

**Tri-Service
Chapters Council
for Resident and
Fellow Members**



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Tri-Service ACP Council of Residents and Fellows Newsletter

Hello everyone! The Tri-Service ACP CRFM is a committee that spans the three ACP military chapters to address issues pertinent to trainees and promote participation in ACP. This is the first of a quarterly newsletter designed to give you updates on all things ACP, internal medicine, and military health. **Scroll down to find information on upcoming conferences** in internal medicine and subspecialties, updates from your chapter governors, information on the **upcoming Tri-service ACP meeting**, and **how to become an ACP Fellow!**

Interested in getting involved? **Stay tuned for upcoming information on how to join the CRFM!**

Our upcoming quarterly case conference is coming up on 27 May 2026 at 1100 EST. This is a great opportunity to learn through an interesting case presented by one of our renowned subspecialists. This quarter's meeting will be a **cardiology** case presented by **Dr. Rainey Johnson**. The link below will allow you to join virtually on Microsoft Teams.

[TSACP CRFM Cardiology Case Conference | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams](#)

Updates from the Governors



**Col Brian Neubauer, Air Force
Chapter Governor**

Greetings to all resident and fellow members! This is an exciting time of year as you approach promotion to the next year of training or graduation and assignment! For our general internists, we are blessed to have an amazing consultant, Dr. Deans who does extraordinary work communicating, advising, and connecting people regarding assignments. Our chapter can also assist in that regard as we have members stationed at just about all AF bases that have internal medicine. Reach out to me (bneubauer001@gmail.com) if you need help connecting with someone!

I know you have been getting announcements from me about the upcoming Tri-Service ACP meeting in Bethesda, MD, from August 26-28. A more detailed email with a registration link will be sent out in the next several weeks. Please make sure you have approval to travel from your command/local DHA network before registering! This is going to be an amazing meeting and I look forward to seeing many of you there. We will open a "late-breaking" abstract portal on 1 Jun and it will close on 13 Jul. This portal is specifically targeted at new interns who did not have an opportunity to submit an abstract during the original submission window but is open to all member categories. This is a great opportunity to mentor and support junior trainees. If you have a case you think would make for a great clinical vignette that you have not already submitted, please think of these individuals! This also applies to our medical students; it's a great way to support their and your development.

Speaking of mentorship, our Chapter has almost 700 members, active duty and retired, stationed all around the world with many backgrounds and experiences. This is a great opportunity to find mentors for yourselves. If you are interested, let me know and I will work to find you a match!

Please consider helping to support our Chapter by encouraging fellow residents and the medical students you interact with to join our chapter and ACP. It is free for medical students and \$145 annually for residents and fellows. There are a wealth of benefits to membership and the more members we have in our Chapter the more robust we are and the more support we receive from national ACP.



COL Tatjana P. Calvano, DO, FACP
Chapter Governor

Major Recognitions & Awards

Our chapter continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership and medical expertise on a national level. We proudly recognize COL Vincent Capaldi for receiving the National ACP Award for Distinguished Contributions to Behavioral Medicine, and CPT Thomas Chameli, who won the National ACP Resident Poster competition with his work on an atypical transmission of leptospirosis. Additionally, 2LT Khush Patel has been awarded the 2026 Gregory Argyros Army Chapter of ACP Outstanding Achievement in Internal Medicine. We also celebrate the incredible performance of the BAMC Doctor's Dilemma Team—Aitana Rizo, Paul Wortz, and John Kim—who advanced all the way to the national finals, showcasing true brilliance, gamesmanship, and collaboration.

Upcoming Deadlines & Action Items

To continue recognizing our outstanding colleagues, please note that nominations for the Army Chapter Awards are due to LTC Ian McInnis by May 31, 2026. If you are interested in serving on the awards committee to help select these recipients, you must also

reach out to LTC McInnis by the same May 31 deadline. For those preparing research, late abstract submissions for the Tri-Service meeting will open on June 1, 2026, and close on July 13, 2026. Lastly, if you have questions regarding the future of military internal medicine for the senior leader panel, please email them to MAJ Caitlin Bettger by June 30, 2026.

