

Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine Meeting

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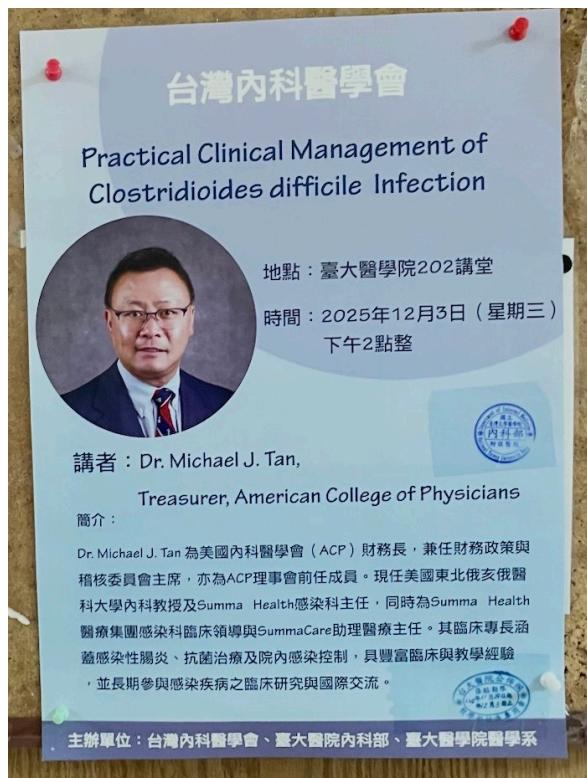
Taipei, Taiwan

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I had the distinct honor of traveling to Taipei, Taiwan, from November 30, 2025, to December 8, 2025, for the Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine (TSIM) Meeting as the representative from the American College of Physicians. The TSIM has a membership of roughly 10,000 physicians, and only a few of them are members of the American College of Physicians. Their annual meeting draws close to 75% of their entire membership.

On Wednesday, December 3, before the TSIM annual meeting, I had the honor and pleasure to present a lecture on *Clostridioides difficile* infection to the National Taiwan University (NTU) College of Medicine's Infectious Disease Division, including staff and trainee physicians.

Postlecture discussion led to comparisons of availability, use, and differences in approaches in evaluation and management between the United States and Taiwan. Dr. Wang-Huei Sheng, immediate past Secretary General of TSIM and an infectious disease physician, led a tour of the NTU hospital and clinic facilities.





Virginia Hood, MD, MACP, past President of ACP and current President of the International Society of Internal Medicine, was also in attendance at the TSIM meeting, and we had the opportunity to jointly tour the Taipei area and attend our respective lectures.



On December 6, the TSIM held their gala dinner in traditional Chinese multicourse, celebratory style, and Dr. Hood and I had the pleasure of dining with the current leaders of the TSIM and the NTU College of Medicine. I had met several members of the TSIM at the Global Forum during ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2025 in New Orleans, including Dr. Sheng, Dr. Ding-Cheng (Derrick) Chan, and Dr. Shan-Chwen Chang (past President of TSIM), and this was a great opportunity to reconnect and learn about our international colleagues. Opening the gala dinner, I was presented a token of appreciation for participation in the conference by Dr. Ming-Shiang Wu, President of the TSIM, and I was honored to reciprocate ACP's recognition of the TSIM meeting.



Whereas most medical training curriculum and patient chart documentation is in English, the bulk of the TSIM conference is presented in Mandarin. International presentations are given in English; Dr. Hood and I had the opportunity to lecture back-to-back on our respective topics on December 7. Interest and participation were strong. Our presentations were followed by a multicourse lunch with the leadership of the TSIM. Although there was much celebration, and accolades were prominent, the lunch was very much a working event, discussing potential aspects of the upcoming World Congress, which Taiwan is hosting in November 2026.



The TSIM is a robust organization that incorporates international guidance into medical practice. They were truly a gracious host and afforded an enriching cultural and educational experience. On nonconference days, we had the opportunity for candid discussions with our guide and hosts about a myriad of topics.

This was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with our international colleagues, appreciate the amazing hospitality of our hosts, and travel and collaborate with our former ACP leadership.

