



Winter and the beginning of spring have been seasons of momentum for the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Physicians. I'm proud to share a few highlights that reflect the dedication, energy, and collaborative spirit of our members and volunteers.

We've officially launched the implementation of our Chapter's strategic plan, setting a clear course for the future and aligning our initiatives with the evolving needs of our members and the internal medicine community. At the same time, planning is in full swing for our Annual Chapter Meeting, which promises to be both educational and inspiring.

This spring also brought national recognition to Wisconsin. We were proudly represented at the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting, where our Doctor's Dilemma team showcased their brilliance, and our poster presenters showcased their incredible work. These moments of academic excellence are a testament to the strength of our community.

Our commitment to advocacy was also front and center as Chapter members traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for our patients and our profession. It was an honor to stand with colleagues from around the country, championing policies that support better care and a stronger health system.

During all this important work, our Madison-area members made time for connection and creativity through a well-attended watercolor workshop, reminding us of all the importance of balance and well-being. Stay tuned for more information about future

workshops!

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers, who continue to work behind the scenes to advance our mission. I am grateful for their efforts.

Thank you for all you do. I look forward to the opportunities ahead!

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Governor, ACP Wisconsin Chapter

Strategic Planning Updates: Building Our Chapter's Future

In November, our chapter embarked on a pivotal strategic planning process aimed at charting a clear and impactful path forward. Guided by collaborative discussions and shared insights, we identified both short- and long-term goals that will shape our priorities and strengthen our chapter's impact in the years ahead.

Short-Term Goals: To establish a strong organizational identity and support our members more effectively, our immediate focus includes:

- Developing a Mission and Vision Statement for the Chapter
- Enhancing Networking and Mentorship Opportunities Across All Career Stages

These foundational efforts will guide our culture, priorities, and member support activities in meaningful and inclusive ways.

Long-Term Goals: Looking ahead, we are committed to advancing a strategic framework that supports growth, sustainability, and advocacy. Our long-term goals include:

- Reviewing and Revising Bylaws and Governing Documents
- Increasing Financial Stability

- Growing Membership
- Enhancing Advocacy Engagement and Ensuring Organizational Stability

Each of these goals reflects our desire to be a more effective, responsive, and resilient organization.

Get Involved: We invite all members to take an active role in this exciting phase of development. If you are interested in helping to implement these goals, please consider joining one of the task forces that will focus on the specific strategies and initiatives aligned with our strategic plan. Your voice and expertise are vital to our success. Whether your strengths lie in governance, outreach, finance, or mentorship, there is a place for you to contribute meaningfully. Please contact Dr. Bipin Thapa, FACP (bthapa@mcw.edu) and Jenni Kilpatrick (jenni@acpwi.org), if you are interested.

A special thanks to Dr. Bipin Thapa, FACP for his leadership throughout the strategic planning process!

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected, and forward-thinking chapter.

Internal Medicine Meeting 2025

I enjoyed catching up with so many of you at the IM Meeting in New Orleans!

A highlight of the meeting was our chapter reception held at the Audubon Aquarium in collaboration with Maine, Massachusetts and Wisconsin. Attendees enjoyed an evening of connection and camaraderie in a truly unique setting.

We were proud to host a dedicated reception for Early Career Physicians, along with Kentucky, Michigan and New Hampshire, providing a welcoming space for networking and mentoring among our rising leaders. This event underscored our commitment to supporting members at every stage of their professional journey.

We were especially honored to see strong participation from Wisconsin early career physicians, residents, medical students, who presented abstracts during the conference. Their research, insights, and innovation remind us that the future of medicine is in excellent hands. Congratulations to the Wisconsin presenters: Mohamed Abdelrahim, Zynab Adewusi, Dr. Stephanie Analytis, Corey Briska, Dr. Chana Bushee, Dr. Aaron Byczynski, Leah Hawksford, Dr. Geethu Jnaneswaran, Philisha Mesidor, Dr. Brian W Quinn, FACP, Ben Rackovan, Dr. Jake Thomas, Sophie Voss, Dr. Daniel Willcockson, Dr. Andrew Wu. A special congratulations to Dr. Analytis, who was an Early Career Physician Vignette Podium Winner.

