PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
As I sit and reflect on the completion of Internal Medicine 2019, I am always amazed at the breadth and depth of talent that this organization has. The ACP is truly a family and has something to offer for every internist and subspecialist. I realize that I am entering my last year as your Governor and will complete my service at the end of Internal Medicine 2020. I hope that I will leave the chapter more improved at that time. It is difficult to add to the accomplishments that we have already achieved, but I am so thankful for the opportunity.

My week in Philadelphia began earlier as I am serving on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and will be involved in the planning of future board meetings. This should help provide a voice to the national organization for our membership. One of the concerns frequently brought to my attention is the sense of frustration with being represented at the national level. In part, the process may not be well understood and that adds to the sense of frustration. I would like to take a moment to address that concern.

Our organization is so diverse and unique that we have membership from all types of practice, locality, ethnicity and demographic diversity. It is impossible to think that everyone will always agree with each other, but we provide civil discourse to better understand the needs of each other and find a common ground to move forward with. Our strength is our diversity, including diversity of thought and beliefs. The question is how to best achieve that policy while having such a broad membership and dichotomy of beliefs.

The first step is with resolutions and I encourage all our membership to think about issues that are of concern and need to be addressed. While ACP may have current policy, these can be changed with enough support. If there is a need or concern that you, the members, want to see changed, implemented or created, then write a resolution that could be taken to the national board for discussion. I will certainly help with that process.

Aside from our board, I was so impressed with the opening ceremonies and being able to listen to Dr. Vivek Murthy, former surgeon general, especially how he spoke about the importance of the human connection. I encourage our members to reach out to each other, just to see how your colleague is doing. I have an open-door policy and welcome anyone to reach out to me with any concerns. The convocation was well attended with so many of our members achieving fellowship. I am so proud of all the accomplishments of the Florida Chapter. I want everyone to think about fellowship in the college and look to your community, medical centers, programs and organizations for colleagues who may qualify for Fellowship. Please identify those who you think are truly dedicated to the profession and see if they qualify for fellowship or any state and national awards. I need your help in identifying our well deserving colleagues. The words of Dr. McClean, at our annual meeting, resonate so well when he made us all pledge never to refer to ourselves or let our colleagues refer to us as providers. We are physicians and need to remember and demonstrate that in all aspects of our career.

Finally, the ACP strives to advocate for the physicians and the patients. The policies created guide our decisions, but the hard work of the staff and the members who advocate are critical to the process. We do this well on the state level but need more involvement nationally. Leadership day is next month, and I hope that we can have many members join the PAC and advocate in person at the Capitol. This is your opportunity for your voice to be heard. There will always be issues that require advocacy. From patient care, to reimbursement, to residency spots, to maintenance of certification, advocacy is part and parcel of what we do, and I cannot stress the importance of your involvement and contribution.

ACP offers something for everyone, and this is truly your professional home. As any family, there may be fights and disagreements, but we all want the same thing, to enjoy our profession and take care of our patients. Please know that your Governors are here to represent your needs and keep you connected with the ACP.
2019 Annual Residents & Medical Students Meeting

Resident/Fellow Poster Competition

Research Division
First Place

Clinical Vignette Division
First Place

Lingben Ming, MD PhD
AdventHealth Orlando

Alexandre Tungesvik, MD
University of South Florida

Medical Student Poster Competition

Research Division
First Place

Clinical Vignette Division
First Place

Trisha Nguyen, MS II
Florida International University
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Gil Metser, MS IV
University of Miami
Miller School of Medicine
FL Chapter ACP 2019 Annual Residents & Medical Students Meeting

Doctors’ Dilemma© Competition Finalists

Congratulations to these four finalist teams who will compete at the
FL Chapter 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting
September 6—8, 2019 in Ft Lauderdale, Florida

The winner of the finals competition will represent the Florida Chapter
in the National Doctors Dilemma Competition at
Internal Medicine 2020 in Los Angeles, CA

AdventHealth Orlando
Mamoon Rashid MD, Luis Isea MD
Hammad Zafar MD

Aventura Hospital & Medical Center
Oranus Mohammadi MD, Carmen Elena Cervantes MD
Nader Lamaa MD

Orlando Health
Yehuda Galili MD, Brittany Bednov MD
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Mahad Mohammed DO, Michael Agatstein DO
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The Florida Chapter would like to recognize the following **17** Internal Medicine Residency Programs who competed in the Chapters Doctors’ Dilemma Competition.

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| Aventura Hospital & Medical Center   | UCF/HCA GME Consortium—Ocala             |
| Florida Atlantic University          | UCF/HCA GME Consortium—Orlando          |
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| Memorial Healthcare System           | University of Florida—Jacksonville      |
| Mayo Clinic Florida                  | University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital |
| Mt Sinai Medical Center              | University of Miami at JFK Medical Center|
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**2019 Annual Scientific Meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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Make plans now to join your colleagues for informative scientific content in a luxurious atmosphere at one of Florida’s World Class Destinations.

