From the desk of the former Governor

As I completed my four-year term as CT Chapter Governor at the ACP’s annual Internal Medicine 2013 meeting in San Francisco, I was reminded once again of the wonderful physician community to which we belong as internists. Over several days I saw many individuals running into colleagues in the halls who had not been seen in years (frequently since residency training), re-kindle old friendships, or walking out of educational sessions comparing memorable “take home points”. At these meetings, one can truly feel in the air the yearning within our internist colleagues to learn more and be better doctors. It is a characteristic of internal medicine which continues to make me proud of my chosen profession and to be impressed by my colleagues. The depth and sophistication of questions posed to speakers is quite impressive, and the quality of the educational sessions continues to be at the highest level.

The meeting opened with a rousing keynote talk from Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel focusing on how controlling health care spending is the central long-term fiscal challenge to our country, and on that basis, “Doctors, more than anyone else, will determine the future of the United States.” Sweeping statement, to be sure, but the fiscal evidence is compelling. To get a handle on the health care spending and the widely recognized inefficiencies and overutilization of many tests and treatments, doctors must play the critical role in delivery system transformation, which requires the following 6 elements: cost-value focus, patient focus, clinical teams, delivery organizations or systems, process standardization, & price and quality transparency.

Yes, change is coming (or has arrived), and I have touched on many of these issues in my columns over the past several years. The ACP remains very involved with system change and how to help our physicians navigate the complicated world of regulatory developments. Take a look at the recently redesigned “Medical Practice Management Resources” section of the website http://www.acponline.org/running_practice/

The advocacy and public policy section has also been redesigned. Please take a look.

http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/ I am frequently asked what the College thinks about some issues or what the College has recently done/said on an issue, and all that information is

From the desk of the Incoming Governor

Robert J. Nardino, MD, FACP

I am anticipating the next four years as your Chapter Governor. I am proud to be involved with the American College of Physicians. It is a first-rate organization that lives up to its mission: “To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.” Furthermore, this is an exciting time in medicine and we have an opportunity to lead change.

Preceding Internal Medicine 2013, I had the opportunity to attend the Board of Governors meeting. One of the most helpful sessions for me was one given by Bob Doherty, ACP’s Senior VP for Governmental Affairs and Public Policy, talking about what to expect in health reform over the next 5 years. He covered a number of important issues, including how Medicaid expansion is a good deal for states, how benchmark plans in the state insurance exchanges will be developed, and the surprising news that health care costs went up by the smallest amount since 1998. He also emphasized ACP’s aim to reduce barriers to the patient-physician relationship, one of the major components of the College’s State of Nation’s Health Care 2013 report: http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/advocacy_in_action/state_of_the_nations_healthcare/index.html

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Patient – Centered Medical Neighborhood Demonstration Project in Danbury Region

by Dino Messina M.D., PhD, FACP &
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Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries in 16 health care systems across the United States have begun participation in a Patient-Centered Medical Neighborhood (PCMN) demonstration project. Western Connecticut Health System (formerly known as Danbury Hospital) is one of these participants. An executive summary is provided below:

“The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced last year that it would award up to $1 billion to Health Care Innovation Challenge grant applicants to implement the most compelling new ideas for delivering better health, improving care and lowering costs to individuals enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), particularly those with the highest health care needs. CMS has awarded one of these sought-after Health Innovation Challenge Awards to a collaborative partnership consisting of TransforMED, a not-for-profit subsidiary of the American Academy of Family Physicians; VHA Inc., the national health care network; and Phytel, Inc., a population health management technology company, to expand the concept of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) into the Patient-Centered Medical Neighborhood (PCMN) and connect acute-care hospitals with primary, specialty and subspecialty practices to drive better quality and a superior patient experience at a more affordable cost. The initiative will advance proven methodologies and solutions to build an efficient, coordinated network of health care delivery across communities and health care organizations in Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. The goal of the three-year project is to help transform 16 diverse communities across the nation into high-performing PCMs. The success of this initiative will help build an efficient, coordinated health care delivery network with a strong primary care base that will engage patients and coordinate care across the continuum to consistently deliver high quality care at a lower cost.”

