

Dear Colleagues,

It is the beginning of the end of summer, much as I hate to admit it. In my family, summer is a very busy time, but also a time to rejuvenate ourselves with the long days, outdoor activities, and usually some vacation time. I hope you are all finding the same as we gear up for school, cooler weather, and more changes in medicine. In this spirit, I am keeping this Chapter Update short and to the point.

Our council is a flurry of activity getting ready for the annual meeting in October. The planning for each meeting starts almost a year in advance and they are a culmination of many chapter members donating their time. We are open to ideas, comments, suggestions from members on what works, what you would like to see changed, or topics you would be interested in attending.

### **Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?**

If you still have the competitive streak that drives your family crazy, join our question writing team for Doctor's Dilemma. Doctor's Dilemma is the Jeopardy style medical quiz competition for the resident teams across the state. One lucky team will win and have the chance to compete with the other programs across the country. If you are interested, respond via email and I will connect you with the "think-tank team".

### **Awards Highlights**

I would like to begin highlighting our community's achievements and I plan to include this in every newsletter. Please send in suggestions for those physicians in your area that have done something worth a "shout out".

We have an awards committee that works all year to find candidates for local and national awards. This month I am highlighting that we have a volunteerism award in CT and here is a link to the national **volunteerism award**: <https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/awards-masterships-and-competitions/oscar-e-edwards-memorial-award-for-volunteerism-and-community-service>

In our careers there is usually a physician that affected us to achieve better; a physician who was someone to aspire to be like. To celebrate this, we also have a **distinguished internist award** so named the Henry Gift

award after one such doctor. Please send in recommendations for both of these awards any time before June.

**From the National Organization:**

The ACP has released its Annual Report from the Executive Vice President and CEO. For those of you interested in the finer details that makes the larger organization tick, you can peruse it at the link below:

[https://www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/who\\_we\\_are/annual\\_report/2016-2017/](https://www.acponline.org/about_acp/who_we_are/annual_report/2016-2017/)

**CT Annual Scientific Meeting Reminder:**

Please mark your calendar for our annual meeting. It will be October 27th at the Aquaturf in Plantsville, CT. Every year we have a resident poster session for which we recruit judges. This is a rewarding and educational experience working with budding physicians. I have received several inquiries thus far, but please email me if you are interested in being a judge.

**New Patient Education Programming via the Wellness Network**

ACP and The Wellness Network are partnering to deliver new patient education programming that will be available via The Wellness Network's Patient Channel, an in-hospital TV network and online portal.

ACP members will have access to the Patient Channel library of over 107 disease and medication management, wellness and patient safety videos that can be viewed by patients during an office visit or at home. Programming topics include heart failure, diabetes, hypertension, COPD, joint replacement, medication management, and more.

<https://www.acponline.org/practice-resources/patient-education-resources-and-tools>

“Nothing of worth or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart, and with a lame endeavor.”

Sir Isaac Barrow

Respectfully,

Rebecca Andrews

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