NEWS FROM THE GA ACP

The Georgia Chapter ACP 2017 Leadership Day Washington D.C.

On May 24, the Georgia Chapter leadership along with engaged advocates attended ACP Leadership Day in Washington, D.C. The Georgia Chapter joined ACP advocates from across the country to advocate for current legislative priorities. The Georgia Chapter met with all of the Georgia Congressional Delegation members and/or their staff. The Georgia delegation was comprised of:

- Jacqueline Fincher MD MACP ACP Board of Regents
- Walter Moore MD MACP Georgia Chapter Governor
- Clyde Watkins MD FACP GA ACP Treasurer & Health Policy Committee Member
- Cody McClatchey MD FACP GA ACP Health Policy Chairman
- Fred Turton MD MACP GA ACP Health Policy Committee Member
- Rita Kuwahara MD, Resident member GA ACP Health Policy Committee
- Robert Heinl, MD Resident Co Chair GA ACP Resident Council
- Ashruta Patel, Medical Student ACP/ GA ACP Student Council
- Mary Daniels, GA ACP Executive Director
- Tracey Henry MD, GA ACP Early Career Member

Click here to see the priority issues advocated for with Georgia Congressional members.

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Study: AHRQ safety program helps cut catheter infections by more than 50 percent among nursing home patients**

According to a study published in JAMA Internal Medicine, a patient safety project funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has helped slash the rates of catheter-associated urinary tract infections by 54 percent across more than 400 long-term care facilities that took part. The project took AHRQ's Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program, and molded it around long-term care facilities. A new analysis looked at data from nursing homes in 38 states. [READ MORE](#)

**Good news about physician burnout**

The notion that physician burnout can be eliminated may seem like an idealized vision, but it is coming true. We are committed to changing the sobering statistics: physicians in the United States commit suicide at nearly twice the rate of all other professions. For every suicide, there are thirty unsuccessful attempts. If recovery involves leaving medicine for a period of time, most will not return to the profession if they are out for more than ninety days. For those that do return to the profession, approximately 10 percent will continue to struggle with some form of post-traumatic stress for the rest of
Physician leaders: 4 keys to MACRA success

FierceHealthcare

MACRA is changing healthcare with a new payment system that rewards participating Medicare doctors for the quality of outcomes they demonstrate. The program will present challenges for physician practices, Anne Phelps, principal and U.S. healthcare regulatory leader at Deloitte, told FierceHealthcare. "MACRA is not merely a compliance law, but allows for physicians to think about alternate payment and delivery models that work best for them and help them achieve increased financial incentives in the future."

Clinician EHR changes improve test ordering, patient safety

EHR Intelligence

A nationwide initiative to cut down on test ordering in hospitals has recently proven to cut costs and reduce instances of patient harm through simple modifications to clinician EHR use. The Choosing Wisely campaign, launched by the American Board of Internal Medicine foundation and Consumer Reports in 2012, aimed to reduce medical test ordering by prompting providers to identify and cut back on five tests or procedures that are frequently ineffectual.