



MEMBERSHIP for International Physicians



Mission and Goals



The American College of Physicians, founded in 1915

Mission

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

Goals

- I. To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals;
- II. To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists;
- III. To advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession, and our members;
- IV. To serve the professional needs of the membership, support healthy lives for physicians, and advance internal medicine as a career;
- V. To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the education and continuing education of internists, and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public;
- VI. To recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine; and
- VII. To unify the many voices of internal medicine and its subspecialties for the benefit of our patients, our members, and our profession.

Improving the Practice of Internal Medicine

"Members take pride in knowing that ACP's products and services are considered the gold standard of internal medicine."



*Wendy Levinson, MD, FACP Chair,
ACP International Council*

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in joining the American College of Physicians (ACP). Membership in ACP is something to be proud of and an important part of your professional and educational growth.

ACP is the largest medical specialty society in the world with 141,000 members, including over 12,000 members from over 130 countries outside the US—all united in their commitment to the highest degree of professionalism and ethics in the practice of medicine for the benefit of patients in the global community. Members take pride in knowing that ACP's products and services are considered the gold standard of internal medicine. ACP is committed to providing its members with the highest quality clinical content.

Our international activities are growing each year. This year, College representatives will visit approximately 15 countries to speak at various conferences and institutions hosted by national or regional medical societies or international organizations. Through ACP's various international outreach programs, physicians will present on topics requested by the host, and meet with leaders of internal medicine, practicing physicians, residents and medical students.

Thank you for your interest in joining the American College of Physicians.

Sincerely,

Wendy Levinson, MD, FACP
Chair, ACP International Council

Member Categories & Dues

Depending on your professional status, ACP has a membership category that will align with your career path in internal medicine.

- Full Membership for physicians who have been certified in or hold a postgraduate degree in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, or neurology.
- Physician Affiliate membership for post-training physicians holding a current active medical license, who graduated from a medical school listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED), and who are not trained in internal medicine.
- Competitively priced Resident/Fellow membership for residents and fellows-in-training who are preparing for a career in internal medicine.
- Free membership to medical students enrolled in a medical school listed in IMED.

Discounted Membership Dues for International Members

The College offers international members the option of receiving online-only access to journals at a discounted rate.

2015–2016 International Member Dues Rates

(July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016)

Member Class	Professional Status	Print & Online Membership Annual Dues*	Online-only Membership Annual Dues
Member, Fellow	Post-training Internists and Subspecialists	\$295	\$220/\$160/\$110**
Physician Affiliate	Post-training physicians not trained in internal medicine	N/A	\$220/\$160/\$110**
Resident/ Fellows	Residents and fellows-in-training in internal medicine, combined programs, or neurology	N/A	\$49
Medical Student	Medical students pursuing MD or equivalent	N/A	Free

*Canadian residents should include the appropriate GST/HST tax if choosing this option.

**Rate varies per country based on World Bank economic indicators. For dues rates in your country, please visit www.acponline.org/dues. All rates are in US\$.

Temporary transitional rates may apply to certain countries. ACP dues are subject to change annually. New member dues are prorated based on the month that membership begins.

Eligibility and Requirements

Contact ACP at mbrservices@acponline.org to obtain further information on requirements for ACP membership and benefit details.

Full ACP Membership Requirements

1. A degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD), Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), or equivalent.
2. A medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice).
3. At least three years of acceptable training in internal medicine. If this cannot be documented, a letter from the Chair of Medicine at your institution may be submitted.
4. Physicians living in Canada or Japan must be certified in internal medicine.
5. A curriculum vitae that is chronologically complete since graduation from medical school.

If you are not board-certified or do not hold a postgraduate degree in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, or neurology, you must submit:

- A sponsor form or letter on your behalf from a current ACP Master or Fellow or President or Past President of the local internal medicine society (not applicable in Canada or Japan).

Physician Affiliate Membership Requirements

1. Graduated from a medical school listed in the IMED.
2. A medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice).
3. Ineligible for full ACP Membership.

ACP's international Physician Affiliates cannot run for office, vote, or become Fellows of the College.

