

## A Note from the Governor

Happy summer ACP members!

I am thrilled to be writing my first message to you all as Governor. I know I have huge shoes to fill after Dr. Maguire's amazing tenure, and I want to thank her for leaving our Chapter in such great shape. I'll keep this short as there is a lot of information below, but I look forward to reaching out again soon. In the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with me any time at [kaiksow.acp@gmail.com](mailto:kaiksow.acp@gmail.com).

Farah Kaiksow, MD, MPH, FACP  
Governor, ACP Wisconsin Chapter

## ACP-WI 2026 Abstract Writing Webinar - Register Today!

ACP-WI "What You Need to Know to Submit a Poster or Oral Abstract" Webinar - Register Now!

**June 18, 2026, 5:00 - 6:00PM**

**The ACP-WI Council of Resident Fellow Members is hosting an informational session for any residents or students interested in submitting a poster or oral abstract to the upcoming ACP-WI 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting. Faculty leaders will discuss tips for writing an abstract, creating a poster, and developing an oral abstract presentation. There will be a brief presentation highlighting best practices followed by time for a Q&A session.**

Faculty Hosts: **Babajide Adio, DO, FACP; Paul Bergl, MD, FACP; and Pinky Jha, MD, FACP**

To register, please visit [here](#). For any questions, please contact [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org).

## ACP-WI 2026 Abstract Competition - Due July 10, 5:00PM CT

We are now accepting submissions from medical students, internal medicine residents, and subspecialty fellows for poster and oral presentations at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP-WI) scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 18-19, 2026, at the Wilderness Resort & Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells.

**Deadline - July 10, 2026 5:00PM CT**

There is a maximum of 3 authors allowed for both posters and presentations.

Each individual may submit a maximum of 3 abstracts as first author. An individual may be listed as co-author on an unlimited number of submissions.

- Resident/Fellow posters will be on display from 8:00AM-12:00PM on Saturday, September 19.
- Student posters will be on display from 12:30-5:00PM on Saturday, September 19.
- All oral presentations will take place at 3:00-4:50PM of Saturday, September 19.
- Poster and Oral submissions will be made through the ACP National portal. See below for details.
- Notifications regarding the status of abstracts submissions will be sent out at the beginning of August.

New this year! In-person attendance is required to remain eligible for awards and recognition.

**Please review all rules and requirements before submitting your abstract.**

**[Submit your Abstract](#)**

**ACP-WI 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting - Hotel Room Block is Open!**

Book a room at the Wilderness Resort for \$119 per night for Thursday and \$159 per night for Friday & Saturday, 9/17/26 - 9/18/26. The resort phone number is: 800-867-9453. Our Group Reservation number is **#B40427**. Reservations can also be made following the directions found in the attached flyer.

**[Book Online!](#)**

**The deadline to reserve is August 18, 2026.**

**2026 Annual Scientific Meeting Highlights**

We are excited to share several updates and enhancements to this year's Annual Meeting program! Registration will open within the next few weeks.

**Scientific Sessions Begin Friday Morning**

Please note that scientific lectures will begin on **Friday morning**, and there will be **no concurrent workshops**, allowing attendees to fully participate in the educational program without competing sessions.

### Program Highlights & New Topics

This year's meeting features timely and practical updates on:

- Opioid Use Disorder
- Rheumatology Updates
- Perioperative Medicine Updates
- Nephrology Updates
- Artificial Intelligence in Medicine
- Healing at the Speed of Trust: Tactics from a Cultural Lens to Improve Health Outcomes
- How to Fail Well
- ACS Updates: Emerging Role of CT Coronaries
- Transplant Medicine

### Showcase of Future Physicians

Be sure to visit and support our learners on Saturday through:

- Fellow, Resident, and Medical Student Poster Presentations
- Resident and Medical Student Oral Presentations

### Resident Doctor's Dilemma Competition

Grab some pizza for lunch and get ready to cheer on your colleagues and trainees on Saturday during the Doctor's Dilemma competitions!

### Wellness & Community Activities

Take time to recharge and connect with colleagues through our wellness offerings, including:

- Wellness Hike
- Coloring and crafts
- Well-Being BINGO (back by popular demand!)
- Additional wellness-focused activities throughout the meeting

### Advocacy Opportunities

Learn how to engage in health policy and advocacy through:

- Main Stage Session - Advocacy in Action: Practical Ways to Get Involved with Health Policy, presented by Drs. Tony Davis-Maxwell, FACP and Leila Famouri, FACP.
- The Advocacy Corner, featuring:
  - Current health policy issues
  - ACP positions and issue guides
  - Resources to encourage civic engagement and voting

New This Year: **We're introducing an exciting new format for one of our signature events.**

The **George Magnin Awards Program** will now take place during a special **Awards Dinner on Friday evening**, replacing the traditional Saturday luncheon. **Dessert and beverages** will be served at the **Story Slam**, immediately following dinner.