Leadership Day 2025

Twelve ACP Wisconsin delegates joined 500 ACP members from all 50 states to meet with members of Congress to lobby for vital issues for our patients and profession. We represented and met with Congress members or their staff from all eight Wisconsin congressional districts as well as with the offices of both U.S. Senators. The issues we addressed this year included:

1. Co-sponsor and support H.R. 879, the **Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act**, a bipartisan bill that would stop the 2.83 percent cut in Medicare payments this year while providing a 2 percent increase in payment for the remainder of 2025.
2. **Protect Medicaid Coverage**, by supporting policies that protect Medicaid coverage and ensure access to health care for our most vulnerable patients across the country.
3. **Protect and Invest in Public Health Initiatives, Research, and Health Workforce**, by rejecting arbitrary cuts, reorganization, and consolidation that degrades HHS and its ability to support research and deliver evidence-based public health services. Protect resources already appropriated and awarded and sustain funding for these public health programs in FY 2026, including: \$500 million for AHRQ, \$11.6 billion for the CDC, \$10.5 billion for HRSA, and \$51.3 billion for NIH.



ACP-WI Meet and Greet Dinner at the 2025 Wisconsin Doctor Day - June 3, 2025

All ACP-Wisconsin members are encouraged to participate in this opportunity to speak on behalf of patients and profession with our state legislators!

For all ACP members attending [2025 Doctor Day](#), ACP-WI Health and Public Policy Committee invites you to a Meet and Greet Dinner at 5PM, immediately following the Wisconsin Medical Society reception at Madison's, 2nd Floor, 119 King St., Madison, WI.

Please join us and bring a colleague!

[RSVP Here](#)

ACP-WI Members in the News

Dr. Leila Famouri, FACP testified before the Wisconsin Senate Health Committee on 2/12/25 in support of SB23, which extends Medicaid coverage to 12 months postpartum. **Dr. Evan Keiser** contributed written testimony on behalf of the Wisconsin Chapter.

Dr. Sophie Kramer, FACP and **Dr. Mara Terras, FACP** attended the April 15th Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Meeting, where Dr. Kramer testified in support of SB12. The proposed bill exempts gun safes and other “firearm safety devices” from sales and use tax in Wisconsin.

We are proud of our members who work every day to advocate for their patients!

Keys to a Successful Advocacy Program Webinar

Thursday, June 12th at 6PM

Presented By: Daniel E. Smith and Molly Daniels, AdvocacySmiths

Join us for an engaging webinar that explores the fundamentals of effective advocacy and how to drive meaningful change. Participants will gain a clear understanding of why advocacy matters and what makes an advocacy program successful, including key components and best practices. The session will also cover how to strategically prioritize issues and set clear, achievable goals. Finally, attendees will learn practical strategies to become highly effective advocates - whether influencing policy, mobilizing stakeholders, or shaping public discourse.

A calendar invite will be sent following your completion of this [form](#).

Please reach out to info@acpwi.org with any questions. Thank you.

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting - Book Your Hotel Now

ACP Wisconsin Chapter 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting

More Information About Registration Coming Soon!

September 5-6, 2025

Wilderness Resort and Glacier Canyon Conference Center

45 Hillman Rd.

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Hotel Reservations: ACP-WI has a block of rooms reserved at the Wilderness Resort and Glacier Canyon Conference Center. The deadline to reserve is August 5, 2025.

- **Rates:** Thursday: \$119; Friday: \$139; Saturday: \$139
- **Reserve**
Online: <https://secure.wildernessresort.com/irmng/index.html?resort=05&glr=A16235>
- **Reserve by Phone:** Call 800-867-9453 and reference Group Leader #A16235.