Resident/Fellow Membership Requirements

Residents and fellows-in-training should provide a letter of support from an ACP Master or Fellow confirming enrollment of the applicant in an internal medicine residency program. Full details on the application process for residents and fellows-in-training may be found at www.acponline.org/intjoin.

Medical Student Membership Requirements

Medical Student Members must be enrolled in medical schools included in the IMED to be considered for ACP membership. Full details on the application process for medical students may be found at www.acponline.org/intjoin.

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

www.acponline.org/intjoin

Membership Highlights



Annals of Internal Medicine, featuring In the Clinic and ACP Journal Club®

Annals, the most widely cited medical specialty journal in the world, delivers review articles, clinical updates, editorials, and a spirited exchange of medical opinion. Your subscription includes print and online access. You can also choose a membership with online-only subscriptions at a lower dues rate (see International Members Dues Rates). In the Clinic is a monthly feature of *Annals*. It focuses on practical management of a common condition offering evidence-based answers to questions about screening, prevention, diagnosis therapy, and patient education.

Update your knowledge on a timely basis with ACP Journal Club. Monthly, Journal Club editors review over 130 leading medical journals and select the best studies and review articles for publication.

www.annals.org

ACP JournalWiseSM

ACP JournalWise is a mobile-friendly website that helps you stay on top of the medical literature from around the world. You set up your preferences by specialty area, and JournalWise alerts you when important new journal articles are reviewed. The mobile format makes it easy for you to check in whenever you have a few minutes for reading. A panel of experts in each specialty reviews over 120 of the world's top medical journals to select the most clinically relevant articles for JournalWise readers. You can't read it all, so we do it for you!

www.journalwise.org

Clinical Recommendations

ACP produces evidence-based Clinical Practice Guidelines, Clinical Guidance Statements, and Best Practice Advice that cover many conditions and incorporate the newest advances in medical technology, testing, and treatment.

www.acponline.org/clinical_information/guidelines

DynaMed PlusTM

ACP has partnered with EBSCO Health to provide ACP members with free access to DynaMed PlusTM. This leading evidence-based, point-of-care tool is a comprehensive resource with overviews and recommendations for more than 750 topics; 2,500 searchable images; and numerous calculators.



ACP Newsletters



ACP International

ACP International is a bi-monthly e-newsletter providing a global perspective on internal medicine news and College membership. www.acponline.org/acpinternational

ACP InternistWeekly

Members can stay up-to-date with this weekly e-newsletter that highlights important breaking news for internists, and the latest in College products, services, and initiatives.

MKSAP®

Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program

The Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program (MKSAP) is the foremost educational program to keep your knowledge up-to-date in all the subspecialties of internal medicine. It provides 1,200 challenging multiple-choice questions, critiques, and key points and is an indispensable resource for clinical reference, preparation for high-stakes exams, and continuing medical education. Available in print and digital formats, you can work on MKSAP online or offline, allowing you to study anywhere, anytime. Members receive a significant discount.

www.acponline.org/mksap17



Meetings and Education

May 5–7, 2016
Washington, DC



ACP Internal Medicine Meeting is the premier scientific meeting in internal medicine.

Distinguished faculty will present over 200 educational sessions in internal medicine and its subspecialties. The program offers a wide variety of learning formats, including interactive, case-based lectures, panel discussions, and hands-on learning. Enjoy countless opportunities to network with the worldwide internal medicine community. Discounted and group rates are available to international members.

im2016.acponline.org

Meeting Recordings

Enjoy Internal Medicine educational programs through audio and video recordings that give you the flexibility to learn throughout the year without having to travel. Internal Medicine 2015 recordings of 160 sessions and 8 pre-courses are available for purchase. Recordings are discounted for members.

www.playbackacp.com

ACP International Chapter Meetings

Join your colleagues at local meetings sponsored by the ACP chapter in your country. The meetings offer members the opportunity to

- Gain insight into recent medical advances;
- Discuss local and national issues affecting the practice and teaching of internal medicine;
- Greet colleagues, meet new friends, and develop a network of physicians in your area.

For questions on chapter meetings in your region, please contact the ACP International Office at internationaloffice@acponline.org or visit www.acponline.org/chapters.