The collaborative partners will utilize their individual expertise to model community cooperation. The effort would be directed towards creation of seamless and integrated care delivery by implementation of proven PCMH technology systems. Primary care practices would strive towards a new model of teamwork, where individuals work at the top of their respective licenses. Staff members will receive training to become local quality improvement and practice transformation experts. Health outcomes, cost of care and patient satisfaction will be evaluated. Best practice outcomes would serve as blueprints to help newer organizations duplicate their successes.

The effort is a three year plan divided into two phases. Phase one encompasses the first 2 years of medical home building, analytical support, consultative assistance and creation of quality management processes and intense training of staff. Implementation of the infrastructure will ensue with regularly held community-wide meetings and development of patient outreach with engagement of patient populations. Phase 2 will allow for expansion of the PCMH infrastructure to new practice sites with leveraging of the “Practice Coaches” trained during phase 1. The Learning Collaboratives developed previously will be rolled out to assist newly selected practices in their PCMH transformation with continued support mechanisms in place. Phytel’s technological expertise will be used to cull data, establish registries and engage practices to create new management models. TransforMED will leverage its practice transformation methodologies to provide coaching and action planning. VHA will provide extensive support in developing ambulatory care strategies between hospitals and physicians to support the PCMH transformation process to improve care and lower cost.

From the former Governor’s desk

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From the Incoming Governor's desk

We also heard from Abraham Verghese, the physician-author (“Cutting for Stone”, “My Own Country”) who has made a plea for the preservation of the bedside evaluation. As an educator, this is something that is important to me. For more on the efforts of Dr. Verghese and his colleagues, see the Stanford Medicine 25: http://stanfordmedicine25.stanford.edu/

It was wonderful to attend Convocation at Internal Medicine 2013; it was my first time marching with the CT delegation since induction to fellowship in 2001 and one cannot help but be impressed by the pomp and circumstance of the event. We were very pleased to be joined by Fellows Olumuyiwa Adeboye of Stratford, Jeffrey Kagan of Newington, Dino Messina of Danbury, Aurora Miller of Stamford, Aparna Oltikar of Litchfield, Julie Rosenbaum of Fairfield, and Lily Singhaviranon of Cheshire. We hope to have a great showing of new fellows at Internal Medicine 2014 in Orlando.

Perhaps the greatest highlight of the meeting was when Rajany Dy, a PGY2 resident in my own program at Yale-New Haven (Saint Raphael), won the prize for most outstanding clinical vignette poster. The abstract was entitled: “The Diverse Facets of IgG4-Related Disease”. She was mentored by 2004 Thornton Award winner Stephen Atlas. Congratulations!

I want to thank Robert McLean, our outgoing Governor, for his leadership over the past four years. The ACP is fortunate that he will continue to contribute at the highest level as a member of the Board of Regents. I look forward to working with you, the members of the Connecticut Chapter, over these next four years!
Affordable Care Act Mandates Medicaid Pay Parity with Medicare

One of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) aims to increase access by adjusting payments to primary care physicians. According to the timeline on the website Medicaid.gov: “As Medicaid programs and providers prepare to cover more patients in 2013, the ACA requires states to pay primary care physicians no less than 100 percent of Medicare payment rates in 2013 and 2014 for primary care services. The increase above current payment levels is fully funded by the federal government.” This provision is in effect regardless of whether or not states elect to participate in the Medicaid expansion. For physicians who completed attestation in Connecticut before March 31, the increased rates are retroactive to January 1, 2013. However, you may still attest now and collect the increased rates going forward. Internal medicine subspecialists are eligible for these increased payments as long as 60% or more of their claims are for inclusive Evaluation and Management codes (the regulation specifies E&M codes 99201 through 99499 and vaccine administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473, or their successor codes). ACP’s analysis of the rule can be found here: http://www.acponline.org/acp_policy/policies/medicaid_parity_physician_payment_chip_2012.pdf

