THE LAUREATE AWARD
American College of Physicians

The Laureate Award honors those Fellows of the American College of Physicians who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

Awards shall be made at the Annual Regional Meeting. The awardee should accept this recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the personal attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

It is expected that the awardees will be senior physicians and Fellows or Masters for at least 15 to 20 years, with a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine. It is also expected that they will have served their Chapter with distinction as Governor or in some other clearly definable manner. Exceptional circumstances may modify these requirements.

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Friday
June 8, 1990
Callaway Gardens, Georgia
It is with distinct pleasure that the Alabama Chapter honors Fellows and Masters of the American College of Physicians. These physicians are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College, and have upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the American College of Physicians is known.

We salute and honor them on this occasion and we wish them well in the future.

John F. Burnam, MD, FACP
FACP Governor, Alabama Chapter

HENRY M. GEWIN, MD, FACP

The Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents a Laureate Award to Henry M. Gewin, MD, FACP, in recognition of his outstanding career in the practice and teaching of internal medicine in Alabama.

Growing up in Demopolis and Mobile, Dr. Gewin was a 1942 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt and was first in his class at Vanderbilt University Medical School in 1944. After serving in the Army, Dr. Gewin completed his postgraduate training as chief resident and instructor in medicine at Yale University, 1951.

During this period, he did important research work with Dr. Gerald Klatkin on liver disease. When offered a teaching position at Yale, he told Dr. Klatkin, “I am tired of feeding alcohol to rats and want to return to Alabama to take care of sick people.” Dr. Klatkin replied, “I wish I could go with you.”

And thus Alabama fell heir to the talents of Dr. Gewin, who has practiced in Mobile since 1951. He was Board certified early in his career and has been a Fellow of the College since 1963. He has held important civic and medical leadership positions, including being president of the medical staff of his hospital and of the county board of health. Through his practice years, he has been active in teaching in Mobile, a frequent speaker at grand rounds, and a role model for residents.

Dr. Gewin has always been an avid learner and a frequent attendee at continuing education programs and College meetings. Most importantly, he has devoted himself to the care of his patients and has in turn been rewarded with respect and a stimulating and fulfilling career.

STANLEY S. KAHN, MD, FACP

The Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents a Laureate Award to Stanley S. Kahn, MD, FACP, in recognition of his distinguished career.

Dr. Kahn of Birmingham attended the University of Alabama and is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He completed his residency training in New Orleans and at what is now the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham in 1948. He had additional training in metabolism and nutrition at Harvard and the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

From 1950 until 1988, Dr. Kahn was in the private practice of internal medicine and endocrinology in Birmingham. During these years, among other prominent leadership positions, he was president of the Birmingham Society of Internists and of his hospital medical staff. Since January 1989, Dr. Kahn has remained active in teaching in the Department of Medical Education at Birmingham Medical Center-Montclair.

Dr. Kahn is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. He is certified in internal medicine and a Fellow of the College. On two occasions, he has been named the outstanding physician in his hospital. Beyond these accomplishments, however, Dr. Kahn is known for his intelligence, wit, inquisitiveness, teaching ability, and for his devotion and kindness to his patients. His sincerity in such simple matters as physical diagnosis has left an indelible impression on the numerous residents and students who have been privileged to have him as a teacher. He is without doubt a model internist.