



Dear Colleagues,

Today, I have the honor of writing to you as your new CT ACP Chapter Governor and the first female Governor for CT! I plan to continue the great effort and dedication of our previous Governor, Robert J. Nardino, MD. I would like to take a minute to introduce myself before moving on to business of the ACP. I am a primary care physician and resident educator based out of UConn Health in Farmington. In addition to my work, I have two children, a menagerie of animals, and a host of activities such as hiking that keep me busy. One of the reasons I am so committed to the ACP is the voice the organization gives us as the largest medical-specialty organization and second-largest physician group in the United States. There are 148,000 of us (ACP members) that span the globe and the continuum of medicine. The ACP's voice touches arenas as distant as national health advocacy and policy and as local as reducing paperwork in daily patient care. As I begin my term, I would like to grow our state membership and provide multiple platforms to make exchange of ideas with the chapter easier. On that note, if anyone is interested in becoming involved with our membership committee or social media network- please contact me.

Many of us have just returned from the annual meeting where CT physicians were quite active as speaking faculty and I had the pleasure of being one of the judges to award funding to an innovation in medicine at the second annual Dragon's Lair competition. A partial listing of your colleagues and their talks is below:

- Alex Norcott, Communicating with Patients about Potentially Controversial Topics
- Barry Wu & Steve Atlas, Success on Step 1 and Step 2 CK & CS Exams
- Dan Federman, Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind
- D Doug Olson, Preferred Practices for Understanding and Eliminating LGBT Disparities
- Klar Yaggi, I Didn't Sleep Last Night: The Sleep-Disturbed Patient
- Lucille Burgo-Black, A Brief Military History: The Key to Good Health Care for Veterans (a CT required CME topic)
- Rebecca Andrews, New Physician/Provider Bootcamp
- Robert McLean, Patients Before Paperwork, News You Can Use: Current Clinical Guidelines, MIPS or APM: Making the Most of Medicare Payment

We inducted several new fellows who had the pleasure of walking in the convocation. Please congratulate our new CT state fellows if you see them:

- Olugbenga Arole, MD, FACP
- Edward K Mensah, MD, FACP
- Debmalya Mukherjee, MBBS, FACP
- Sujata Prasad, MD, FACP

- Martha Severino, MD, FACP
- Svetlana Tikhomirova, MD, FACP
- Janaka M Periyapperuma, MBBS, FACP
- Varidhi Nauriyal MBBS, FACP

Your Governor's Council is still seeking nominees for the chapter awards below. I am providing a link to a descriptive list for the ACP's national awards. We have phenomenal talent in the state so please reach out me with candidate suggestions (<https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/awards-masterships-and-competitions>).

- The [George F. Thornton Outstanding Teacher Award](#) is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to medical education. It recognizes the individual's excellence in clinical teaching as well as his or her motivational impact on students, residents, and attendings.
- The [Henry C. Gift Distinguished Internist Award](#) was established last year to recognize a practicing internist who demonstrates excellence and compassion in patient care, professionalism, humanistic values, and dedication to lifelong learning.
- The [Volunteerism and Community Service Award](#) honors members who have distinguished themselves in voluntary service in the area of medicine. Volunteerism and community service, like a commitment to continuing education, is an established tradition for the College and for internists. The College considers volunteerism so important that it is a major criterion for advancing to Fellowship. Award recipients will be eligible for nomination for the national Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service presented by ACP each year at the College's Internal Medicine Week.

Ethics and EHRs:

A new ACP paper "Ethical Implications of the Electronic Health Record: In the Service of the Patient," addresses how EHRs can best serve the patient-physician relationship and patient care; patient autonomy, privacy, and confidentiality; and professionalism, clinical reasoning, and training.

The paper asserts that electronic health records should facilitate high value patient-centered care, strong patient-physician relationships, and effective training of future physicians. Features such as copy-and-paste should be employed judiciously, reflect thought processes about the current patient encounter, and meet the ethical requirements for an accurate medical record.

The paper was developed by ACP's Ethics, Professionalism, and Human Rights Committee, and can be read here <http://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1007/s11606-017-4030-1>

Looking for a Practice Change?

The Netter School of Medicine has a current survey of primary care practice demographics in Connecticut which will attempt to assess the different practice models and recognize the patterns which may correlate with increased rates of success. The result will be a guide for graduating residents and physicians seeking change. The survey is open to all family and general internal medicine physicians in the state of Connecticut, is anticipated to take less than 10 minutes to complete, and all results will be kept confidential. ***Interested participants may enter for a chance to win one of five \$100 donations to a charity of his/her choice and should contact:*** James Ahearn at james.ahern@quinnipiac.edu

Look for the Governor's newsletter next month!

Respectfully,

Rebecca Andrews