GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

The Annual Scientific meeting for the Florida Chapter was a tremendous success and I could not have been more proud of how hard the committee worked to ensure a tremendous event. With Dr. George Everett as the chair, and the support of our dedicated staff, including Dawn Moerings and Bridget Anderson, the chapter was able to come together and provide our members with a weekend filled with great lectures, resident competitions, education, fellowship and camaraderie. I would also like to thank our Senior Governor, Dr. John Langdon for his help and support throughout the year. The planning for this meeting starts at least a year in advance and has so many moving parts that sometimes require rapid changes at the last minute. When it was announced that Florida would be hit by a devastating hurricane, it was clear that the meeting had to be changed. Thankfully, with the excellent leadership of our executive director, Dawn Moerings, we were able to secure the property at a later date and have a seamless transition for that time. The weather continued to harass the meeting as one of our speakers, a Regent from the ACP, Dr. Jacqueline Fincher, could not fly in from Atlanta because of a snow storm. Despite all these setbacks, the meeting continued and provided something for everyone to enjoy.

I particularly enjoy the resident poster competition and Doctor’s Dilemma. It is really empowering to see so many residents and students involved in research, clinical vignettes and furthering their education. The quality of the presentations are superb and all the participants should be congratulated. A special congratulations should be extended to Mt. Sinai Medical Center for winning the Doctor’s Dilemma competition. The participation has steadily increased each year and is truly a highly coveted competition. I expect that the Florida Chapter will be well represented at nationals in April.

Medicine has become so challenged in recent years with all the changes in the government that it is hard to know how to best handle the regulations and legal minefields. We are fortunate to have the services of Chris Nuland, our general counsel, to assist in this matter. Not only does he consistently lobby for us in Tallahassee, he also provides us with our CME lectures and other member benefits.

It is so important to have a strong membership base and the Florida Chapter has many offerings to assist the members in any aspect of their practice. Medicine, however, requires a team based approach. The Florida Medical Association has been very supportive of the Florida Chapter and this has allowed for a mutually beneficial relationship to help the physicians of Florida. One of the most important things a member of our organization can do is become involved in the process, encompassing education, advocacy, mentoring and leadership. By joining the Florida Medical Association, we are allowed to have more representation at their annual meeting, which helps shape policy and guide the organization to help the membership. As both Governor of the Florida Chapter ACP, Treasurer of the FMA, and President elect of the FMA PAC, I encourage dual membership in both organizations as well as participation at the annual meeting. Please contact me or Dawn if there is any interest in attending the FMA annual meeting. Those who have participated have always enjoyed the event and it is of great benefit to the Florida Chapter to be involved.

In summary, despite hurricanes, blizzards, logistics and a host of other setbacks, your Florida Chapter was able to create and provide a spectacular annual scientific session. While it is always a challenge, the end results is rewarding meeting with events and opportunities for everyone. It is always a pleasure for me to serve the members and I look forward to helping the next governor, Dr. Manning Hanline, as he prepares for the next scientific session. Your chapter is in good hands and future meetings will continue to live up to the high standards that the chapter has come to expect.
Resident/Fellow Poster Competition

Research Division
First Place

Azka Ali, MD
University of Florida

Clinical Vignette Division
First Place

Nicole L. Pontee, MD
University of Miami—JMH

Medical Student Poster Competition

Research Division
First Place

Gil Metser, MS III
University of Miami

Clinical Vignette Division
First Place (tie)

Keira Nassetta, MS III
FL Atlantic University
Abhinay Reddy, OMS IV
NOVA Southeastern University
Congratulations to the Doctors Dilemma Champions from Mt Sinai Medical Center who will represent the Florida Chapter in the Doctors Dilemma Competition at Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans, LA in April.

Mt Sinai Medical Center
Team members Hernando Torres-Ortiz MD, Diego Lugo-Baruqui MD & Jorge Martinez Benscombe MD pictured below with Chief Resident Juan Carlos Murillo MD, Program Director Claudio Tuda MD FACP and FL Chapter Governor Jason M. Goldman MD FACP
2017 Laureate Award

GEORGE EVERETT, MD MS FACP

Laureate Award winners are long-standing and loyal supporters of the College who have rendered distinguished service to their chapters and community and have upheld the high ideals and the professional standards for which the College is known. The Senior Florida physician has demonstrated through his or her example and conduct, a commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and service to their community and ACP.