Tri-Service ACP Meeting 2026

We look forward to the upcoming Tri-Service ACP Meeting, which will take place from August 26 to August 28, 2026, at the Bethesda Hotel in Bethesda, MD. This joint effort between the Army, Navy, and Air Force chapters promises high-value educational programming, including a highly anticipated senior leader panel and sub-specialty sessions hosted by the Council of Resident and Fellow Members. Please remember to register and secure your lodging soon through the chapter website to ensure your attendance.

Tri-Service ACP Updates

Registration for our yearly Tri-Service ACP meeting is now open! The meeting is August 26-28 and taking place at the Bethesda Hotel in Bethesda, Maryland. ACP Resident and Fellow members can take advantage of a discounted registration fee of \$100 for registration before 8/25, \$150 for registration onsite and \$60 for a day of your choice.

- You can register [here](#).
- You can reserve a hotel room with the Tri-Service ACP's special rate by clicking [here](#).

If you have submitted an abstract to the meeting, expect a decision by May 15. Additionally, a "late-breaking" abstract portal will open on June 1, aimed at helping our incoming interns have an opportunity to present. Keep an eye out for this opportunity!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

National ACP Updates

We would like to congratulate all resident and fellow members who had the opportunity to present their scholarly work at the National ACP Meeting this April! We would also like to congratulate the **Army Doctor's Dilemma team** (represented by BAMC) for **making it to the finals** at the national meeting! Once again, **Congratulations!**

- **Internal Medicine Meeting 2026 Wrap-up:** The ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2026 just wrapped up in San Francisco (April 16-18). For those who attended, don't forget to claim your CME/MOC and access the online platform to review session recordings!
- **Financial Well-Being:** Managing finances during training can be stressful. ACP offers a dedicated Financial Well-Being program to help members navigate debt, investments, and professional fulfillment. Check out their resources online to help build a strong financial foundation.
- **Resource Guides:** The Chapter Resource Guides for Early Career Physicians, Resident/Fellow Members, and Medical Student Members have been updated for 2026. These guides, created by ACP's national Council of Early Career Physicians, Council of Resident/Fellow Members, and Council of Student

Members, contain helpful information for engaging these member segments at the Chapter level.

- [Early Career Physicians](#)
- [Resident/Fellow Members](#)
- [Medical Student Members](#)

Subspecialty Events

Interested in subspecialty events or presenting your research?
Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings:

SGIM 2026 Annual Meeting:

- **Dates:** May 6–9, 2026 (Precourses begin Wednesday, May 6).
- **Highlights:** General sessions, workshops, plenary sessions, a career fair, and networking events.
- **Deadlines:** Registration is open.

2026 Tri-Service Chapters Annual Scientific Meeting:

- **Dates:** August 26–28, 2026.
- **Location:** The Bethesdan Hotel, Bethesda, MD.
- **Registration Deadlines:** Register early! Early-bird rates apply until **August 15, 2026**. After this date, the fee for Resident/Fellow members increases from \$100 to \$150.
- **Abstracts:** The submission deadline was April 15, 2026. We look forward to seeing the fantastic work our residents and fellows will be presenting!

2026 Ohio/Air Force Chapters Annual Scientific Meeting:

- **Dates:** October 25–27, 2026.
- **Location:** Hilton Columbus/Polaris I Columbus, OH.

Upcoming Subspecialty Conferences

Gastroenterology

- **Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2026:**

- **Dates:** May 2–5, 2026.
- **Location:** Chicago, IL.
- **Details:** DDW is one of the premier events for gastroenterology, hepatology, and GI surgery. The exhibit hall will be open May 3–5.

Pulmonology & Critical Care

- **CHEST 2026 Annual Meeting:**

- **Dates:** October 18–21, 2026.
- **Location:** Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona.
- **Details:** Pre-meeting courses will be available starting Saturday, October 17.

