



Illinois Southern  
Region

"The Downstate  
Dialogue"

April 20, 2015

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the beauty and arrival of spring. In Champaign-Urbana, the tulips and daffodils are in bloom, as well as the magnolias, and the redbuds are beginning to show their beautiful color. Here are some spring updates from your ACP Chapter:

#### **Internal Medicine 2015, 100th Anniversary**

If you have never been to a national ACP meeting, or if you have attended many, the 2015 meeting will be an especially good one: the 100th anniversary of the ACP, [Internal Medicine 2015](#), which begins next week in Boston, MA, April 30-May 2! Choose from more than 200 CME courses in internal medicine and the subspecialties presented by faculty unsurpassed in their fields. Cheer on our Downstate IL Doctor's Dilemma team of residents **Indrajeet Mahata, MD, Furqan Rajput, MD, and Ravi Kodali, MD** (Urbana), and support our Downstate students and residents presenting posters. And after Convocation on **Thursday PM April 30**, do stop by the **ACP Illinois Chapter Reception** at The Daily Catch, 2 Northern Ave., Boston. Hope to see you there!

#### **ACP Centennial Legacy Award—Downstate IL**

This special award celebrates ACP's Centennial by recognizing one seminal chapter member whose service to the chapter had a significant impact on the chapter's viability. These individuals exemplify ACP's core values including leadership, excellence, respect, compassion, professionalism, and responsibility. We are delighted that **E. Richard Ensrud, MD, MACP**, has been chosen as the recipient of the ACP Downstate Illinois Centennial Legacy Award. He will march with our Downstate Illinois delegation at Convocation at Internal Medicine 2015 in Boston. Congratulations again Dr. Ensrud!

#### **My Kind of Medicine: IM Family**

In honor of ACP's Centennial, My Kind of Medicine: IM Family is a new series of physician profiles featuring multi-generational internists. The stories will appear in *Impact* (the ACP national newsletter for medical students) to showcase how a tradition of caring and a passion for internal medicine is passed from one generation to the next. Highlighted in the April 2015 issue are **Andrew Varney, MD, FACP** and his son **Jake Varney, MD** from Springfield, IL: see the story [here](#). Our Downstate IL Chapter is proud of you, and thank you both for your inspiring message!

#### **ACP Advocacy in Action**

As many of you are aware, both the House and the Senate recently repealed the SGR formula. See the [message](#) from ACP President **David Fleming, MD, FACP** about this historic event: this has been a priority for the ACP for more than a decade. In addition, your Downstate IL delegation will be heading to Leadership Day soon: click [here](#) for more details about Leadership Day and the issues your team will address.

**Save the Dates!**

## **Webinars**

**Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM CDT: Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP & Sean Greenhalgh, MD, FACP,** "Finding Joy in Medicine," ACP Downstate IL and SE Pennsylvania Leadership Webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

**Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 PM CDT: Andrew Varney, MD, FACP, Janet Jokela, MD, FACP,** "Applying for Subspecialty Fellowship"

**Monday, May 11, 5:30 PM CDT: Sriya Ranatunga, MD,** "Update in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Biologics and Their Complications"

**Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 PM CDT: Shari Erickson,** ACP Washington DC, "Value-based Purchasing"

**Monday, June 8, 5:30 PM CDT: Susan Hingle, MD, FACP,** ACP Board of Regents, "Applying for ACP Fellowship"

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**Internal Medicine 2015 Boston, Centennial Meeting, April 30-May 2.** Also, you are invited to our **Illinois Chapter Reception, Thursday evening, April 30,** immediately following convocation at "The Daily Catch" Seaport restaurant, 2 Northern Ave., Boston.

**ACP Leadership Day, Washington DC, May 20-21.** For more about Leadership Day, see [here](#); and for more advocacy news and updates, see the [ACP Advocacy](#) page.

## **Friday, October 30**

**Downstate Illinois ACP Student and Residents Day, Jump Center, Peoria.** Save the date! Plans are well underway, thanks to our program planning team led by **James Graumlich, MD, FACP, Shweta Ramsahai, MD,** and **Karthik Ragunathan, MD.**

## **Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14**

**Illinois ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting, University Club, Chicago**

Enjoy the beauty of spring, and hope to see you at Internal Medicine 2015 in Boston!

Best wishes,

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*"To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care  
by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine."*