2017 Chapter Excellence Award

Congratulations to the Florida Chapter for receiving the 2017 Chapter Excellence Award! The award recognizes chapters which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet all basic criteria and seven optional criteria. Criteria include such activities as formulating an effective Governor’s Council and committees, communicating frequently with membership, providing educational opportunities, recruiting and advancing members and celebrating membership through local awards. Special thanks is extended to those chapter members who assisted in all of these endeavors! For their hard work and dedication, we received this award.
Internist of the Year
Naushira Pandya, MD FACP
A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the practice of internal medicine.

Outstanding Teacher of the Year
Kellee Oller, MD FACP
A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to medical education.

Community Based Teacher of the Year
Henry M. Haire, MD FACP
A physician who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and who has contributed to the education of medical students, residents and fellows as an office based internist.

Volunteerism and Community Service Award
Cecil B. Wilson, MD MACP
A physician who has distinguished themselves in voluntary service in the area of medicine like a commitment to continuing education, which is an established tradition for internists and the College.
Gary F. Izzo Memorial Scholarship

Julio Perez-Downes, DO
Established by the Florida Chapter ACP in memory of Gary F. Izzo; FPIC Vice President of Marketing and a personal friend to many Florida Chapter members; who devoted his life to improving the medical profession. The award is presented to a resident who, despite all the other pressures of residency, advocates to improve the practice of internal medicine.

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Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP—Governor

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Program Director—Yvonne J. Braver, MD FACP
Brandon, FL

Orange Park Medical Center
Program Director—Aftab Ahmad, MD FACP
Orange Park, FL
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Call for Nominations ACP Florida Council Resident/Fellow Medical Student Members

The Council of Resident/Fellow Medical Student Members (FL CRMS) is recruiting leadership candidates for terms in 2018. Leadership candidates will serve as representatives of their respective Internal Medicine programs/internal medicine interest group in the Florida Chapter ACP. As part of the Council of Resident/Fellow members, you will be invited to:

- Participate in the biannual council meetings, which take place during our fall and spring chapter meetings.
- Participate in health policy programs, such as the advocacy movement by the ACP. This involves traveling to Tallahassee as well as Washington, DC to meet with legislators to discuss current healthcare policy issues.

Responsibilities:
- Represent your respective Internal Medicine program/Internal medicine Interest group and promote the ACP in your institution by delivering a biannual presentation to your colleagues with information regarding the Florida ACP chapter updates.
- Attend our biannual council meetings, which take place during our fall and spring conferences.
- Encourage residents in your institution to become involved in scholastic activity by submitting abstracts for presentation to our biannual meetings.

Perks:
- Great resume builder: as it demonstrates leadership and initiative.
- Chance to meet many of the Internal Medicine leaders across our state and country.
- Chance to make an impact in your residency program/medical school by encouraging academic/scholarship activities.
- Chance to impact healthcare policy which affects the way we practice medicine.

Requirements:
- Submit your CV, along with a statement discussing your interest in participating as representative of your IM program/Medical School in the Florida Chapter ACP.
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member in your institution speaking of your interest and qualifications to serve as representative of your program.
- You must be a FL Chapter ACP member in good academic standing in order to qualify.
- Qualified candidates will serve in their leadership roles for a minimum term length of 1 year.

Email your curriculum vitae and leadership statement to floridachapteracp@comcast.net
Letter of recommendation from faculty members must be emailed by the faculty author to floridachapteracp@comcast.net
INVITATION TO FL & GA CHAPTERS RECEPTION
Florida Governors John G. Langdon, MD FACP and Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP; cordially invite you to the Florida & Georgia Chapters Reception on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm at the New Orleans Marriott. (following Convocation Ceremony) Join us for networking and to honor new Fellows and Masters as well as Medical students and Residents representing Florida in ACP’s Doctor’s Dilemma & Abstract Competitions.

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