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Chapter

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# 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, with a distinguished career in areas of exceptional patient care, medical education, advocacy and/or research who has contributed greatly to improving the health of the women of Virginia.

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)).



**SAVE THE DATE**

## Annual Scientific Meeting

Virginia Chapter ACP  
September 26-27, 2025  
Hilton Richmond  
Hotel & Spa - Short Pump

full day Friday, half day Saturday

11.5 hrs of CME credit  
and MOC points



Registration  
and  
Meeting Hub  
Coming Soon!

## Meeting Highlights

- Substance Use Disorders
- AI in the exam room
- Supplements
- MSK: Hand
- MASLD
- Geriatrics
- Best Papers
- Lipidology
- Aging Skin
- Challenging Gyn Exams
- And more!

# ACP News

## Getting to Know the ABIM Early in Your Career

Event Date:

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:00 - 8:00pm

North Carolina ACP Chapter

Come hear from our voice at the ABIM!

Dr Richard M Wardrop III MD PhD MACP SFHM FAAP is the Chair of the ABIM Internal Medicine Specialty Board and Member of the ABIM Council.

During this 1 hour session, Dr Wardrop will share the benefits of getting to know the ABIM early in your career and be available to answer questions you might have regarding certification and maintenance of certification.

[Register here](#)

**ACP is excited to announce two new books!**

*Decision Making in Perioperative Medicine: Clinical Pearls, 2nd Edition* by Steven L. Cohn and *Teaching and Coaching in the Hospital* by Paul B. Aronowitz and Craig R. Keenan, a new addition to the essential Teaching Medicine series.



[Order your copies!](#)



# **ACP Peer Coaching**

Connect with Your ACP National Peer Coaching Team!

Have Coaching Questions? Interested in learning more about ACP's Physician Peer Coaching Program?

To support members in their professional development and to enhance the value of ACP membership, we launched the member-exclusive Physician Peer Coaching Program in the fall of 2024. This program offers a range of 1:1 and group coaching options to meet career, quality improvement, and well-being needs.

Coaching Subject Matter Expert (SME) Presentations: available both prerecorded and live (more details to come)

Coaching Program Consultation Office Hours: offering dedicated time for Q&A (more details to come)

For any coaching-related questions or support, please reach out to us at [coaching@acponline.org](mailto:coaching@acponline.org).



# 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.

**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

### **2025 Resident and Student Meetings**

September 27, 2025

Hilton Short Pump - Richmond

### **ACP Webinars**

#### **Journal Club**

May 15, 2025

7:00 - 7:30pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Other Important Dates

### **MSV Annual Meeting**

October 24 - 26, 2025

Hilton Norfolk The Main

[Meeting Information](#)

### **IMM 2026**

April 16 - 18, 2026

San Francisco, CA