**Sept 6—8, 2019**

The Westin Ft Lauderdale Beach Resort
Lingbin Meng, MD, PhD

Lingbin Meng, MD, PhD, graduated from Anhui Medical University as the top student in her class of 400 students. She then obtained her PhD degree from the University of Louisville in the department of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology in 2014. She began her residency in Internal Medicine at Advent Health Orlando in 2017 and is currently finishing her second year.

During her years as a PhD student and subsequently, Lingbin has blossomed as a gifted medical scientist. She and her coworkers at University of Louisville and at MD Anderson have studied new targets for cancer treatment of melanoma and non-small cell lung cancer. In addition, she has studied the effects of nutritional intervention in nasopharyngeal cancer patients receiving chemotherapy. Her efforts have been astonishingly successful resulting in 24 peer reviewed journal publications and 29 peer reviewed poster presentations, all since 2012. She is an editorial board member for Journal of Cancer treatment and Research, Annals of Medical and Clinical Oncology and Novel Approaches in Drug Designing and Development. Since joining the residency at Advent Health Orlando, Lingbin won the first-place research poster in the 2 most recent Florida Chapter ACP meetings including the one on March 30, 2019. At the National ACP meeting in Philadelphia in April, 2019, Lingbin received recognition for her research poster which was in competition with at least 200 posters from across the country.

Lingbin possesses a sparkling personality with a gift for connecting with all her colleagues and patients. She is a humble and compassionate person despite her extraordinary accomplishments. She is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm for each day. Her family includes her husband, Rui Ji, a faculty member at Valencia, and her son Mathew, born just before Lingbin began her residency.

CALL FOR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Member Spotlight in future publications are now being accepted. All Florida Chapter ACP members are eligible to be featured. Submissions should include a short article and photograph. Please send to: BAnderson@floridachapteracp.org or DMoerings@floridachapteracp.org
Thank you!

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Congratulations!

Stuart B. Himmelstein, MD MACP received the
2019 ACP Quality Improvement Excellence Award
April 11, 2019 at Internal Medicine in Philadelphia
Steven L. Cohn, MD MACP
Dr. Cohn is Professor Emeritus of Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida. Previously, he was the Medical Director of the UHealth Preoperative Assessment Center and Medical Consultation Services at Jackson Memorial and University of Miami Hospitals, where he implemented a comprehensive model that included clinical services and education for house officers. Before coming to Miami, he had a similar role at Kings County Hospital and was also the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine and Associate Medical Director for Performance Improvement at the State University of New York–Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. He has been very active in the American College of Physicians, both on the State and National level, presenting at meetings and participating on committees since 1997. Dr. Cohn is the author/editor of three textbooks and has written 33 book chapters, 50 publications, and 35 online media presentations and featured articles. He has been active in the Society of Hospital Medicine and Society of General Internal Medicine and is a board member of the Society for Perioperative Assessment and Quality Improvement. He has given over 400 presentations and is widely recognized as an expert in the field of perioperative medicine.

George D. Everett, MD MACP
Dr. Everett is the Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency at Florida Hospital. He has dedicated his life to medical education and building the next generation of physicians. For his superior teaching style, he has received numerous teaching awards, including the Florida State University College of Medicine Outstanding Clinical Faculty Educator, the University of Central Florida College of Medicine Best Internal Medicine Clerkship Teacher Award, and the ACP Florida Chapter Outstanding Teacher Award. He has served as Program Director for the Internal Medicine and Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program at Orlando Health, as well as Chairman for their Institutional Review Board. He was the Internal Medicine Section Chair for Florida Hospital’s Orlando Campus and serves on several committees at this institution. He chairs the Graduate Medical Education Committee at the ACP Florida Chapter, has been a member of the Governor’s Council for many years, received the Laureate Award, and is the Governor-elect designate. Dr. Everett’s passion for research and scholarly activity is reflected in his robust body of publications and grants. He provides free medical care to uninsured patients through Shepherd’s Hope and participates in Florida Hospital’s Medical Missions to Ethiopia and Peru.
Florida Fellows who Marched in Convocation 2019

Doctors Dilemma Competition at Internal Medicine 2019

Congratulations to Swethika Sundaravel, MD, Eduardo Venegas, MD and Edwin Grajeda Silvestri, MD from the University of Miami at JFK Medical Center. They represented the Florida Chapter in the Doctor’s Dilemma competition at Internal Medicine 2019 and advanced to the second round!
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Welcome

The Florida Chapter is pleased to welcome new members. We hope to see you at upcoming meetings!

UPCOMING NEWS

Watch for upcoming Newsletters on these and other topics:
♦ Annual Scientific Meeting CME & Online Registration Announcement
  ♦ Call for Abstracts for September 7th Poster Competition
  ♦ Resident & Medical Student Workshop—September 7, 2019
    ♦ Chapter Member Benefits
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