The American College of Physicians

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The College and You
OBJECTIVES

- Brief overview of the College
- Focus on issues of interest
- Questions
ACP Mission

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

To be the recognized leader in quality patient care, advocacy, education and enhancing career satisfaction for internal medicine and its subspecialties
ACP Core Values

**Leadership**
We provide guidance and inspiration through education, information, policy development, and advocacy for patients.

**Excellence**
We set and maintain the highest ethical and professional standards for ourselves and our programs.

**Respect**
We embrace the dignity and uniqueness of every human being.

**Compassion**
We are sensitive and empathetic to the needs of others.

**Professionalism**
We work with expertise, commitment, and diligence, serving others before ourselves.

**Responsibility**
We maintain healthy personal and professional lives to most effectively serve our patients.
159,000 Members Strong

Leveraging the collective voice of our community to create a better place for our patients, our profession and ourselves, through medical education, practice transformation, advocacy, and engagement.

How ACP Defines Internal Medicine
Internists apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness.

- Established in 1915
- A diverse global community of internists united by a commitment to excellence
- Includes internists, internal medicine subspecialists, residents and fellows in training, and medical students
ACP: A Global Community

- More than 16,000 ACP members reside outside the United States

- International chapters: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Central America, Chile, Colombia, India, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Southeast Asia, and Venezuela
ACP Member Trends

ACP Member Type

- IM Subspecialist: 25.8%
- IM Specialist: 49.0%
- Hospitalist: 25.1%

Practice Ownership

- One or more physicians: 22.9%
- Hospital/Health Care System/Academic Medical Center: 58.1%
- Government (Veterans Health Administration / Veterans Affairs, military or federal government, city/county/state government): 7.1%
- Other (private industry, community health center, HMO, insurance company, urgent care facility): 11.6%

Source: 2019 ACP Member Survey
# ACP’s Priority Themes

## INNOVATION

- Use nimble, creative and unique approaches to identifying, responding to, and meeting member needs.

## ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION

- Engage members in local, regional, and national College activities across their career, welcoming and hearing all voices, and demonstrating ACP’s relevance and connection to what’s important to them.

## COMMUNICATION

- Convey ACP’s broad mission, activities and value to members, the greater community of IM, and other stakeholders using leading-edge modalities, platforms and technologies.

## IDENTITY

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Miscommunication...

So ... it turns out Billy is failing math because someone at home keeps telling him forty is the new thirty.
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ACP’s Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction Initiative

Fostering Local Communities of Well-being
Trained ACP Well-being Champions supporting their ACP chapter members, practices, and organizations in combating burnout.

Advocating for Systems Changes
Policy recommendations through ACP’s Patients Before Paperwork initiative that call for simplifying, streamlining, and reducing excessive administrative tasks that detract from patient care and contribute to physician burnout.

Improving the Practice and Organizational Environment
Providing ACP members with high quality information, resources, tools, and support to help their practices thrive in the growing value-based payment environment.

Promoting Individual Well-being
Offering online resources and educational courses at ACP’s Internal Medicine Meeting and chapter meetings to help ACP members manage issues related to well-being and satisfaction.

acponline.org/physician-well-being
At the Pediatrician’s Office: Where’s My Doctor?

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Patients Before Paperwork Initiative

What is Patients before Paperwork?
ACP's Patients Before Paperwork initiative's goal is to reinvigorate the patient-physician relationship by reducing administrative complexities and eliminating unessential tasks that detract from patient care and contribute to physician burnout.

Policy Development
ACP policies provide a cohesive framework for identifying and evaluating administrative tasks, and offer detailed recommendations to analyze administrative tasks to determine whether they need to be challenged, revised, or eliminated entirely.

Tools You Can Use
Resources and tools help physicians put ACP's policies into practice. They include resources that assess practice efficiencies and resources on physician well-being and professional satisfaction.

Collaborating with Stakeholders
ACP engages with key regulatory agencies and stakeholders to help streamline regulations imposed by insurers, federal regulators and other external entities to reduce administrative burdens for physicians.

Advocating for Internists
ACP has long identified reducing administrative complexities or burdens as a priority. ACP works to advocate for changes in our health care system that simplify excessive administrative burdens that put a strain on physicians and patient care.

acponline.org/patientsbeforepaperwork
Improving Physician Satisfaction and Patient Outcomes by Reducing Unnecessary Burdens

Unnecessary burdens lead to limited time with patients, too much paperwork, and work/life imbalance.

ACP addresses these issues by:

- Seeking improvement to systems and documentation requirements
- Identifying and prioritizing burdensome administrative tasks
- Assessing tasks for impact on outcomes
- Developing policy recommendations to enact change
- Engaging in ongoing outreach and stakeholder engagement
ACP released the Seventh Edition of *ACP Ethics Manual* with new and expanded sections this year

Position paper “Physician Impairment and Rehabilitation: Reintegration into Medical Practice” discusses the professional duties and principles for responding to physician impairment was released

“Issues in Delivering Patient-Centered End-of-Life Care and Responding to a Request for Physician-Assisted Suicide” toolkit released

[acponline.org/ethics](http://acponline.org/ethics)
Advocating for affordable access to quality care and important public health issues

- Opioids Epidemic
- Prescription Drug Pricing
- Immigration
- Climate change
- Firearms safety
ACP Firearms Policy Sparks Movement
#ThisIsOurLane

In response to ACP policy recommendations in 2018 on reducing firearm-related injuries and deaths published in *Annals*, the NRA tweeted physicians should “stay in their lane.” ACP and physicians were quick to respond...
ACP is pleased that ABIM is taking initial steps to develop a continuing certification option that will support lifelong learning by emphasizing education, feedback and the convenience of being self-paced.

ABIM’s plans to develop a longitudinal assessment as an option in addition to their point-in-time examinations align with recommendations put forth by the American Board of Medical Specialties’ Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission and with ACP’s comments submitted to the Commission.

ACP is committed to ongoing professional development and lifelong learning and to representing our members’ needs for continuing certification programs consistent with our professional accountability principles.

We look forward to supporting ABIM in developing options that emphasize learning, offer flexibility and choice, and that meet the needs of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists as well as the patients they serve.

For more detailed information, visit https://www.acponline.org/cme-moc/moc/learn-more-about-moc/acps-role-professional-accountability
“Better is possible. It does not take genius. It takes diligence. It takes moral clarity. It takes ingenuity. And above all, it *takes a willingness to try.*”

Atul Gawande
Longevity and Zip Code
Tribute to Dr. Clark Fincher

Is healthcare a right?
Show Your IM Pride

acponline.org/IM Proud

Let the world know that you’re proud be an internist. Use the #IM Proud hashtag and tag ACP with @ACPInternists on social media.
Thank you . . .

...for your continued support of ACP and your commitment to internal medicine.