such, your workplace may have policies about engaging in political activity while on the job. Please review your workplace policies should you have any questions.*

Thank you very much,

Jenny Silberger, MD, FACP – Governor, Oregon ACP

Joel Burnett, MD – Chair, Health & Public Policy Committee, Oregon ACP

OREGON STATE PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (OSPIRG) NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP GUIDE OREGON ACP POLICY POSITIONS

Hello Oregon ACP members,

The Oregon Chapter ACP Governor's Advisory Council voted on December 8, 2021, to sign on to a coalition with The Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), which plans to advocate for reasonable measures in a Public Option currently being planned by the state.

Please see the attached letter of support, and this [LINK to a white paper](#) outlining goals and visions for moving to support a Public Health insurance option.

The Chapter is looking for physician volunteers to help guide the Oregon ACP's policy positions to ensure that the final legislation reflects the interests and addresses the challenges faced by our physician workforce. We hope to include a diversity of perspectives including, for example, health professionals in private practice and value-based care environments, those serving rural and urban underserved communities, and individuals with experience negotiating reimbursement rates.

- Expectations:
 - Two or three, 1-hour calls in early 2022 (January & February) to review proposed language and plan drafts; and formulate recommendations to ACP Chapter leadership.
 - Expected additional 2-4 hours of outside reading materials to inform discussion.

If you are able to participate in such a workgroup, **please email both of our Policy, Research, & Education Subcommittee Co-chairs (Under Oregon ACP HPP Committee)**

No later than Jan 1st:

Logan Jones - RLoganJonesMD@gmail.com

Teva Brender - TevaBrender@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SGIM – Society of General Internal Medicine—NW

January 21-22, 2022.

OHSU – Annual Primary Care Review – 53rd Annual

February 7-11, 2022. VIRTUAL. www.ohsu.edu/cme

ACP – Oregon Chapter GFR/Race Event

March 9, 2022. Virtual

OHSU – Adult Mental Health Update – 6th Annual

March 11, 2022. VIRTUAL. www.ohsu.edu/cme

OHSU – Internal Medicine Review – 29th Annual

April 14-15, 2022. Format TBA. www.ohsu.edu/cme

ACP – National Internal Medicine Meeting 2022

April 28-30, 2022. Chicago, IL. In-Person. www.acponline.org

OHSU – Infectious Disease For The Non-Specialist

June 9-10, 2022. Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, OR. www.ohsu.edu/cme

OHSU – When Things Go Wrong In The Outdoors

August 19, 2022. Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, OR www.ohsu.edu/cme

OMA – Annual Conference

October 1, 2022. www.theoma.org

OGS – Oregon Geriatrics Society Annual Conference

October 7-9, 2022. Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, OR. www.oregongeriatricsociety.org

ACP – Oregon Chapter American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting

November 4-5, 2022. Salem Convention Center, Salem, OR. www.acponline.org/chapters