#### College Representative at 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting – Roger Khetan, MD, FACP

We are pleased to announce that Roger Khetan, MD, FACP, will be joining us for the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting! Dr. Khetan is the Past Governor for the ACP Texas Chapter, Past Chair of the ACP Board of Governors, and Regent of the ACP Board of Regents. Dr. Khetan received his medical degree and completed his IM residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston. Join us at the Annual Meeting to hear Dr. Khetan provide an update all college activities, such as advocacy, education and more.

#### 2026 ACP Leadership Day

Submitted By Jennifer Mackinnon, MD, MM, FACP

Eleven ACP Wisconsin delegates joined over 500 ACP members from all over the United States to meet with our members of Congress on vital issues that affect our profession and patients every day.

We met with US Representatives from seven of the eight Wisconsin congressional districts and with both US Senators. Dr. Jennifer Mackinnon led a breakout session with Dr. William Palmer from New Hampshire entitled, "Running for Office at Any Level from School Board to Congress and Why Physician Representation is Now More Important Than Ever." It was a standing room only crowd and very well received. She is newly elected this past April 2026 Election Day as a Supervisor in Ozaukee County and Vice Chair of their Health and Human Services Committee.

The issues we addressed this year included:

**1. Co-Sponsor HR 8163 the Provider Reimbursement Stability Act of 2026** in order

to provide a positive update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to improve access to primary care services and prevent annual across-the-board cuts to physician services.

**2. Co-Sponsor HR 5448/SB 2857 the Protecting Free Vaccines Act** as we strongly believe that vaccines are vital to our nation's ability to mitigate diseases that threaten public health and maintain steadfast in our commitment to promoting evidence-based immunization practices. ACP supports this legislation to safeguard access to vaccines recommended by ACIP in October 2024 so that insurance plans will continue to cover them.

**3. Co-Sponsor HR 2028/SB 942 Protects and Invests in Primary Care and Physician Workforce** whereby medical students and residents face strong headwinds to obtaining a medical education and many do not begin repaying their student loans until they complete their training. Currently, interest on these loans accrues during medical residency which adds significantly to student borrowing. ACP opposes limiting eligibility based on participation in programs like Public Service Loan forgiveness.





Back row from left to right:

Dr. Leila Famouri, FACP; Dr. Dick Dart, MACP (attended countless Leadership Days!); Dr. Abby Bales, FACP; Dr. Noel Deep, MACP; Carson Mahant (Medical Student at MCW); Dr. Sophie Kramer, FACP; Dr. Manlu Liu (UW)

Front row from left to right:

Dr. Keshani Bhushan, FACP; Dr. Ritika Punathil (UW), Dr. Jennifer Mackinnon, FACP; Dr. Natalie Anumolu (Resident at MCW)

### ACP-WI Chapter Policy Statements

We are pleased to introduce a new section on our website dedicated to [Chapter Policy Statements](#). This resource provides members with easy access to the chapter's official positions on important healthcare, public policy, and professional practice issues that impact physicians and patients.

ACP-WI Early Career Physicians Committee - Call For Members!

The Council of Early Career Physicians is seeking new members! We are working on planning a new activity for the 2027 Chapter Meeting as well as some social events throughout the year. If you have graduated from residency in the last 15 years and are interested in getting more involved with the Wisconsin ACP Chapter, please email [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org) with your interest to be added to the meeting invitations.

### Members in the News

We are excited to celebrate Dr. Hari Paudel for his recent award from the MCW-Milwaukee 2026 graduating class! We know him as an outstanding educator and evidence-based clinician, and we are so happy to see him recognized for his hard work!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Hari Paudel, MD

Associate Professor, Medical College of Wisconsin



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Dr. Paudel was honored by the 2026 graduating class of MCW-Milwaukee with the Ernest O. Henschel Clinical Teaching Award - an award presented to the faculty considered to be the most outstanding clinical teacher.

Dr. Paudel is an active member of ACP Wisconsin and co-chairs the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. We are thrilled to celebrate his award and grateful for his service!

If you have a fellow ACP-WI member you'd like to spotlight, send an email to [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org) so we can feature them in a future post.

#### Other ACP Chapter Events

#### **I'm Interested in Doing More Coaching...Now What?**

**June 15, 2026 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ET**

***Hosted by the New York Chapter***

Do you want to unlock the power of a “coach-like” mindset to enhance your professional relationships, improve the patient experience, and change your presence as an educator and leader?

Don't miss Kerri Palamara, MD, MACP, a national physicians coach, as she provides strategies to transform daily interactions into growth opportunities through active

listening and powerful questions. You will leave with a practical toolkit for immediate integration into your work and potential ways forward for further mastery, including a brief overview of ACP's Physician Peer Coaching Program. Click [here](#) to register.

After The Class You Will Know How To:

Demystify Coaching: Distinguish coaching from mentoring or therapy within a medical context.

Empower Daily Practice: Provide actionable techniques to embed coaching into standard physician workflows.

Drive Career Sustainability: Connect coaching skills to long-term professional development and wellness.

Promote ACP Resources: Familiarize participants with official ACP coaching and training pathways.

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For any questions, please contact [ACP-WI Staff](#).

**Attachments:**

**NOTE:** The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

[ACP Annual Scientific Meeting 2026](#)