Hello ACP Colleagues – the days are getting shorter and we are getting closer to our Annual Chapter Meeting!

I hope you are planning to join us on Friday, October 31 at the Aqua Turf Club. We have a great day of CME planned including a Lipid Guideline Update, Dermatology for the Internist, Anticoagulant Management in the Perioperative Period, and an Update on Community and Hospital Acquired Pneumonias; there is also a Choosing Wisely theme session, as well as our annual SEP Module, which will help you meet the first of the new MOC requirements.

How does the SEP module work? First, you must enroll in MOC through the ABIM website. We will be offering the 2014 Update in Geriatric Medicine module. Sign up for that module. Attend our meeting, where our faculty will review the questions in an interactive format. Then, after the meeting, return to the ABIM website and submit the answers. The new MOC requirements stipulate that you complete any activity before December 31, 2015 – this can be that activity!

By the way, in case you missed it, thanks to the work of ACP and other subspecialty organizations, ABIM announced that they “agreed that the current language used for reporting whether or not ABIM Board Certified physicians are meeting requirements in ABIM’s new MOC program is causing legitimate confusion. These physicians are encouraged but not required to participate in MOC for those certifications.” As a result, ABIM “is exploring what changes to the reporting language can be made…..” Stay tuned for more progress on this front.

ACP Leadership Academy

The ACP Leadership Academy provides early career internists with the skills and knowledge necessary to become leaders in medicine.

The program includes formal live and online courses offered in partnership with the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE), the nation's largest leadership training organization for physician leaders. Online courses are offered as self-study or faculty led and includes topics such as strategic thinking, financial decision-making, managing physician performance, marketing, ethics, quality management and more.

All courses are eligible for CME credit through the ACPE. They were selected to provide episodic leadership training for members who want to brush up on a specific content area or to earn credits toward the Certified Physician Executive (CPE), a nationally recognized leadership certificate from the ACPE. Credits may also roll into an advanced degree program from selected accredited universities. ACP members receive a 15% discount on approved courses.

In addition, the ACP Leadership Academy is currently accepting registrations for a series of FREE (non-CME) webinars on a variety of leadership topics. Topics currently scheduled include “Core Tenets of Leadership” on October 21, 2014, “Topics in Hospital Medicine: Team-Based Leadership” on December 2, 2014 and “Personal Financial Planning for Physicians” on March 17, 2015.

To learn more about the ACP Leadership Academy and to register for the free webinars visit www.acponline.org/lead. If you have questions, please email lead@acponline.org.

Best regards and see you at the Chapter Meeting!
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