

## ACP CT Governor's Update March 2018



Dear Colleagues,

February was a somber month as the country learned of another school shooting, this time in Parkland, FL. It has re-energized the discussion on gun ownership, rights of our citizens, assault rifles, and the safety of our schools. Our personal views on gun ownership and second amendment rights may vary, but as physicians, we all care about protecting the lives of our patients and the children of our country. The following are articles of interest: the first is [a pledge protecting those very same patients that internists have been circulating and signing on the \*Annals of Internal Medicine\* website since October](#), the second is an [article from the \*Washington Post\* on the history of the ban on assault rifles](#). Regardless of personal choices, as health care providers, let us arm ourselves with information and compassion.

### **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: Case Studies in the Multidisciplinary Management of HCC on March 21, 2018 ▪ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. [Register now!](#)

### **Transparency in Education**

ACP released a [position paper](#) focusing on ethics, professionalism, and the hidden curriculum. It provides strategies for revealing what is hidden to foster the development of reflective and resilient lifelong learners who embody professionalism and clinicians who are, and are perceived as, positive role models. Making the hidden visible and the implicit explicit helps to create a culture reflecting medicine's core values.

### **Healthcare Advocacy**

Advocacy is a year-long activity and the CT ACP Chapter and the Connecticut State Medical Society are working together to review bills concerning the practice of medicine that may affect you. Cases being heard this session can be reviewed [here](#). Reach out to CT ACP or CSMS if you have interest in personal testimony.

The Office of Health Strategy is holding two webinars which will come in separate emails (3/15 in the evening, 3/21 at lunch) for information and commentary on the state SIM grant application. This application has the potential to alter the manner in which we are reimbursing primary care: looking at the care of the whole patient not just the in-office face to face work we do. A primer with more details and the dates for the events will be forthcoming.

### **State and National Awards time**

Eric Mazur MD, MACP

Every year the CT Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) recognizes distinguished internists in Connecticut with local awards from the CT Chapter. The national ACP also presents Masterships and other awards at its annual meeting in April. The CT ACP is currently in the process of soliciting Connecticut nominees for awards at the State and National levels.

For the CT Chapter, there are four established awards:

- The **Laureate Award** honors Fellows and Masters who have demonstrated by their example and conduct and abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter and the American College of physicians,
- The **Henry Gift Award** honors a Connecticut internist, often in private or non-academic practice, who has distinguished him/herself by a lifetime of service to the care of patients and active participation in the local medical community.
- The **CT Chapter Volunteerism Award** recognizes an internal medicine physician whose volunteer efforts have made a substantial and enduring contribution to his/her local community, to the country, or even internationally. The volunteer efforts must be entirely separate from his/her paid employment and generally represent years of sustained commitment.
- The **George F. Thornton Teaching Award** recognizes a senior physician with a career distinguished by involvement and excellence in medical education. Typically this individual is involved with medical students and/or internal medicine residents but a history of peer-teaching with involvement in continuing medical education would be considered.

To nominate one of your colleagues for a CT ACP Chapter Award, please email [emazur@gmail.com](mailto:emazur@gmail.com), with the nominee's name and a couple of narrative paragraphs elucidating the rationale for his/her nomination. The more information available, the better. A CV or narrative resume from the nominee is also extremely helpful. Nominees for 2018

awards, which will be presented at the October, 2018 CT ACP Annual Meeting, must be submitted by June 29, 2018.

At the national ACP level, there are similar awards for political advocacy, distinguished practice, community service, volunteerism, leadership, and teaching. A full list of the national ACP Awards and their descriptions can be found here: [ACP Awards and Descriptions](#). You can nominate someone for a national ACP Award either directly or through the CT Chapter. We prefer the latter so as to avoid overlap and prepare the most persuasive case for our state nominees. Should you identify a candidate for a national award, please contact either Dr. Andrews or Dr. Mazur so that we can strategize as to how to make the nominee most competitive. The deadline for most 2019 national award is July 1 but there are some earlier exceptions. Detailed information about the process is available here: [ACP Award Deadlines and Process](#).