Chapter Excellence Award

I am pleased to announce that our chapter is in receipt of the 2012 Chapter Excellence Award! The award recognizes chapters which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet all basic criteria and seven optional criteria. Criteria include such activities as formulating an effective Governor’s Council and committees, communicating frequently with membership, providing educational opportunities, recruiting and advancing members and celebrating membership through local awards. We would like to extend a special thanks to those chapter members who assisted me in all of these endeavors! For their hard work and dedication, we received this award.

ACP Awards:
Nominate your Heroes, Mentors and Colleagues

The Awards Committee of our chapter invites your help in recognizing the accomplishments of distinguished individuals and organizations through the Chapter’s and the College’s awards and Masterships. Nominations are open for the next awards cycle, which will culminate with the Chapter’s presentation of the Laureate Award, Volunteerism & Community Service Award, and the George Thornton Teaching Award. As well, the College bestows a multitude of national awards and Masterships during the Convocation ceremony at Internal Medicine, the ACP’s national meeting. These awards recognize outstanding contributions in the practice of medicine, teaching, research, public service, leadership, and medical volunteerism. If you have nominations for any of these awards, please contact our Executive Secretary Nancy Sullivan ctacp@comcast.net to initiate the consideration process.

Welcome to New Members!

Congratulations to those Connecticut physicians who joined ACP in the past 6 months:

Charles Bruce-Tagoe, MBChB – Stratford
Kiranmaiyi Dommalapati, MBBS – Ellington
Nana Sarkoah Fenny, MD – Ellington
Maximilian Gomez Trochez, MD – Watertown
Ella Gupta, DO – Enfield
Devika N Jajoo, MD – Woodbridge
Jennifer G Jose, MD – Darien
Joshua Joseph, MD – Guilford
Ronald P Josephson, MD – Simsbury
Nana Esi N Kittah, MD – Stratford
Moe T Kyaw, MD – North Haven
Fraser Lawrence, MD – New Haven
Sanjay Malhotra, MD – Waterford
Elodie L Nosiele, MD – Cheshire
Anna Pankratov, MD – Stamford
Diana L Sewell, MD – Norwalk
Asha K Shah, MD – Stamford

Welcome to New Fellows!

Congratulations to those Connecticut physicians elected to ACP Fellowship in the past 6 months:

Henry Anyimadu, MD FACP – Shelton
John A Foley, MD FACP – Norwich
B M Pampana Gowd, MD MRCP FACP – Glastonbury
Leora Idit Horwitz, MD FACP – Greenwich
Richard D Kayne, MD FACP – Cheshire
Trini A Mathew, MD MPH FACP – Farmington
Dino A Messina, MD FACP – Danbury
Aurora O Miller, MD FACP – Stamford
Jewel M Mullen, MD FACP – Middlefield
Aparna B Oltikar, MD FACP – Litchfield
Mohammad M Rahman, MD FACP – South Windsor
Patrick A Robinson, MD FACP – Brookfield
Lily Singhaviranon, MBBS FACP – Cheshire
COA to CRFM: New Look, Same Great Taste!

by Ali Khan, M.D., MPP — PGY-3, Yale-New Haven Hospital

Hello from your Connecticut and national Council of Associates - or, the Council of Resident and Fellow Members!

Confused? Don’t just allow me to explain.

As I write to you in the warm afterglow of a week in San Francisco at the ACP’s Internal Medicine 2013 meeting, I remain amazed by the breadth and depth of the work that our internists-in-training - be they residents, fellows or freshly minted attendings - execute on a daily basis. Be it substantive efforts to realign the practice of medicine around the basis of value, groundbreaking research at the bench and the bedside (including the National Abstract Award-winning submission by the YNHH-HSR residency program!), or incredible feats of intellectual strength in our Doctor's Dilemma competition (hat tip to our incredible UConn trainees), my fellow internal medicine trainees make their impact felt. That work is critical to the future of American medicine - and, if we’re lucky, will help to transform it for the better.

