



Governor's Update

*WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR,
MICHAEL P. IANNETTI, MD, FACP*

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm as we look ahead to—hopefully—some milder weather. I wanted to share a few updates from our chapter and across the College as we move into an active and exciting time.

One opportunity to keep on your radar is the [ACP National Meeting](#) in San Francisco. In addition to outstanding clinical education and engaging speakers, the meeting offers a great chance to connect with colleagues from across the country.

[Leadership Day](#) is another valuable way to become involved with ACP by engaging directly with policymakers on issues affecting internal medicine and patient care at the national level. These conversations matter, and physician voices make a difference. If you are interested in participating or would like additional information, please feel free to reach out.

At the state level, the West Virginia Legislature is currently in session, and our chapter continues to monitor legislation relevant to our profession. We are working closely with the West Virginia State Medical Association and other medical organizations on key issues, including vaccination policy and scope of practice, and I encourage you to stay engaged and informed.

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the West Virginia ACP Annual Scientific Meeting, scheduled for October 22–24 at Stonewall Resort. This remains a highlight of the year, and additional details will be shared in the coming months.

Finally, all eligible members are again invited to consider applying for [Fellowship in the American College of Physicians](#) (FACP). Fellowship recognizes excellence in internal medicine, commitment to lifelong learning, and service to patients and the profession. Our chapter is happy to assist with questions about eligibility or the application process.

Thank you for all you do for your patients and communities. I look forward to staying connected and working together in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Michael Iannetti, MD, FACP
Governor, West Virginia Chapter
American College of Physicians

ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2026 - WV Speaker Announced

Register for ACP's premier internal medicine meeting on April 16-18 in San Francisco, California, and support local members. A variety of learning experiences are available as well as opportunities to network with colleagues around the globe—more than 7,000 internists and subspecialists attend each year. Pre-courses take place prior to the main session, offering intensive 1-2 day sessions on a particular topic.

VALUABLE, TIMELY LEARNING FROM EXPERT FACULTY

Join ACP and your colleagues as we reconvene to meet our personal and professional goals. World-renowned faculty will present important topics and the latest evidenced-based clinical and practice information that invite you to discover new ways to improve your own techniques and patient care.

We're proud to announce this year's featured faculty and speaker from our local West Virginia Chapter:

- ***Laura Davisson, MD, FACP, MPH, DABOM – Case-Based Management of Obesity – 4/16/26 2:45 PM***

To learn more about sessions, or register visit:

[ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting 2026](#)

ACP's Career Connection Virtual Career Fair - March 5, 2026

Respond by:
Thursday, March 5, 2026

Looking to launch or advance your internal medicine career?

We are delighted to announce that you can now register for ACP's Career Connection Virtual Career Fair, where you will be able to connect directly with company recruiters in private, one-on-one conversations.

Your top reasons to attend:

- Registration is effortless and FREE!
- You can attend from your home, office, or school; all you need is an internet-connected device.
- Company profiles and career opportunities can be explored with the click of a button.
- It is an easy way to make valuable connections and broaden your network.

Sign up now using the link below!

[Learn More](#)

Book Club

The **DC Chapter of ACP** invites you to join **Book Club** — a great opportunity to connect with colleagues, reflect together, and grow professionally and personally. Books selected for this year include:

- **March 18, 2026** – *Everything Is Tuberculosis* by Paul Spiegelman & Britt Berrett
- **June 10, 2026** – *Physician Leadership: The 11 Skills Every Doctor Needs to Be an Effective Leader* by Karen J. Nichols
- **September 16, 2026** – *Slow Productivity: The Lost Art of Accomplishment Without Burnout* by Cal Newport
- **December 16, 2026** – *Dopamine Nation: Finding Balance in the Age of Indulgence* by Anna Lembke, MD

[Learn More About Book Club Here](#) and sign up to receive invites to the discussions.

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As Measles Cases Increase, ACP Can Help with Adult Immunization and Medical Misinformation Resources

ACP urges adults to stay up to date on recommended vaccines. Trusted, evidencebased vaccination guidance based on transparent, evidence-based methodologies remain essential for preventing serious, avoidable diseases. [Visit ACP's Adult Immunization Resource Hub for reliable information.](#)

ACP's [Medical Misinformation and Disinformation page](#) also has resources aimed at stopping and preventing the spread of disinformation and misinformation, and vigorously supports the use of science and scientific expertise, based on the best available evidence. The [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases](#), the [Infectious Disease Society of America](#) and [John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#) have resources to help combat misinformation and promote measles vaccination.

ACP Urges Precision in Health Care Terms: Don't Label Physicians Providers

A new ethics paper from ACP, "Physicians Are Not Providers: Names in Health Care Have Ethical Significance," argues that the term "provider" should not be used to describe physicians because the word demeans physicians' ethical responsibility, clinical integrity, and professionalism. The paper was published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

The authors argue that language in healthcare has ethical and practical implications and should uphold the patient-physician relationship, which is fundamental to medical practice. ACP's view is that the words physician and provider are not interchangeable and using them synonymously reflects the increasing commercialization of today's practice environment.

ACP also notes that the term provider is often used to refer to institutions, insurers, and healthcare professionals, conflating impersonal roles with human beings in a way that is not clear to patients. The paper recommends

referring to professionals with varied credentials who care for patients as clinicians or healthcare professionals, not providers.

[Watch the accompanying video to learn more](#)

Driving Change in 2025: ACP's Advocacy on Behalf of Internists and Patients

Check out ACP's 2025 Highlights [graphic flyer](#) to see all that ACP has advocated for this year. From advocating for improved internal medicine and primary care payment—including positive changes reflected in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule—to protecting access to telehealth and supporting physicians and trainees, ACP has been actively advancing policies that strengthen patient care and the profession.

Also highlighted is ACP efforts to protecting public health through vaccine advocacy, issuing evidence-based policies and recommendations, addressing medication shortages, and speaking out on critical federal and state issues that impact practice and patient outcomes.

[Keep up with all of ACP Advocacy's efforts.](#)

Coming Soon: New ACP MKSAPSM Feature Helps Physicians Build Customized Learning Plans Based on ABIM Assessment Results

ACP and ABIM are excited to announce a new collaboration that will allow ACP MKSAPSM subscribers the option to import their most recent ABIM assessment results to their ACP MKSAP account. The new feature can be used by ACP MKSAP subscribers to build a customized ACP MKSAP Learning Plan based on missed ABIM assessment questions or topic areas where they feel they would benefit from additional knowledge. The new feature will launch on February 25, 2026, and will be included at no additional cost for ACP MKSAP subscribers.

[Learn More](#)

