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 Heini, 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

(From left) Ashruta Patel, Rep. John Lewis and Rita Kuwahara
Click here to see the priority issues advocated for with Georgia Congressional members.

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Blue Cross in Georgia to limit emergency room coverage

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The Obamacare exchange may survive next year in rural Georgia. But patients who depend on its last remaining insurer are now learning there's a catch. Over the past week letters have arrived at homes throughout the state giving patients a jolt. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia, the only insurer on the exchange for 96 of the state's 159 counties, is telling patients with individual policies that if they go to the emergency room and it's not an emergency, they'll be stuck with the bill. READ MORE

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Harvard Business Review

Before 1999 “performance” had a simple, unidimensional definition for health care leaders and their boards: It was shorthand for the CFO’s financial report, summarizing operating margins. In the years since, “performance” has become more complex, now including dozens or even hundreds of quality measures. “Numbers that numb” has become an all-too-common description for performance reports in many organizations.
Poll: Americans increasingly think their healthcare will get worse

NPR
When it comes to healthcare, Americans may be having buyer's remorse. More adults approve of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, than the alternative healthcare bill passed this month by House Republicans, according to a poll published by the Kaiser Family Foundation. The numbers come just as members of the Senate are hammering out details of their own healthcare plan. Republicans are looking to fulfill their years-long campaign promises to repeal Obamacare. It's just not clear that voters want them to do so. READ MORE

Getting alerts from a digital pill box

The New York Times
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In the age of digital medicine, the humble reflex hammer hangs on

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Receiving a diagnosis in 2017 – at least one made at a medical center outfitted with the latest clinical gadgetry – might include a scan that divides your body into a bread loaf of high-resolution digital slices. Your DNA might be fed through a gene sequencer that spits out your mortal code in a matter of hours. Even your smartphone might soon be used to uncover health problems. READ MORE