

Welcome, Early Career Physicians!

ACP defines an early career physician as a physician within 16 years of medical school graduation who is no longer a medical student, resident, or fellow. Together, early career physicians represent more than 26,000 ACP members practicing across a wide range of specialties, settings, and career paths.

The CECP is the body within ACP charged with representing the interests, perspectives, and needs of early career physicians. Comprised of physician representatives from ACP chapters across the country, the Council serves as a voice for early career members and helps ensure their experiences are reflected in ACP programs, priorities, and initiatives.

The transition from training into independent practice is one of the most formative periods in a physician's career. Early career physicians face unique opportunities and challenges, from establishing clinical expertise and professional identity to navigating leadership development, career transitions, advocacy, well-being, and work-life integration. The CECP works to identify these evolving needs and bring them forward to ACP leadership.

The Council serves as an important link between early career physicians and ACP leadership. Council members contribute to national committees, develop educational programming, advise ACP leadership, and help shape initiatives that support early career physicians. Through these efforts, the Council advocates for the interests of early career members and helps ACP remain responsive to the realities of modern medical practice.

Recent Council initiatives have focused on supporting physicians through key career transitions, fostering professional connections, promoting leadership development, and advancing issues that matter to our members. Examples include [The Sign Out](#), a recent national webinar designed to help residents and fellows successfully transition into attending practice; support of ACP's [Women in Medicine](#) initiative, which promotes professional development, mentorship, and [gender equity](#) in medicine; the annual networking luncheon at ACP's Internal Medicine Meeting that connects early career physicians from across the country; and our semi annual [chapter leader engagement and brainstorming session](#) where we meet with state chapter early career committee leaders to strengthen the connection between national and chapter leaders and foster frontline ACP engagement.

Most importantly, the CECP exists to ensure that early career physicians have a voice within ACP. We are committed to listening to our members, elevating their perspectives, and helping ACP create programs, resources, and opportunities that support physicians throughout the early years of practice.

Thank you for your interest in the [Council of Early Career Physicians](#) and in ACP. We look forward to serving you.

Warm regards,

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