Abstract Submissions: The abstract submission platform will open next week. Deadline for submissions is July 7, 2025.

- **Interested in Judging?** We are in need of judges for posters on Saturday, September 5th. Please email info@acpwi.org, if you are interested. Thank you in advance for supporting the residents and medical students!

Meeting Highlights:

- Scientific Sessions (included with meeting registration) will begin on Friday morning, along with the POCUS Workshop (additional fee). Please plan accordingly to join us for the morning content.
- Well-Being Activities throughout the meeting
- Individual Physician-led Coaching Sessions on Saturday
- Resident and Medical Student Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations
- Resident Doctor's Dilemma
- POCUS Workshop
- Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder
- Pharmacologic Management of Obesity
- Navigating Difficult Conversations
- Deprescribing in the Older Patient
- Review of Perioperative Medicine
- CHF Readmission Mitigation Strategy
- Sepsis Management
- Vaccine Myth Busters
- Storytelling for Advocacy
- Story Slam
- Management of Atrial Fibrillation
- Challenges and Opportunities for Internal Medicine
- Science Behind Inner Well-Being
- How to Mitigate Medical Misinformation

College Representative at 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting – Dr. Isaac Opole: We are pleased to announce that Isaac O. Opole, MBChB, PhD, MACP, ACP Past President, will be joining us for the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting. Dr. Opole served as ACP President from 2024-2025. He is a professor of medicine at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Dr. Opole received his medical degree from the University of Nairobi in Kenya and his doctorate in biological sciences from the University of California, Irvine, and completed his residency at the Kansas University Medical Center.

Please [click here](#) to read Dr. Opole's thoughts on "Our challenge to live, thrive through 'interesting times'".

2025 Narrative Medicine Competition

We invite Wisconsin ACP members of all levels of training to submit a written account of a part of your experience in medicine or other meaningful event. Submissions to Wisconsin ACP's narrative medicine series "In the Life of this Wisconsin Doctor" will be showcased at the Annual Meeting. All accepted submissions will be electronically published on the WI ACP website and chapter meeting brochure and can be listed on the author's CV. Submissions will be judged and prizes awarded.

Deadline for submission for the competition and publication in the meeting booklet is May 31, 2025.

For **essay submissions**, please use this [form](#).

For **poetry submissions**, please use this [form](#).

You can review the previous submissions [here](#).

Well-Being Committee and Narrative Medicine Program Watercolor Workshop

Artist Emily Marie, in collaboration with the ACP-WI Physician Wellbeing and Professional Fulfillment Committee and the Narrative Medicine Program Committee, led a session for ACP-WI members to explore different watercolor techniques to paint orchids.

Their masterpieces will be on display at the Annual Scientific Meeting in September!



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.

Why should you renew?

1. Support Your Wisconsin Chapter: Colleagues from all corners of our great state collaborate to: support the health of our patients; the wellness of healthcare providers; advance necessary legislation; and support the educational mission of our learners. ACP will provide a financial reward to high performing Chapters.
2. Annual Scientific Meeting: Every September our Chapter provides CME opportunities that will update your current knowledge and prepare you for future practice (Yes, a POCUS workshop!).
3. Targeted well-being activities and initiatives, including workshops, webinars, a story slam session and narrative medicine competition.
4. Access to all the other ACP benefits including Annals of Internal Medicine, Dynamedex and many CME options.

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.

I Raise the Rates

I Raise the Rates is a collaborative, data-driven campaign to support patients, physicians, health care teams, systems, and communities in raising adult immunization rates and reducing vaccine preventable diseases. The program seeks to assist internists and other primary care providers in both understanding the immunization rates of their patients and making practice changes that promote immunizations.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Please feel free to reach out to the ACP-WI Office (info@acpwi.org) with any questions.