Infectious Disease

- **IDWeek 2026:**

- **Dates:** October 21–24, 2026.
- **Location:** Washington, DC.
- **Details:** This meeting marks the 15th anniversary of IDWeek and offers virtual attendance options. Note that the abstract submission deadline is rapidly approaching on April 30, 2026.

Nephrology

- **ASN Kidney Week 2026:**

- **Dates:** October 21–25, 2026.
- **Location:** Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO.
- **Details:** The abstract submission deadline is May 13, 2026, at 2:00 PM EDT, and travel support applications open May 6. Registration and housing will open on June 24, 2026.

Cardiology

- **AHA Scientific Sessions 2026:**

- **Dates:** November 6–9, 2026.

- **Location:** McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois.
- **Details:** General and clinical case abstract submissions are open from April 8 to June 4, 2026. Late-breaking science submissions will run from June 22 to August 24.

How to become an ACP Fellow (FACP®)

What is ACP Fellowship? Earning your FACP is a mark of distinction from peers and colleagues that recognizes your professional accomplishments, scholarship, and achievements over and above the usual practice of medicine.

Who is Eligible? To apply for Fellowship, you must meet the following basic requirements:

- Board certification in Internal Medicine or Neurology.
- Have been an ACP member in good standing for at least 3 years since completing residency.
- Dues paid for at least 3 consecutive years.
- Active medical license (if in clinical practice).
- Demonstrable professional activity in internal medicine (e.g., teaching, hospital committee work, community service, or leadership).

How to Apply:

- **Traditional Pathway:** Apply online or via paper application. You will need to submit your current CV, a \$175 Fellowship initiation fee, and sponsorship letters/forms from two current MACPs or FACPs. (*Note: The sponsors must be from your chapter but cannot be family members or the current ACP Governor*).
- **Guided Fellowship Program:** If you are an early-career physician, ACP offers a 3-year mentored framework to help you seamlessly meet the requirements for Fellowship.

For full details, visit:

<https://www.acponline.org/membership/physician-membership/acp-fellowship>

Military and MHS Information

MHS

Top Medical Leader Appointed: Keith Bass, a retired U.S. Navy commander and former medical center director for the West Texas VA Health Care System, was sworn in on January 12, 2026, as the assistant secretary of war for health affairs. He succeeds Dr. Lester Martinez-López. Bass brings extensive interagency leadership experience and has stated his commitment to providing a "world-class healthcare experience" that supports uniformed personnel and their families.

New DHA Director: Vice Adm. Darin K. Via officially assumed the role of director of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on February 2, 2026. Via, who most recently served as Navy Surgeon General, is setting a warfighter-focused course with a new ethos: "Delivering for the Warfighter". He emphasized that the DHA is fundamentally a combat support agency, where clinical care, training, research, and logistics all exist to "support warfighter readiness".

Army

Medical Corps Promotion Board Changes: Heads up for Army Captains looking toward Major! The Army has rolled out a new "adaptive promotion model" pilot under the Alternative Promotion Authority (APA) specifically for the Medical and Dental Corps.

- **What's Changing:** The new model eliminates traditional promotion zones (e.g., below-the-zone) and time-in-grade

constraints. To allow for performance-based progression, the APA provides up to *five* promotion opportunities per grade.

- **Who is Eligible:** Up to five Year Groups (YGs) can be considered simultaneously. Keep an eye out for the specific HRC MILPER message for the upcoming 2026 CPT to MAJ board to confirm if your YG is included.

Air Force

Chapter Meetings: Keep an eye out for more details regarding the combined Ohio/Air Force Chapters Annual Scientific Meeting happening this October in Columbus.

Navy

Leadership Updates: Welcome to the new Governor-Elect Designee for the US Navy Chapter, Alden V. Chiu, MD, USN, MPH, FACP. He will complete a year of training as a Governor-elect before officially starting his four-year term as Governor in the Spring of 2027.

Interested in contributing to the Newsletter?

Send an email to christopher.s.pittman4.mil@health.mil with updates, members to highlight and more!