### **2018 Connecticut Acp Annual Meeting Update**

Diana Sewell, MD, FACP and Naseema B Merchant, MD FCCP, FACP, FHM

Plans for the 2018 scientific chapter meeting are underway. The scientific meeting will be in a new location this year!

The day will start out with poster presentations by trainees. The Annual Woman in Medicine Networking breakfast will follow the first poster session. The breakfast has been a great success year after year. There will be multiple offerings throughout the morning – including workshops specifically designed for trainees, and several high yield didactic and interactive sessions for all attendees. We plan to schedule the medical jeopardy in the morning so that more residents can support their colleagues.

The chapter will also host a pre-lunch ACP fellowship information session to guide membership towards various pathways to become an ACP fellow. Chapter Awards will be presented at lunch and will be followed shortly by an interactive session led by Charles Grady from the FBI who will speak about opioid crisis and the role of the FBI.

The afternoon program will involve two tracks – an inpatient and an outpatient track. Some topics will be an update in hospital medicine as well as internal medicine updates in the outpatient track, two SEP modules, atrial fibrillation, perioperative medicine, sleep disorders and osteoporosis. The day will end with a brief business meeting.

Look for notices concerning online registration again this year. Hope to see everyone this fall at the annual meeting.

## **Diversity Committee report March 2018**

Naseema Merchant, MD and Amir Mohammad, MD

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Sanela Tarabar, Dr. Olugbenga Arole and Dr. Ayesha Chaudhry who recently joined Drs. Kristine Lisi, Diana Sewell, Amir Mohammad and Naseema Merchant on the chapter's diversity committee. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce all our committee members.

Dr. Tarabar is a board-certified Internist and Occupational Medicine Physician. She is currently the Clinical Director of the Pfizer New Haven Clinical Research Unit.

Dr. Benga Arole is the chief hospitalist at the Griffin Hospital and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University.

Dr. Chaudhry is an academic hospitalist at the Griffin Hospital and is very active in her community.

Dr. Sewell is an academic hospitalist and a clinician educator in the Internal Medicine residency program at Norwalk Hospital.

Dr. Lisi is an internist affiliated with the Greater Danbury Community Health Center.

Dr. Amir Mohammad is an internist and a specialist in occupational Medicine based at the VA Connecticut Health Care and Yale School of Medicine.

Dr. Merchant is an academic hospitalist and pulmonologist based at the VA Connecticut Health Care and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine.

We sincerely thank all our committee members for their time, participation and ideas.

One of our Chapter's goals which is also an area of strong interest to the College is to increase the number of diverse Fellows to better reflect the membership of the College and the diversity of the physician population in our state.

Fellowship in the College is an honor. Being an FACP is a distinction earned from colleagues who recognize the accomplishments and achievements of our members over and above the practice of medicine. The most important considerations for ACP Fellowship are excellence and contributions made to both medicine and to the broader community in which the internist lives and practices. ACP Fellowship is primarily achieved through advancement from ACP membership. Fellows are authorized to use the letters FACP (Fellow of the American College of Physicians) about their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current.

Over the next few months, we would be working closely with our governor, Dr. Andrews to increase the diversity of Fellows in the Connecticut Chapter. The committee will also organize an ACP Fellowship application session at the annual meeting in fall 2018 for all those who are interested in applying. We encourage you all to join us at the annual chapter meeting

and review this link below to learn about fellowship application and consider applying.

<https://www.acponline.org/membership/physician-membership/acp-fellowship>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us for any fellowship or diversity committee related questions. If you have ideas on how this committee could best serve your interest, please email any one of us.

### **Management Team Contacts**

- The new phone number for the chapter is 860-365-2400
- [Kristine Samara](#) – Day-to-Day administrative contact
- [Theresa Barrett, PhD, CMP, CAE](#) – Meetings and Educational programming
- [Liz Thomas/Caitlin Latko](#) – Communications (Print, Electronic, and Social Media)

*Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.* Albert Einstein

Respectfully,

Rebecca Andrews