

Greetings!

ACP Wisconsin has a lot of good news to share and invitations for you to gather with colleagues and friends. Winter can sometimes feel isolating especially when the weather is this cold. Please read on and consider participating with friends and colleagues old and new in one of these opportunities to enhance your wellness and share your stories with others. Make 2026 the year when you tell a colleague that you appreciate them with a nomination for a Chapter Award. See below for details about these Chapter activities and the latest ACP Wisconsin Chapter News.

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Governor, ACP Wisconsin Chapter

Members in the News

Nathan Deep Appointed to ACP National Council of Medical Student

Members Nathan Deep, an M2 student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, has been appointed to the ACP National Council of Medical Students with a term starting in April 2026.

The Council of Medical Student Members is responsible for providing advisement to leadership regarding:

- Promoting internal medicine as a career
- Increasing the value of ACP membership to medical students
- Strengthening chapter and medical school level activities
- Aligning council activities with the College's Strategic Plan

Ritika Punathil Selected for 2026 ACP Health Policy Internship Ritika Punathil, an M4 student at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, has been selected for the [ACP Health Policy Internship](#) in Washington, D.C.

As part of this Health Policy Internship, she will participate in the preparation for the national ACP Leadership Day in May, when ACP leaders from throughout the country meet in D.C. She will be part of organizing programming around health policy and preparing participants for meetings with congressional representatives to discuss ACP policy priorities.

Congratulations to Nathan and Ritika!



Call for 2026 Award Nominations

The ACP-Wisconsin Chapter believes that it is important to recognize and honor distinguished internal medicine physicians and colleagues for their teaching, research, service and leadership accomplishments through our 2026 ACP-Wisconsin Chapter Awards. The Awards Committee requests your assistance in recognizing these individuals. Please refer to the information below for the details of each award and please consider nominating a deserving colleague.

- You may nominate only one candidate for each of the ten awards.
- All nominees must be members of the ACP-Wisconsin Chapter (except for the Legislator of the Year and Advancement of Women's Health Awards). To determine if a person is an ACP-Wisconsin Chapter member, please contact ACP-WI Chapter Staff, Veronica DeMore (info@acpwi.org) or by phone, 414-488-3910.
- **Nominations are due by Monday, April 6th, 2026.** Winners will be notified in June and invited to attend the award presentations at the 2026 ACP-WI Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Please contact Dr. Christie Seibert (cseibert@wisc.edu), ACP-WI Awards Committee Chair, or ACP-WI Chapter Staff, Veronica DeMore (info@acpwi.org) with any questions.

Click [Here](#) to Submit a Nomination

Well-Being Committee Updates

ACP-WI Savoring Stories: A Collection of Recipes and Reflections from Healers

ACP-WI's Well-being and Professional Development Committee and Narrative Medicine

Committee are seeking your favorite recipes and the stories behind these recipes! Any and all flavors of recipes and stories are being sought. Please feel free to submit a picture as it pertains to the recipe and story (this is optional). You can submit more than one recipe and story.

Submitted recipes will be entered into a recipe book available for download and shared at the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Click [here](#) to submit your recipe.

Recipes and stories are due February 28, 2026.

Hike Across Wisconsin

Hike Across Wisconsin is a great way to meet up with friends, family and colleagues while enjoying our Wisconsin Winter. The concurrent events are taking place on February 7th at four locations across the state: Milwaukee, Madison, Stevens Point/Wausau, and Appleton/Green Bay. We encourage you to bring family and non-ACP members. Residents and students are also encouraged to come. Please click [here](#) to register. Details can be found below:

Green Bay/Appleton Area Leader: Dr. Paul Bergl

Hike start time: 9AM

Location: Bubolz Nature Preserve (4815 N. Lynndale Dr., Appleton) with plans to hike the White Cedar Trail

Warm beverages: Copper Rock Coffee location nearby (1835 E. Edgewood, Appleton)

Stevens Point/Wausau Area Leader: Dr. Amalia Lyons

Hike start time: 9AM

Location: Schmeeckle Reserve (2419 N. Point Dr., Stevens Point)

Warm Beverages: Emmy J's Coffee Vault (31 Park Ridge Dr., Stevens Point)

Milwaukee Area Leader: Dr. Marty Muntz

Hike start time: 1PM

Location: [Lapham Peak Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest | Wisconsin DNR](#)

****Cost at this site:** need state park sticker for admission – good reason to sign up and see Wisconsin – [info at this link](#).

Warm beverages: Dr. Muntz's residence (address will be shared onsite)

Madison Area Leader: Dr. Jennifer Woodard

Hike start time: 1PM

Location: Meet at the Mill Creek Parking area, free on Main Street (1724 Main St., Cross Plains). If the lot is full, nearby street parking is available. Plan to hike the Cross

Plains Segment of the Ice Age Trail.
Warm Beverages: Crossroads Coffeehouse (2020 Main St., Cross Plains)

Leadership Day Travel Funding Opportunity
Applications Due Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 5:00PM

Leadership Day is the American College of Physicians (ACP) annual event enabling internal medicine physicians and physicians-in-training from across the country to meet and discuss issues of concern regarding patient care, physician practice, and healthcare system reform with US representatives, senators, and congressional staff.

