EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS

Welcome to the first edition newsletter for the Georgia American College of Physicians Council of Early Career Physicians (CECP)! CECP was started to give early career physicians a voice in our chapter's goals and activities. We hope to encourage chapter involvement during the time after residency and fellowship training when typically involvement declines. We hope to use this newsletter to highlight ongoing activities within our group as well as to provide information regarding upcoming opportunities and developments for our members. Whether it is advocacy, community service, education, or membership, our group is making its mark in Georgia. We look forward to feedback from our members in order to make this newsletter everything that YOU want it to be!

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Chair, GA ACP Early Career Physicians

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Danny Newman, MD FACP
2015 Mark Silverman MD Award Winner

The Council of Early Career Physicians is thrilled to recognize our founding member, Dr. Danny Newman. Dr. Newman was chosen for The 2015 Mark Silverman Award. This award was established in 2010 to
honor a Member, Fellow or Master who exemplifies devotion to his or her patients as well as students, residents and young physician members of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Newman is a Fellow member with the American College of Physicians (ACP). He attended medical school and completed residency at the Medical College of Georgia where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Currently in private practice in Augusta, Georgia, Dr. Newman continues to work in both the inpatient and outpatient setting. Dr. Newman has been elected by his peers to Best Doctors since 2009 and has been an active member of ACP at both the state and national level. He was the 1st Chairman of the Georgia ACP Early Career Physicians Committee from 2009-2012 (formerly known as the Young Physician Committee). Elected as a member of the National ACP Early Career Physicians Committee, Dr. Newman also currently serves on the National Ethics, Professionalism and Human Rights Committee. Dr. Newman has completed the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy as nominated by the Georgia Chapter ACP.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

STATE-LEVEL SERVICE

Early Career Physicians encourages members to participate in Georgia 's emergency response teams. The State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Georgia integrates government-sponsored local, regional and statewide volunteer programs to assist emergency response and public safety organizations during a disaster. It is part of a national initiative to coordinate and mobilize volunteers to respond to all types of emergencies. For more information, please go to, http://www.servga.gov.

COMMUNITY -LEVEL SERVICE

Early Career Physicians Get Involved in Their Local Communities

Amy Eubanks, MD, FACP, currently serves as the Chair of the Early Career Physicians for the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians. She has served on the board of the Rapha Clinic of West Georgia, a faith-based free medical clinic for the uninsured, for 5 years. She is also currently the Chief-of-Staff for the Rapha Clinic. On February 27th, 2016, the Rapha Clinic put on its second annual Sound of Medicine fundraiser which is an evening consisting of musical performances by groups that include physicians in the community. The concept for Sound of Medicine was one Dr. Eubanks brought to the board last year, and the community response was robust! Through sponsorships, a silent auction and individual ticket sales, this year the Rapha Clinic raised $16,000.00 for operational costs.

What else do our Early Career Physician members have going on in their communities? Please contact us and let us know. We would love to share your experiences with all of our members!
Once again the Early Career Physicians had a great turnout for their annual networking dinner on the eve of Legislative Day with the Primary Care Coalition. Members of ACP Early Career Physicians, members of HEALTHSTAT, and numerous residents and medical students turned out at Agave to network and hear up-to-date legislative information from ACP lobbyist Andy Lorde. Those present were also given advice on general lobbying techniques as well as our questions answered about the latest legislative priorities for GA ACP.

We also had a fantastic turnout for Legislative Day! Our members took the time out of their daily schedules to come to Capitol Hill and speak to their legislators about ACP legislative priorities. Once again we showed that the Early Career Physicians are willing and able to be advocates for our patients and our profession!

One of our major goals in advocacy involves working with the Patient-Centered Physician’s Coalition of Georgia on the disparity in reimbursements for Medicaid and Medicare. Medicaid reimbursement rates to physicians have not been increased by the state for 16 years and on average Georgia Medicaid pays only about 65% of what Medicare pays for and only about 50% of what regular commercial insurance pays. Reducing access to care for patients is the impact these reimbursement rates are encouraging.
EDUCATION

Based on feedback and suggestions from our members at last year’s state chapter meeting, GA ACP is going to put on a Faculty Development Workshop to take place just prior to the start of the next state chapter meeting. The workshop will be three hours and it will focus on the topics of; Teaching Clinical Reasoning and Improving Teaching Effectiveness and Efficiency. Both topics were chosen based on the results of an ACP member survey conducted earlier this year. The educational topics will be aimed at both community and academic physician members of GA ACP. We will be pairing senior ACP members with ECP members to help teach this workshop, please make sure you mark your calendar to attend in October!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Georgia Chapter ACP Faculty Poster Competition

There will be an opportunity at the October 2016 Georgia Chapter Meeting for young faculty to submit an abstract/poster for the meeting. Watch your email for a Call for Abstracts soon!

In response to Early Career Physician member feedback, we are going to have ongoing tips for publication in this and subsequent newsletters. We are also planning to have a "debrief" session after the poster presentations in order to give guidance for members in taking the next step towards publishing their clinical/research vignettes. Early Career Members with experience in publication have expressed willingness to serve as mentors for other ECP members in these endeavors.

For young physicians starting in academics, especially in general medicine, consider which track you will be placed in. For many, education is a priority and choose the MEST (medical educator track) which is becoming popular compared to the clinical or research tracks.

Tips for Publication:

If you are not already involved in intensive research but do a lot of teaching or are just starting out, consider publishing your presentations or teaching tools in a peer review on-line journal, Medical Education Portal (MedEdPortal). This is a peer reviewed on-line journal for educators and researchers in education that is funded by the AAMC. It will count towards your scholarship for promotion and a great way to build an early CV.


MENTORSHIP

The Early Career Physicians Committee is continuing to provide mentorship on many different levels. Within our group, members are volunteering their time, talents and experience to mentor other ECP members professionally. With the faculty development workshop, we are fostering mentoring relationships with senior members of ACP and our group. We continue to work with our Resident Council, and we had a strong showing from their group at our Networking Dinner. Need a mentor? Want to be a mentor? Contact us. We would love to work with you
UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to register for the GA ACP Chapter Meeting!

October 21-23, 2016
Chateau Élan Winery & Inn
Braselton, GA

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EARLY CAREER COMMITTEE AND NETWORKING EVENT AT THE CHAPTER MEETING TO COME!

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