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# Virginia Chapter

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# GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Many of you have asked how you can be more involved with the Chapter. Now is your chance! I invite you to be a representative on the Virginia Chapter Governor's Council. The Council plays a vital role in all activities of our organization. As an elected representative, you will have the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of physicians from throughout the state. Elections are held on a regional basis. This is a call for nominations for all regions.

There are 5 regions as follows:

- Region 1-- (Northern Virginia) – Zip codes 20100-20199 and 22000-22399
- Region 2 -- (Richmond area) – Zip codes 22400-22599 and 23000-23299
- Region 3 -- (Tidewater area) – Zip codes 23300-23399, 23400-23499, 23500-23599, 23600-23699, 23700-23799, 23800-23899
- Region 4 -- (Winchester/Charlottesville/Harrisonburg area) – Zip codes 22600-22699, 22700-22799, 22800-22899, 22900-22999, 24590
- Region 5 -- (Lynchburg/Danville/Roanoke) – Zip codes 23900-23999, 24000-24099, 24100-24199, 24200-24299, 24300-24399, 24400-24499, 24500-24589, 24591-24599, 24600-24699

Elected representatives should be available to serve for a three-year term. You can run as often as you like. If you are interested in serving on Council, please review the description of duties for this position, which can be found below. If you are nominating someone else, please be sure to have their approval prior to submitting their name. Use the appropriate region nomination form linked below to submit a nomination. Each nomination should include an up-to-date CV and a short one paragraph bio that is sent out to the voting members.

Nomination forms links:

[Region 1](#)

[Region 2](#)

[Region 3](#)

[Region 4](#)

[Region 5](#)

All nominations must be submitted by Monday, May 1, 2025.

# ACP VA Council Member Responsibilities

- Attend meetings of the Council/Board (3/year, one in-person, two virtual, plus email correspondence and phone conferences for committee work).
- Council members are the liaison between leadership at the Chapter and the local members. It is the responsibility of each Council member to communicate to local colleagues the many programs and services ACP provides. Council members will be expected to provide feedback on membership needs and responses/ideas.
- Membership is the responsibility of the Council. Council members are asked to become involved in membership recruitment and retention. Again, local needs will dictate how membership will be addressed.
- Council members are asked to supplement and support any ACP activity in their region based upon local needs. The Council member is asked to lend expertise and assistance with projects throughout the year. Local needs take into account both the academic and the practice environment, keeping in mind that program planning needs to be broad enough to appeal to the majority of our members. Local meetings can be any type of gathering that might attract different groups at different times. Examples of formats include the clinical update, meetings with or without CME credit on subjects including scientific, practice management, advocacy. Social functions, hospital grand rounds, town hall forums, and member segment specific programs (i.e., resident) may be held and Council members are asked to support those programs.
- Council members are asked to serve on a Chapter committee. The committee may have teleconferences throughout the year to facilitate reaching annual goals set by the committee at the Strategic Planning meeting.
- Council members are asked to keep the Executive Director updated on contact information. Throughout the year the Council may be asked to respond promptly to urgent issues regarding health and public policy and fellowship candidates. Swift replies to these emails for these matters is expected and appreciated.

# Leadership Day

ACP Leadership Day enables the College to increase its presence on Capitol Hill and bring our issues of concern to U.S. lawmakers. ACP members will receive two days of in-depth briefings on the College's legislative priorities and an opportunity to meet with elected officials.

The Virginia Chapter held a call for self-nominations at the beginning of the year. The HPP Committee has selected and notified all members invited to attend the event. This change was made to aid in controlling costs and ensuring that the group meetings with legislators are appropriately sized.

If you are interested in sharing your views and opinions with your local representative, please visit the [ACP Legislative Action Center](#). You will find numerous resources there, including links to direct your message to your local representative.

In the Legislative Action Center, you can also enroll in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network. More than 15,000 colleagues are in the AIMn program to advocate for the interests of internal medicine in Washington DC. By joining, you will receive legislative updates on key policy issues and engage in outreach to your federal lawmakers.

# Call for Awards Nominations

We invite you to nominate colleagues who are active ACP Virginia Chapter members and whom you feel may be worthy of such an honor. Please submit the nominee's CV and a letter of nomination using the 2025 [Virginia ACP Chapter Award Nomination Form](#). Be sure to include the nominees Chapter activities in the nomination letter. All nominations must be received by June 1, 2025.

## **Inpatient Internal Medicine Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in the specialty of internal medicine in an inpatient academic hospital setting.

## **Inpatient Subspecialist Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in an internal medicine subspecialty in an inpatient academic hospital setting.