The Wisconsin Chapter has funding available for Early Career Physician Members, Resident/Fellow Members and Medical Student Members who would like to attend ACP Leadership Day in Washington, DC on May 12-13 as part of the Wisconsin Chapter delegation. There is limited funding and an application process is in place. Applications are due January 29, 2026. All applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the ACP-WI Governor's Council.

For more information, please review the attachment at the bottom of this newsletter. All participants are responsible for coordinating their own registration and travel arrangements. For any other questions, please contact ACP-WI Staff, [Veronica DeMore](#).

Health and Public Policy Committee Updates

Firearm Safety

Your HPPC submitted testimony to the Wisconsin Assembly on State Affairs for a hearing on Jan. 7, 2026, in opposition to AB 609, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in Wisconsin without a permit. The statement emphasized ACP Policy against permit less concealed carry (sometimes called “constitutional carry”), stating:

“The permitting process has appropriately required firearm safety training and withheld permits from individuals . . . convicted of domestic violence or with felony convictions. Permit requirements work. In 2024 alone, 2,000 concealed carry permits were denied and 1,000 more revoked because the applicant could not pass a background check or had violated state or federal laws. . . Research shows that other states that weakened their concealed carry permitting requirements had a 9.5% increase in gun assaults and a 29% higher rate of firearm workplace homicides.”

Climate and Health

An organization that ACP-WI frequently collaborates with, Healthy Climate Wisconsin, will host an advocacy day in Madison on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. ACP members are encouraged to participate. There will be opportunities to learn more about health policy related to the environment as well as to meet with legislators. Click [here](#) to learn more.

ACP Leadership Day, Washington, D.C., May 12-13, 2026

Registration is now open for this two-day event that features advocacy education and opportunities to meet with federal legislators. CME is provided.

We strive to include representatives from each Wisconsin congressional district in our delegation to Leadership Day. Please notify HPPC Chair Dr. Sophie Kramer (drsophiekramer@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending this year.

[Learn More About Leadership Day](#)

Save the Date! Wisconsin Doctor Day, June 25, 2026

ACP-WI is a sponsor of 2026 Doctor Day, and we will have special programming for ACP-WI attendees. Click [here](#) for more information.

Advocates for Internal Medicine

ACP-National is working on all fronts on vital policy issues impacting our patients and profession. Recent efforts include protecting evidence-based vaccine policy; advocating against restrictive IMG visa policies; supporting ACA protections; and supporting sustainable Medicare policy. You can stay informed and support these efforts by joining the [Advocates for Internal Medicine Network](#).

ACP-WI Mentorship Program

The ACP-WI Council of Medical Student Members is excited to announce that they have launched a pilot Mentorship Program!

ACP-WI is composed of physicians and medical students representing diverse identities, experiences, and stages of their medical careers. The mission of our mentorship program is to foster a supportive and collaborative learning environment that

empowers participants to achieve their personal and professional goals. By connecting participants with physicians at all stages of their careers, we aim to cultivate community, leadership, and lifelong learning in the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Purpose: To develop an inclusive mentorship framework that fosters the personal and professional growth of medical students while enabling physicians to engage with and guide the next generation of future physicians.

Goal: To equip members with mentorship tools and skills, facilitate meaningful connections, and strengthen community ties across different levels of training and practice.

Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced mentorship among medical students, residents, and practicing physicians.
- Develop connections between physicians and future-physicians
- Enable mentees and mentors to grow personally and professionally

The Mentorship Program will run from January 2026 to December 2026. We hope to start the process of finding and matching new mentees and mentors for the following year in Fall 2026.

Narrative Medicine Program Committee Updates

2026 Competition

Our Narrative Medicine Competition will return in 2026, with submissions due by May 31, 2026. Interested in participating? Stay tuned for full details.

Survey

We want to support you in creating a strong piece for submission to our competition or another publication. Please complete this survey to help us understand how we can best support your Narrative Medicine goals. Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7MX6NM6>

Next Committee Meeting

We invite you to join us for our next committee meeting on Thursday, February 5th at 6:00PM. Please contact info@acpwi.org to get the meeting link.

2026 ACP Internal Medicine Meeting - Chapter Reception

We invite you to attend the Wisconsin Chapter Reception on Friday, April 17th at 6:00PM, held in collaboration with the Massachusetts and Michigan Chapters. Details can be found below:

ACP Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Michigan Chapters Reception
Friday, April 17th, 2026
6:00PM - 7:30PM

John's Grill
63 Ellis St.
San Francisco, CA 94102

Located a few blocks from the Moscone Center, and a short walk from the Marriott Marquis.

For more information about the 2026 Internal Medicine Meeting, [visit here.](#)

For or 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-WI Leadership Day Chapter Travel Support Application 2026 V2](#)