

Dear Colleagues,

No ACA/AHCA discussion this time as there are other things to cover and it's all over the news! See [ACP's response](#) to this week's amendments to the proposed legislation. Follow the [ACP Advocate Blog](#).

First, we are seeking nominations for our annual Connecticut ACP Chapter Awards. Please help us identify deserving individuals who practice in your community. Be sure to provide enough info for the committee to make an informed choice.

- 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.

Second, you might be interested in this CME conference on refugee health, sponsored by Yale School of Medicine. The title of the conference is Physical and Mental Health of Refugees: Providing Culturally-Sensitive Longitudinal Care, and it will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 5-8:30pm, in conjunction with the Department of Internal Medicine's 7th annual Global Health Day. Those who would like more information (and to register) can visit: <http://www.psychiatry.yale.edu/refugee/>

Third, ACP Medical Student Member Sarah Chiu is looking to introduce the use of a two-item screening tool for food insecurity to primary care practices. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact her at sarah.chiu@quinnipiac.edu

Finally, this is the last monthly communication that I will be sending to you; Rebecca Andrews assumes the governorship during the business meeting next week at Internal Medicine 2017. Thank you for all of your support of the chapter and the College.

Best regards,

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