## **Outpatient Internal Medicine Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in the specialty of internal medicine in an outpatient academic setting.

## **Outpatient Subspecialist Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in an internal medicine subspecialty in an outpatient academic setting.

## **Community Teaching Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who exemplifies teaching excellence in a non-academic practice setting.

### **Mentorship Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who has consistently volunteered his or her services to teach medical students and residents. This individual should have demonstrated outstanding teaching prowess, displayed exemplary characteristics of care and concern for individual patients at the bedside, and served as a role model and mentor.

### **Early Career Physician (ECP) Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who falls within the description of the ECP category (within 16 years of graduation from medical school) and who demonstrates leadership and excellence in the field of internal medicine.

### **The Virginia ACP Laureate Award**

To be presented to a Fellow of the Virginia ACP Chapter for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine in research, medical service, mentoring, teaching, and service to the chapter. The recipient is usually a senior member of the Chapter.

### **Paul Florentino Volunteerism Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who demonstrates significant service contributions to the field of medicine in a non-compensated position and not in a position required for training.

*Dr. Paul Florentino served as the Deputy Commander for Medicine of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland until his untimely death in 2011. A longtime leader in the Virginia Chapter of The American College of Physicians, he was a former governor of the chapter. Paul's other passion was as a volunteer at the Whitman Walker Clinic in Washington, DC serving the needs of the LGBT community.*

## **The Dr. George Abraham Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Advocacy Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing who leads in support of diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession and their community.

The awardee would have demonstrated their desire to lessen health and healthcare disparities through clinical medicine, research and scholarly activities.

*Dr. George M. Abraham, Past President of the ACP, is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Chief of Medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts and Adjunct Professor at the Massachusetts University of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS). He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. He took over as President of the American College of Physicians on May 2, 2021 and ended his term on April 30, 2022. He is an Emeritus Chair of the Board of Governors and previously served as the Governor of the Massachusetts Chapter. As President, he championed the cause of DEI and wrote extensively about the same. In particular, over the year as President, he attempted to focus on all the different dimensions of inclusivity, including writing a series of columns in the ACP Internist on such topics as looking at DEI, being a "he for she," meritocracy, the international medical graduate (IMG), racial diversity, health equity, access to care, sexual orientation, and the three "Cs" of health care (corporatization, consolidation, and commodification). Consequently, he has been invited to and has spoken both nationally and internationally on DEI and continues to do so. His particular passion is for inclusivity, and he has chosen to focus on the international medical graduate community that forms 25 percent of the US physician workforce and over 30% of the ACP's membership.*



## **Vivian W. Pinn Leadership Award**

To be presented to a Virginia ACP Chapter member in good standing, honors an outstanding woman physician with a distinguished career in areas of exceptional patient care, medical education and/or research.

Vivian Pinn was born in 1941 in Halifax, Virginia and grew up in Lynchburg. The daughter and granddaughter of teachers, Pinn's family encouraged her to study hard so that she could reach her goals. She earned a scholarship to Wellesley College and began classes in 1958. In 1963 she entered medical school at the University of Virginia, as the only African American and the only woman in her class. She became especially interested in research and went on to complete her postgraduate medical training in pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1970, while serving as a teaching fellow at Harvard Medical School. She went on to a distinguished academic career which led her to Tufts University, Howard University and ultimately to appointment as the first full-time director of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health. As a physician-scientist, she is perhaps best known for her advocacy of women's health issues and concerns, particularly for ensuring that federally funded medical studies include female patients, as well as encouraging women to follow medical and scientific careers.

Thank you for your time and consideration in our nomination process. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wardrop ([vaacp21@gmail.com](mailto:vaacp21@gmail.com)).



# **Health of Women 2025 Conference**

**May 2, 2025**

**Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa / Short  
Pump, Richmond, VA**

The Health of Women 2025 is designed with you in mind. The conference will address women's health across the life span and the challenges and implications sex and gender medicine. This is presented to you in a one day in-person conference, filled with engaging lectures and discussions and carefully crafted to cater to the learning needs of primary care and Ob/Gyn physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants and other healthcare professionals and learners focused on women's health.

**Registration and Meeting Agenda**

# ACP's New AI Resource Hub

ACP has launched a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Resource Hub featuring curated resources around the timely topic of AI. Included on the hub are tools in medical practice, medical education, an ACP policy position paper, and other related resources.

Our new course, "Generative AI for Internal Medicine Physicians", explores the capabilities and applications of generative AI in health care, offering hands-on practice and insights into how large language models impact clinical practice.

