



Dear Colleagues,

January is typically a month that brings calmer schedules and indoor activities. Unfortunately, this year it has also brought a surge in influenza cases that are straining our hospital census and our clinic schedules. Information from the CDC and the news your patients are reading describes this flu season as an epidemic. An estimated 80 percent of flu victims are contracting the H3N2 strain of the virus, nicknamed "the hospitalizer;" this strain is particularly virulent, causing high numbers of hospitalizations and deaths compared to other dominant strains from previous flu seasons. Over 75% of pediatric deaths from influenza in the years 2010-2014 occurred in unvaccinated youths. Please remind patients the importance of vaccination.

Check out the January newsletter here <https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/chapters-regions/united-states/connecticut-chapter/connecticut-governors-newsletter-january-2018>

Who Likes Free?

In case you have not heard, the relationship with the ACP and Dynamed will be extended with free access to Dynamed through December of 2018.

The American Liver Foundation in CT is offering a FREE program entitled: "Liver Cancer: Epidemiology and Surveillance" on February 6, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Register for this www.liverfoundation.org/alf-connecticut

Wellness and Satisfaction of *Doctors*

ACP has convened a Physician Wellbeing and Professional Satisfaction Task Force to help focus efforts to address this complex problem. This month's ACP Internist President's Column features a [guest column](#) on the issue by Susan Thompson Hingle, MD, MACP, Chair of ACP's Board of Regents and chair of the Task Force.

Smile You May Be On Camera

A new ethics case study on "[Secret Recordings of Office Visits by Patients](#)" is now available for CME credit. This case study uses a hypothetical example to demonstrate and explore potential challenges when a patient is secretly recording office visits. It provides commentary on the ethical ramifications and on whether and how doctors should raise the matter with a patient.

Developed by ACP's Ethics, Professionalism, and Human Rights Committee and the Center for Ethics and Professionalism, the case study is available on Medscape and a login is required.

[Learn more about ethics and professionalism activities at ACP](#)

Local Talent

Send in local kudos if you have them like the one below

<http://www.acphospitalist.org/archives/2018/01/brief-case-university-of-connecticut.htm>

Our very own, Robert McLean is on the slate to be an upcoming ACP President for the national organization. See his featured article on the "Turbulent Path of Healthcare Reform" in the CSMS publication *Connecticut Medicine* at <http://connmed.csms.org/i/921197-january-2018/53?m4=>

Congratulations to Rosemarie Fisher MD MACP on being selected to become a Fellow in the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). The selection was determined by the ACP Awards Committee, and is in recognition of her Mastership in the ACP and her known leadership in medicine

New National Doctor's Dilemma Question Development Committee

We always need help locally for development of good medical knowledge questions. Please send in your name to us if you want to take part but also national has a call out too (see below).

Respond by: Friday, February 16, 2018

ACP is pleased to announce the formation of the [Doctor's Dilemma® Question Development Committee](#). This Committee writes and reviews questions for the national Doctor's Dilemma Competition held at the annual ACP Internal Medicine Meeting.

Question writers work both individually and in collaborative teams. Each team is assigned to develop questions within one or two knowledge areas of internal medicine.

This is an excellent opportunity for physicians in academic medicine or with teaching experience to serve on a national committee that fosters resident knowledge in a friendly, competitive environment.

More information on the Doctor's Dilemma Question Development Committee and an application can be found [here](#).

Please contact Melanie Pizarro at DoctorsDilemma@acponline.org or at [215-351-2697](tel:215-351-2697) with any questions

Celebrating Women in Medicine

In November 2017, the Board of Regents established the ACP Award for Outstanding Contributions to Advancing the Careers of Women in Medicine. This award is bestowed on an ACP member for distinguished contributions to advancing the careers of women in medicine. This award also recognizes an individual who has furthered the careers of women medical students, residents, and/or physicians through mentoring and leadership development for the career advancement of women.

Before the inaugural recipient is selected by the 2018-19 Awards Committee in September, we invite Chapters to help identify an appropriate namesake by nominating a woman physician after whom the award should be named.

Chapters should submit:

Keeping Up With Policy

- With the changes to the ACA for Medicaid, please be aware that payments to PCPs are decreasing by 10% effective January 1st
- CT state medical society was fighting changes to Anthem's policy, but be aware of the 25% decrease in payment for the 25 modifier. CSMS letter can be read here: www.csms.org/modifier25
- ***Interested in health policy? Organized medicine? Want to make an impact in the 2018 political cycle in Connecticut?***

If so, the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS), the voice of physicians at the CT General Assembly would like to welcome you to the CSMS Residents and Fellows section (RFS), which will be holding our first meeting of 2018 on February 27th 7:00 - 8:30pm at the CSMS Offices at 127 Washington St, North Haven CT 06473.

The CSMS RFS has been a section of national importance, with prior members leading at the national level of organized medicine and leading regional health systems. If interested and would like more information (and please RSVP if you plan to attend the event) please reach out to Jacob Quinton, ACP Council of Residents and Fellows member. (jacob.quinton@yale.edu).

Interested in Teaching the Next Generation of Docs?

Here are some contacts close to you:

The Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine- the Class of 2018 will enter into the next phase of their training and development. A significant part of these students' education involves the half day per week that they spend with a primary care physician in their first two years (the MeSH program). The physicians who host our students provide vital reinforcement of

communication, history taking, and physical examination skills that the students learn on campus. Physicians who hold active CT medical licenses are eligible to apply. For more information about the program, and instructions for participation, please email Dr. Traci Marquis-Eydman at traci.marquis-eydman@quinnipiac.edu or Dena Rozanski at dena.rozanski@quinnipiac.edu.

The UCONN School of Medicine's Student Continuity Practice (SCP) now renamed Clinical Longitudinal and Immersion in the Community (CLiC) in the school's new curriculum has been a cornerstone of the education of future physicians for over twenty years. SCP/CLiC holds a central role in a student's maturation from learner to practitioner. The half day a week sessions pairs students and community based physicians from a variety of fields. It is the SCP/CLiC preceptor who illustrates the "art" of medicine as well as the science, and teaches the "pearls" that are not found in textbooks. Preceptors have often become mentors for the students and are instrumental in a student's professional growth.

If you are interested in becoming a preceptor please email Amy Chmielewski at Chmielewski@uchc.edu

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The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life; and the procedure, the process is its own reward.

Amelia Earhart

Respectfully,

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