In that vein, we’ve refined our name to better reflect the role we play in the ACP. As the physicians who work at medicine’s front lines, the unique perspective we hold is vital in determining the path forward for our profession - and our new name helps to clarify that perspective for those who work outside the internal medicine family.

To leave you with news of our name change alone, however, would do an incredible disservice to the efforts of my colleagues, both in Connecticut and on the national level. Over the past few months, the National CRFM has led the ACP’s charge toward a health care delivery system that prioritizes patients through High Value Care. Following a national roll out of the High Value Care curriculum for residents, trainees across the nation (and in several Connecticut training programs) have engaged in the debate over how best to ensure that our patients receive care of the highest value.

The paradigm shift we seek to effect is significant - for to move away from a mindset that rewards test overuse and high volume is admittedly difficult in our current health care system. What we in the ACP offer, then, is a moral and professional case for methodical, deliberate practice - the kind that orders tests sensibly given pretest probabilities and prioritizes interventions that will impact future management. High value care, then, is more than just cost consciousness - it is the epitome of the intelligent, evidence-driven and patient-centered health care that we interns do best.

In the months to come, we’ll be rolling out two national initiatives with local impact: the High Value Care Champions and the HVC Innovation Challenge, which dovetail to engage physicians in the principles of value in health care delivery and simultaneously foster creativity and innovation in health improvement. Look for more on this - and upcoming Abstract competitions in High Value Care - in the weeks ahead!

The council's other major initiative this year: to continue to do what we already do well (including intellectual advancement via the Doctor's Dilemma competition, board preparation via the MKSAP package and promotion of scientific discovery through the State and National Abstract competitions) while further defining the ACP’s unique contributions to our members’ everyday lives (through the expansion of burgeoning leadership development programs). Our goal: to become both the professional and leadership home for all internists, whether specialists or subspecialists - and I’m confident that we will succeed.

Our new name aside, then, your Council of Resident and Fellow Members will continue to do what we do best: represent the voices of thousands of trainees across our College - and advance the practice of internal medicine through the innovative, frontier work that we help to lead.

As a new year beckons, I’m thrilled to work here in Connecticut and as the National CRFM’s Chair-Elect - and I’ll be joining an impressive crew of Connecticut-native ACP leaders, including our burgeoning State Council of Residents and Fellows, the Council of Early Career Physicians Rebecca Andrews (UCorn) and the Council of Student Members’ new chair, Hao Feng (Yale)! As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me ali. khan@yale.edu with any questions, comments or ideas for how, together, we can work to advance our profession and our society.

Council of Early Career Physicians

By Rebecca Andrews, MD, FACP

It’s official! The Council of Young Physicians has a new name. Sparked from members that thought the descriptor “young” could be misleading, the national council of young physicians began the process of changing the name permanently. The new name, Council of Early Career Physicians or CECP for short, took hold at the annual scientific meeting for the ACP in San Francisco last month.

Since change begets more change and all change is an opportunity for improvement, we are also pleased to announce that local leadership is changing hands. Jeanette Tetrault, the co-chair for the southern half of the state, is being succeeded by Doug Olson who is eager to begin his role. Jeanette and I have served as co-chairs over the last six years so it is fitting that I pass the baton at the same time to Marilyn Katz. The co-chair system has served our state well allowing for more local events that are easier to attend after work, but encouraging networking throughout the state. Jeanette and I are confident in the new leadership and are looking forward to coming events. I will not be leaving completely as I will become the new chair for the Associates Council and plan to work closely with Doug and Marilyn to continue support to our members as they move from medical school into residency/fellowship and eventual practice. This is the last year for me on the national council and I encourage any early career physicians thinking about having a role at the national level with the ACP to contact me this coming winter as we begin our call for nominations.

