Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. This month's update is with a tip of the cap to Doug DeLong, Chair of the ACP Board of Governors, who said this would be the year of the M's: MACRA, MOC & Morphine (opioid crisis).

MACRA: In case you missed it, a few weeks ago ACP submitted comments to CMS about the proposed rule. You can read the summary press statement or, if you have the courage, the full 93-page letter. I would recommend taking a look at this post from the ACP Advocacy Blog (consider subscribing to the blog, too).

MOC: ABIM produced this new page summarizing updates to MOC such as new activities to claim credit and other changes coming down the pike. Controversy rages on: at the recent AMA meeting, the Pennsylvania Medical Society put forth a vote of no confidence and announced their plan for legal action against the ABIM. Meanwhile, ACP has been teaming with the Academic Alliance of Internal Medicine and working with the subspecialty societies (ACC, ASH, SGIM, SHM, ASN, AGA) to develop integrated recommendations about what such an exam alternative should look like - they plan to present their proposal in September.

MORPHINE: I just wanted to give you another reminder about ACP's SAFE Opioid Prescribing Course: Strategies, Assessment, Fundamentals, Education. You can get MOC credit for completing it, too!

MORE: In the June Newsletter, I talked about the resolutions process and how that is the way policy can be generated from the grassroots. Attached to this email are the resolutions that will be discussed at the Fall BOG meeting in September. Let me know if you have any comments.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Chapter Meeting: Friday, October 28! Read more in our last chapter newsletter.

Most excellent regards,

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