



Governor's Update

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

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. Over the past few months, I've been settling into my role as Governor of the West Virginia Chapter of the ACP, and it has truly been an honor. I've enjoyed connecting with so many of you and gaining a deeper appreciation for the dedicated and talented physicians across our state. I'm excited to invite you to our **West Virginia Chapter ACP Annual Scientific Meeting**, which will be held **October 2–4, 2025, at the beautiful Stonewall Resort**. This meeting is always a highlight of our year, offering a chance to reconnect with colleagues, engage in high-quality educational sessions, and support our trainees through abstract competitions and Doctor's Dilemma. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved with the **West Virginia Chapter** to reach out. Whether you're early in your career or a seasoned physician, there are many ways to contribute—joining a committee, mentoring students or residents, helping plan events, or contributing to advocacy efforts. If you've ever considered getting more involved, now is a great time to do so.

I know many of us are following the **changing landscape of healthcare policy at the national level** with concern. Please know that the **American College of Physicians is actively advocating on behalf of internists**, working to ensure our voices are heard on issues that impact our profession and our patients. At the chapter level, we remain committed to representing West Virginia internists and will continue to advocate for our members throughout the state.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Stonewall in October. Thank you for all that you do to advance our profession and improve the health of our communities.

Warm regards,

Michael Iannetti, MD, FACP

Governor, West Virginia Chapter
American College of Physicians

SAVE THE DATE



2025 WV ACP Scientific Meeting

OCTOBER 2-4, 2025



STONEWALL RESORT

940 Resort Drive
Roanoke, WV 26447



Mark your calendar for October 2–4, 2025, at the beautiful Stonewall Resort! The agenda is coming soon, but in the meantime, go ahead and book your hotel to lock in the room block rate. Stay tuned for more details!

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ACP Guided Fellowship Program

ACP's Guided Fellowship Program provides physicians who have recently completed residency training with an opportunity to achieve election to FACP over a three-year timeline. Throughout the program, participants receive individual guidance and assistance on the best practices to further their professional and leadership development through completion of each pillar.

If you have recently completed residency, now is a great time to learn more about the Guided Fellowship Program!

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New ACP Paper Offers Tips for Effective Collective Advocacy

Physicians are increasingly frustrated with the nation's healthcare system. The erosion of the patient–physician relationship, diminished clinical independence, the mounting burden of administrative tasks, and the growing influence of non-clinicians in the healthcare system have left many physicians disempowered, demoralized, and burned out. As a result, physicians, most of whom are employed by hospitals, health systems, and other organizations, are exploring collective action to enhance their ability to deliver high-quality care to patients, regain control of their profession, and improve their well-being. In this position paper, the American College of Physicians offers recommendations on how physicians can become effective advocates for their patients and their profession through advocacy, the organized medical staff, responsible collective bargaining, and other means.

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Urgent: Protect Medicaid Access

Congress is considering proposals that would significantly cut and restructure Medicaid, jeopardizing coverage for millions of low-income Americans, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Proposed changes include block grants,

per capita caps, work requirements, and reduced federal funding, which could strain state budgets and force cuts to eligibility, benefits, or provider payments. Medicaid covers over 79 million Americans and is jointly funded by states and the federal government. Cuts could lead to widespread loss of coverage, reduced access to care, and closures of rural hospitals.

Take Action: Contact your members of Congress and urge them to oppose any changes that would reduce Medicaid coverage or access to care.

Take Action

New ACP Paper Explores Ethics of Long-Term Care

A new ACP position paper highlights the ethical challenges and systemic flaws in U.S. long-term care, calling for a shift toward patient-centered, equitable, and accountable care. Published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the paper cites inadequate staffing, poor oversight, and profit-driven models as key issues, worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. It urges ethical, evidence-based practices that respect patient dignity, promote equity, and improve transparency and accountability.

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