There is one new item to report: the ACP Clinical Guidelines mobile app is now available, as an alternative to using your browser to navigate to the clinical guidelines home. It is available through iTunes.

Finally, Jeanette and I would like to thank you all for your membership, support, and ideas over the past six years.
In Memoriam

Unfortunately the past several months saw the passing of three particularly distinguished members of our CT ACP Chapter. These individuals were wonderful teachers and mentors to many of us as students, residents, or colleagues, as well as being caring and wise physicians for their patients. We should all remember them fondly and with great respect.

Henry C. Gift MD, MPH, FACP, age 68, of Wolcott, CT died unexpectedly on March 20, 2013 in Kigali Rwanda (Africa) while working for the Clinton Health Initiative.

Born in Guyana, South America, in 1944, Dr. Gift was a mathematics teacher before emigrating to the United States. He served for two years in the U.S. Army as Section Chief of Microbiology and Parasitology at the U.S. Army Hospital in Heidelberg, West Germany. He graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in Biology and then received his MPH from the Yale University in 1977. He then received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1981, where he received the Lyman Stowe Award for Patient Care.

Dr. Gift completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, following which he remained at St. Mary's as director of its outpatient medical clinic. He held appointments as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at both the University of Connecticut and Yale University. After his retirement in 2010, he joined the Clinton Global Health Initiative, having been recruited by Dr. Aghar Rastegar, Director for the Office of Global Health at Yale School of Medicine. At the time of his passing, Dr. Gift was one of six Yale faculty who were training physicians in Rwanda. While others had signed on to work in Rwanda for three months, Dr. Gift had committed to staying for a year and had recently been approached by the Ministry of Health to serve as the U.S. chief of medicine for all faculty.

The premature death of his mother when he was twelve years old was a catalyst to him becoming a doctor who served the community. He dedicated his medical career to her memory and would have made her extremely proud in the way he offered himself to help the underserved. Dr. Gift was a Fellow of the ACP and was a regular attendee of ACP meetings both at the local chapter level and nationally. Many of us knew him from his long career as a teacher, mentor, and colleague at St. Mary's Hospital.

Robert S. Gordon, MD, FACP, age 90, of Woodbridge, CT died Feb. 15, 2013. Born in Bridgeport, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University in 1943. He then went on to receive his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. After graduation, he spent one year as an intern in Internal Medicine at Grace-New Haven Hospital, then entered the U.S. Navy where he was stationed in the South Pacific and Alaska. He also spent one year at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, MD. In 1949, he returned to Grace-New Haven Hospital to finish his residency. He concluded with a final year as Chief Resident followed by a fellowship in Cardiology.

In 1953, he entered private practice in Internal Medicine, working as a solo practitioner until he retired in 2004 at the age of 82. He was a widely respected physician in the New Haven community and was known as a highly dedicated physician to all of his patients, making house calls throughout his career. He was an attending physician at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael and was an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine. He was a Fellow of the ACP including being a member of the Governor's Council from 1985 to 1991. In 1991, he was honored with the Laureate Award of our Connecticut Chapter. Though he was retired, he attended Grand Rounds at Yale New Haven Hospital every week, and he lived an active life until the day he died. Yale-New Haven Hospital will be establishing an annual Grand Rounds Lecture in his name.

Joseph L. Renda, MD, FACP, age 70, passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at his home in Middlebury, CT after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Renda was born in New York City, and he attended New York University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 1964 with a double major in Medieval History and Chemistry. He subsequently graduated from the Yale School of Medicine and then completed his internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. From 1970 to 1972 Dr. Renda served on the USS George Washington Carver Nuclear Submarine as Chief Medical Officer and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was then chosen to serve as Chief Resident in Medicine at Yale-New Haven hospital.

