

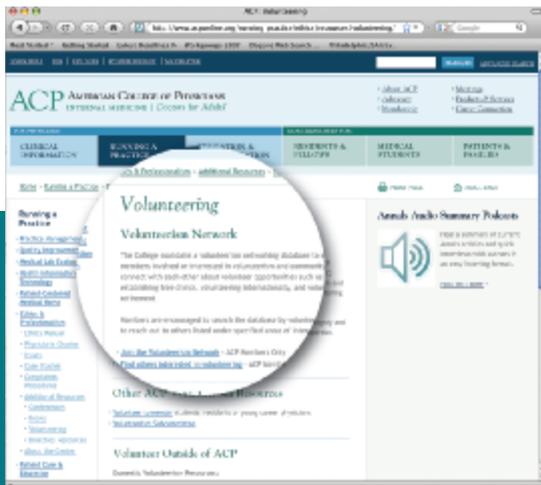
Getting Started

- ACP encourages its members to volunteer as a tenet of medical professionalism. To learn more about the College's principles of medical professionalism, see The Physicians' Charter at: www.acponline.org/running_practice/ethics/physicians_charter/.
- Two-thirds of College members spend time in at least one volunteer activity annually, and we encourage you to do the same. Get started today.

Volunteerism Network

The College maintains a volunteerism networking database that enables ACP members interested in volunteerism and community service to connect with each other via ACP Online. Members are encouraged to join and search the database by category and to reach out to others listed under specific areas of volunteer expertise.

www.acponline.org/volunteerism



Other Ways to Support Volunteerism

- Share opportunities and stories of volunteerism with medical students and residents and with your colleagues.
- Support awards for volunteerism in your ACP Chapter.
- Write about volunteerism in letters to the editor of your local paper or in your chapter newsletter.

For additional copies of this brochure and for questions about medical volunteerism, contact ACP Membership Development at mbrdev@acponline.org or by phone at 1-800-523-1546, ext. 2666.



Give Back: Volunteer

Resources from the
American College of Physicians

ACPSM

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
INTERNAL MEDICINE | *Doctors for Adults*
190 N. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, Pa 19106-1572

“I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy, I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy.”

– Mother Theresa

Opportunities for ACP Members to Volunteer

Within ACP:

- Mentor medical students and physicians in training www.acponline.org/mentoring
- Get involved at the chapter level by volunteering to serve on a local committee www.acponline.org/chapters
- Apply for a seat on the College's Volunteerism Subcommittee www.acponline.org/VSC
- Join the ACP's Volunteerism Network www.acponline.org/volunteerism

Within the United States:

- Contact your county medical association, local Chamber of Commerce, nearby school districts, city recreation centers, or a free clinic or medical center near you www.freeclinicfoundation.com or www.volunteersinmedicine.org
- Review *Diversion* magazine online for a list of domestic volunteer opportunities www.diversion.com/Volunteer.aspx

Within the Worldwide Community:

- ACP sponsors the Internal Medicine Overseas Section of Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), which supports training programs for internal medicine generalists and subspecialists in Cambodia, India, Peru, and Uganda. Projects differ based on the educational needs and technological capacity of the country. www.hvousing.org



ACP Recognizes Volunteerism

National and Local Awards

ACP acknowledges the importance of volunteerism and community service at both national and local levels as part of its commitment to professionalism and universal access to health care.

Nationally, the Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award is given to an ACP member who has initiated or has been involved in volunteer programs or has provided volunteer service post-training. Please refer to the College's Awards and Masterships Booklet online for additional information about this award: www.acponline.org/awards.

Locally, many College chapters have community service awards. Contact your ACP Governor to propose a local award or to nominate a local "hero" for a volunteerism award.

Volunteerism as Criteria for Attaining Fellowship

Community service and volunteer activities are recognized as an important part of professional activities when submitted in support of candidacy for Fellowship. For more information about attaining Fellowship, visit www.acponline.org/facp.



Volunteer Travel, Liability, and Training Resources

Travel and Health Advisories for Medical Volunteers

For the latest travel and health advisories, visit the U.S. State Department at <http://travel.state.gov/travel> or the Centers for Disease Control's Traveler's Health section at www.cdc.gov/travel. For information about financial assistance offered to volunteers in need, visit the Missionary Travel Service at: www.mtstravel.com.



Volunteer Protection Act

The 1997 Volunteer Protection Act provides certain protections against personal liability for physician and non-physician volunteers of non-profit organizations for actions taken in furtherance of the volunteer's responsibilities in that organization. Many states have statutes offering varying degrees of protection for health care professionals who offer care pro bono or under "Good Samaritan" circumstances. To investigate the situation in your state, contact your lawyer or your state or county medical association. Information can also be obtained from state and county bar associations and law libraries and on www.casp.net/menstate.html.

The National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium

The NDLSEC facilitates the sharing of expertise and ideas among private and public stakeholder organizations and distinguished individuals with an interest in disaster preparedness, professional education, and curriculum development. Visit www.ndlsf.org for more information.