

Past Alabama Chapter Laureate Award Winners

1988	Tom Sheehy, MD, FACP
1989	Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, FACP
1990	Henry M. Gewin, MD, FACP
1990	Stanley S. Kahn, MD, FACP
1991	Jack J. Kirschenfeld, MD, FACP
1991	John M. Packard, MD, FACP
1992	John F. Burnum, MD, FACP
1992	S. Richardson Hill, Jr., MD, FACP
1993	Samuel Eichold II, MD, FACP
1993	William W. Winternitz, MD
1994	H. Hamilton Hutchinson, MD, FACP
1994	James A. Pittman, Jr., MD, MACP
1995	Dick D. Briggs, Jr., MD, FACP
1995	Irving A. Koffler, MD, FACP
1996	Alan M. Siegal, MD, FACP
1996	Robert H. Lokey, MD, FACP
1997	J. Claude Bennet, MD, MACP
1997	John McDuffie McGehee, MD, FACP
1998	Wilmer J. Coggins, MD, FACP
1998	Richard H. Esham, MD, FACP
1999	Charles G. Cobbs, MD, FACP
1999	Richard O. Russell, Jr., MD, FACP
2000	John B. Bass, Jr., MD, MACP
2000	Peter W. Morris, MD, FACP
2001	Max Michael III, MD, FACP
2001	Keehn W. Berry, Jr., MD, FACP
2002	William A. Curry, MD, FACP
2002	Arthur L. Ennis, MD, FACP
2003	William E. Dismukes, MD, MACP
2003	Pink L. Folmar, MD, FACP
2004	Paul W. Burleson, MD, FACP
2004	Edwin A. Rutsky, MD, FACP
2005	Ben V. Branscomb, MD, FACP
2005	John M. McMahon, MD, FACP
2006	Roy F. Roddam, MD, FACP
2006	Frank D. Sutton, Jr., MD, FACP
2007	James R. Bonner, MD, FACP
2007	Stephen Alvin Davis, MD, FACP
2008	Dennis G. Delgado, MD, FACP
2008	Billy Willard Boyd, MD, FACP
2009	Wickliffe J. Many, Jr., MD, FACP
2009	Robert M. Centor, MD, FACP
2010	Maryella D. Sirmon, MD, FACP
2011	Gustavo Heudebert, MD, FACP
2012	William J. Koopman, MD, MACP
2013	Ross Vaughn, MD, FACP
2014	Anupam Agarwal, MD
2015	Lourdes C. Corman, MD, FACP, FACR
2016	Charles Seth Landefeld, MD, FACP



2017 Alabama Chapter Laureate Award Mike Soppet, MD



It is with distinct pleasure that the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Physicians presents the 2017 Laureate Award to Charles Michael Soppet, MD, FACP, a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College who has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

Dr. Mike Soppet received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1973, and obtained his MD from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham in 1976. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Carraway Methodist Medical Center in 1979. Dr. Soppet served in the United States Air Force in Montgomery from August 1979 to June 1982, serving as Chief of Medicine for over a year. He entered private practice with Selma Internal Medicine Associates, P.C., in 1982, practicing there until March 2003 when he moved to Dothan to join Internal Medicine Associates of Dothan, P.A. Dr. Soppet retired in January 2016 and since that time has been working in a state program for indigent immunizations.

During his time in Selma, Dr. Soppet served as Chief of Staff and as a member of both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors at Vaughan Regional Medical Center, as well as Chair/Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Vaughan Foundation. Dr. Soppet served as Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at Flowers Hospital from 2004 to 2015 and as a member of its CME and Morbidity & Mortality Committees.

In 2008, Dr. Soppet advanced to Fellow in the American College of Physicians and served on the Alabama Chapter's Board of Directors from 2008 to 2014. Incredibly, he has attended ACP's annual session each spring from 2005 to 2017, making presentations in 2010 (Building a Patient-Centered Medical Home), 2012 (The Wesley Eisle Memorial Lecture: THE PCMH: Beyond the Blueprint), 2014 (Small Practice Survival Strategies 2014), 2015 (Small Practice Strategies for Reducing the Complexities of Today's World) and 2017 (Implementing Revenue-Positive and Timesaving Adult Immunization in Your Practice & Champions Training for Quality Improvement). He has also presented at the Houston County Medical Society and other ACP state Chapter meetings.

Additionally, Dr. Soppet has served on the ACP Medical Practice Quality Committee since 2012. He also spearheaded the Patient-Centered Medical Home project in Alabama with fellow internists Ross Vaughn, Cal Dodson, and Bill Curry. His internal medical group in Dothan was the first internal medicine group in Alabama to be NCQA-certified as a PCMH.

When reviewing the immunization rate for his patients and finding the rate less than desirable, Dr. Soppet designated a nurse in his practice to be dedicated to chart review and patient notification to ensure up-to-date vaccination, finding this to be cost-effective. He has served as a valuable member of the ACP Immunization Technical Advisory Committee since 2014 and represented ACP in 2015 on the ACP-APA Immunization Neighborhood Working Group. He currently serves as Alabama State Chairman of the ACP Quality Connect "I Raise the Rates" for adult vaccination and last year participated in ACP seminars for immunization policy in New Jersey and Florida.

Dr. Soppet and his wife, Cindy, have been married since 1979 and have one daughter who is an attorney in Washington, DC. He enjoys golf, reading, and writing.

We salute Dr. Soppet for his many accomplishments and devotion to ACP activities.