After his training, Dr. Renda was recruited to Waterbury Hospital to augment the newly formed academic teaching program with Yale University. At Waterbury Hospital, Dr. Renda distinguished himself as both an outstanding clinician and teacher. He aided in expanding the Nephrology Service and Dialysis Unit in Waterbury Hospital and was instrumental in establishing a comprehensive Peritoneal Dialysis Unit in Waterbury during his tenure at Waterbury Hospital, he served in numerous hospital leadership positions as senior partner in Associated Specialists in Nephrology and Hypertension in Waterbury. He received numerous teaching awards including our ACP Chapter's George Thornton Teaching Award in 2011.

Dr. Renda was Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine and a Fellow of the ACP. In 2011, Dr. Renda received the National Kidney Foundation's Gift of Life Community Achievement Award. More recently, the Dr. Joseph Renda Inpatient Teaching Firm was established at Waterbury Hospital, along with a lecture series in his honor, citing him as an "outstanding physician and nephrologist, enthusiastic teacher and role model physician serving the Waterbury community".
Advocacy in D.C. May 2013

On May 22, the Chapter once again sent a delegation to Washington, DC to participate in the College’s annual advocacy day. Former and Current Governors Robert McLean and Rob Nardino were joined by Council members Keith vom Eigen, Rebecca Andrews, Fitzhugh Pannill, and Hao Feng (a student member who is the national Chair of the Council of Student Members). We met with Representative Joe Courtney (CT 2nd district), and staff members for the remaining Congressmen and Senators to discuss ACP key priorities. The first of these was the annual ask to eliminate the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR); while each year there has been acknowledgement of the need to fix the SGR, this year there seems to be real hope, particularly in the form of H.R. 574, a bill introduced by Representatives Allyson Schwartz (PA) and Joe Heck (NV). There seems to be bipartisan recognition that this may be the year to finally fix it, as the Congressional Budget Office is indicating the cost will be significantly less than predicted last year.

We also discussed the catastrophic effects of the across-the-board sequestration cuts on vital programs such as NIH, CDC, AHRQ and HRSA as well as several programs that tie in with ACP’s workforce policy, such as the National Health Service Corps, the National Health Care Workforce Commission and Section 747 of the Title VII Health Professions Program, which is the only source of federal training dollars specifically earmarked for primary care training. Related to this, we advocated for the preservation of funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME), particularly for increasing GME training positions in primary care specialties. Recognizing the difficult budgetary environment that exists, ACP calls for reform that includes more transparency and accountability for the money that is devoted to GME, and asking for legislation that requires all payers to contribute to GME financing.

Finally, we promoted ACP’s position that innovative reform is needed to reduce the cost to the system from defensive medicine and medical liability insurance. We asked for legislation that would encourage states to establish health courts, which represent a no-fault alternative to the current system and would result in fair and expedient compensation for patients and families.

For more information on ACP Policy that informs these positions and other issues, go to the Advocacy page of the ACP website: http://www.acponline.org/advocacy/ and look for the “Where We Stand” section.

Norman J. Marieb, MD, MACP To Retire

Norman J. Marieb, MD, MACP, recognized as one of the finest clinical endocrinologists in the state, announced his retirement effective May 31, 2013. Dr. Marieb was a Chapter Laureate Award winner in 1993 and was elected to Mastership in the ACP in 2010.

Dr. Marieb has been practicing endocrinology in New Haven since 1967. His ties to Hospital of Saint Raphael date to then, when he was first named Director of Metabolism. He served as Chair of the Department of Medicine from 1981-1986 and EVP/COO of the hospital from 1986-1988. He has continued to direct the Endocrinology subspecialty clinic at Saint Raphael’s as well as attend on the Endocrinology service at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He won multiple teaching awards including the Yale-New Haven Hospital Private Attending Teacher of the Year and the John Vecchio Award (Hospital of Saint Raphael Teaching Award). He was recognized by the American Diabetes Association with the Outstanding Clinician Award in 2004.

Dr. Marieb has trained generations of internists and endocrinologists in the New Haven teaching programs; his presence will be sorely missed.
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