Explore additional tools and resources, including:

- Obesity Management Conversation Tool: In ten-minute consultations, ACP members can use speech or text to practice patient communication strategies with a simulated online patient.
- DynaMedex with Dyna AI: – Quickly obtain concise, evidence-based clinical information. Dyna AI is an advanced search tool that sources answers exclusively from DynaMedex.
- ACP Policy Paper: Artificial Intelligence in the Provision of Health Care – Stay informed on our stance regarding AI's role in medicine.
- On-Demand Webinar: Harnessing AI as a Tool for Health Equity – Gain insights into AI's potential to address health disparities.

# Visit The New One-Stop Collection of ACP's Recent Advocacy Efforts

ACP advocates for you on policy changes that will make a difference in your daily work, your professional development, and your patients' health. For the latest advocacy efforts from ACP, visit the [new one-stop collection](#) featuring articles, statements, and ways you can take action on various campaigns.

## Latest ACP Advocacy Updates:

- ACP shared its priorities with the presidential transition team, ahead of President Trump being sworn into office, and congressional leadership.
- ACP has also sent a letter to RFK Jr
- ACP has issued the following public statements:
- Reiterated the importance of vaccines and evidence-based public health policies
- Issued a joint statement with 5 other medical societies to protest the U.S. withdrawing from the World Health Organization
- Reaffirmed our commitment to advancing equity
- Issued a joint statement about the removal of data and guidance from federal websites
- Issued a joint statement about protecting Medicaid

ACP has signed on to the following amicus briefs:

State of Nebraska, et al., v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al.; Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, et al. This case challenges the EPA's authority to reduce emissions by accelerating the adoption of electric trucks. The amicus brief that ACP signed onto in the case argues that the rule will achieve significant emissions reductions that are expected to benefit human health.

The below briefs are still to be filed:

PFLAG, Inc., et al., v. Donald J. Trump, in his official capacity as President of the United States. This case was filed by PFLAG, GLMA, and a number of adolescents and their parents against the executive order that President Trump signed seeking to functionally ban gender affirming care for individuals under the age of 19. The amicus brief that ACP signed onto in the case argues that the widely accepted guidelines for treating gender dysphoria were developed through a robust and transparent process and provide for gender-affirming medical care when indicated.

ACP is also in the process of signing onto another brief in a separate case also against the executive order on gender affirming care.

ACP is implementing several grassroots advocacy campaigns via the ACP's Advocates for Internal Medicine network that address protecting access to care for Medicaid enrollees, supporting the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act; and supporting funding for the NHSC and THCGME Programs.

ACP has reminded members that they have access to the following clinical resources:

- Adult Immunization Resource Hub
- Sex and Gender Health Learning Hub
- In the Clinic from Annals of Internal Medicine
- DynaMedex®

Annals of Internal Medicine published “Potential Clinical and Economic Impacts of Cutbacks in the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Program in South Africa: A Modeling Analysis” (2/11/25)

Lastly, there are two additional external items that may be of interest to you. There is a Stand Up for Science 2025 rally scheduled for March 7, 2025, in Washington, D.C., and in cities across the country. Second, physicians who are concerned about patients who are immigrants could consider sharing the "Know Your Rights" resource from the National Immigration Law Center.

ACP discontinued the ACP Connect app and will no longer be updating it effective February 28, 2025.

**ACT NOW!**  
**Renew your ACP membership today.**



## **UNPAID DUES?**

**Act now and renew your ACP membership today!**

If you haven't already, renew your ACP membership today to regain access to your member-exclusive educational and clinical benefits, valued at over \$6,000! As a valued member of ACP, your success is important to the internal medicine community.

Stay connected with the internal medicine community. Get free subscriptions to Annals of Internal Medicine® and DynaMedex®. You'll also get discounts on ACP MKSAP<sup>SM</sup>, Board Review courses, the annual Internal Medicine Meeting, and more. [If applicable, insert info about an upcoming chapter activity]

Don't let these valuable opportunities slip away—renew now and thrive with us!

Renew your membership today to explore all your member-exclusive benefits.

# 2024 Annual Meeting

**CLAIM CME**

**Meeting Hub - Slides are available**

## Upcoming Virginia ACP Meeting Dates

### **2025 Annual Meeting**

September 26 - 27, 2025

Hilton Short Pump - Richmond

### **ACP Webinars**

#### **Journal Club**

April 17, 2025

7:00 - 7:30pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Other Important Dates

### **ACP Leadership Day**

April 28-29, 2025

Washington, DC

### **MSV Annual Meeting**

October 24 - 26, 2025

Hilton Norfolk The Main

[Meeting Information](#)