Resident/Fellow Membership

ACP provides resources to support your life as a physician-in-training.



Exciting Benefits for Resident/Fellow Members, including patient care and professionalism!

Resident/Fellow members have reduced-price access to the foundations of internal medicine knowledge. Benefits include:

- Online subscription to *Annals of Internal Medicine*
- Online subscription to ACP Internist
- Access to Clinical Practice Guidelines
- MKSAP®: save up to \$460 off the purchase price
- Opportunity to enhance your CV by participating in ACP's Resident/Fellow Abstract Competition
- Discounted registration for ACP Internal Medicine meeting, May 5-7, 2016 in Washington, DC

Resident/Fellow Abstract Competition

Resident/Fellow membership offers you the opportunity to enhance your curriculum vitae by participating in the Resident/Fellow Abstract Competition. This annual competition provides Resident/Fellow members with the opportunity to share their current research with colleagues, and helps residents meet their scholarly activity requirements. Winners receive complimentary registration to the ACP Internal Medicine meeting in Washington, DC. For more details on the competition and how to submit an abstract, go to

www.acponline.org/abstracts.

ACP Doctor's Dilemma™ Mobile

This free game is a mobile app based on the popular ACP Doctor's Dilemma™ Competition, ACP's national medical jeopardy game held annually at the Internal Medicine meeting. The game is simple to play: earn points with correct answers, lose them with incorrect answers. Each game has 15 questions (3 categories of 5 questions); and a new quiz is added monthly. Doctor's Dilemma mobile is available as an iPhone app or for mobile web browsers.

www.acponline.org/doctorsdilemma

Community

There are currently more than 12,000 ACP international members from over 130 countries around the world.



International Chapters & Collaborations

Through involvement in local and regional chapters and collaborations with existing national societies, ACP members receive additional opportunities that can enhance their career in internal medicine. The chapter structure offers networking opportunities, input into College affairs and policies depending on membership status, and the potential for leadership development.

Current International Chapters

Canada: Alberta, Atlantic Provinces, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec

Latin America: Brazil, Central America, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela

Other International Chapters: Gulf (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates), Japan, India, Saudi Arabia, Southeast Asia (currently, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand)

Fellowship

ACP Fellowship is an honor achieved by physicians recognized by peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship.

FACP® is a title of honor and prestige in the worldwide internal medicine community.

International Council

The 12-member council is the voice of ACP's international members and represents their interests.

How ACP supports Ethics and Professionalism in Medicine

ACP members should be familiar with, and are expected to uphold, the ethics of medicine as exemplified by the standards and traditions of ACP. Ethical complaints against members are reviewed in accordance with the standards as described in ACP's Ethics Manual, which can be downloaded from ACP Online.

www.acponline.org/ethicsmanual

"Medicine recognizes no frontiers. There is a universal appeal to help the sick and the suffering, and physicians are well prepared to professionally assume that task. Collaboration is one of the ethical duties of physicians. ACP has a wealth of resources, publications, and educational materials from which all internists could benefit, no matter where they are located. The problems that internal medicine faces are very similar around the world, and ACP is in a good position to provide a forum where international internists can convene to discuss their problems and solutions."

*Jose A. Rodriguez-Portales, MD, MACP
Santiago, Chile
Former ACP Board of Regents Member*

ACP Pledge

I affirm my belief in the mission
of the American College of Physicians

To preserve and maintain
the highest traditions and precepts
of our professional calling

And I solemnly declare
that I will conform to these ideals
to the utmost of my ability

I therefore reaffirm my dedication
to the practice of medicine

To act always in the best interests
of my patients

To respect the reputation and integrity
of my colleagues

To supplement my own judgment
with the counsel of others
when the occasion requires

To render assistance to my colleagues
in every way

To extend my professional aid
to the unfortunate

To increase my medical knowledge
and understanding by continuing study
by association with physicians
of the highest intellectual and
ethical standards and by the
free exchange of information and
experience with all of my medical colleagues

I hereby pledge to uphold
the ethics of medicine as exemplified
by the standards and traditions of this College



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