



Illinois Southern  
Region

"The Downstate  
Dialogue"

Greetings Chapter Members:

I wish to introduce myself as your new Governor of the Illinois Southern Chapter of ACP. My first day of duty was April Fools' Day, 2017. Thanks to the wise tutelage that I received from our Immediate-Past-Governor, Janet Jokela, and our Executive Director, Donna Seawards, I feel I won't be the April Fool for long.

I look forward to working with you for the next four years. My goal is to make the ACP your professional home for purposes of professional development, Continuing Medical Education, and Maintenance of Certification. I will seek your feedback on ACP's advocacy efforts to improve high-value-care, access-to-care, and patients-before-paperwork. As health care evolves in the next few years, I encourage you to be vocal on behalf of your patients. I will carry your message to the national leaders of ACP who will speak for all of us *"To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care."*

**Below are news items for April 2017**

#### **ACP Leadership Day, May 23-24, 2017, in Washington, DC**

Our chapter will send a robust delegation to Capitol Hill. There the delegates will receive a day of training on ACP Advocacy initiatives. Then, our delegates will be the voices of our Chapter: they will use narratives and anonymized patient stories to convey messages directly to our elected representatives and their staff members. Our delegation is listed below. When you see one of the delegates, please thank them for their service and then ask them about their experience. Who knows, you might want to join the delegation to Washington DC in 2018.

Illinois Southern delegation to ACP Leadership Day: **Janet Jokela**, Champaign; **Emily Horvath**, Peoria; **MJ Yadav**, Peoria; **Larry Jennings**, Mount Carmel; **Sue Hingle**, Springfield; **Hanna Erickson**, Champaign; **Marti Hlafka**, Springfield; **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta**, Champaign; **Vidya Sundareshan**, Springfield

#### **Internal Medicine 2017 in San Diego**

Those of you who attended Internal Medicine 2017 in San Diego know that it was great. The weather was perfect: sunshine every day. The opening ceremony featured Anthony S. Fauci, MD, MACP, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Fauci's outstanding Keynote Address was entitled, "From AIDS to Zika: The Enduring Challenge of Emerging Infectious Diseases." On Thursday afternoon, the Doctor's Dilemma team from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign competed

against teams from around the world. Sadly, our Doctor's Dilemma team did not make it to the final rounds. On Thursday evening, there was pomp and circumstance at the ACP Convocation. Dr. Janet Jokela, FACP, led the Illinois Downstate delegation that included new Fellows of the College plus award winners (see [photos](#) here). New Fellows who were inducted at Convocation were:

- Efe Marcus Akpoigbe, MD FACP
- Muhammad Ali N Memon, MD FACP
- Mukul Bhattarai, MD FACP
- Narain D Mandhan, MD FACP
- Ramon Garcia, MD FACP
- Rexanne L. Caga-anan, MD FACP
- Sharon Kwamboka Onguti, MBCHB FACP
- Tamer H Hudali, MD FACP
- Venkat R Minnaganti, MD FACP

Our chapter award winner was Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, FACP. After convocation, Illinois ACP members gathered to celebrate at Don Chido restaurant for drinks and tapas.

### **New Paper from ACP Examines the Ethical Use of EHRs and Health IT**

A new ACP paper "[Ethical Implications of the Electronic Health Record: In the Service of the Patient](#)," addresses how EHRs can best serve the patient-physician relationship and patient care; patient autonomy, privacy, and confidentiality; and professionalism, clinical reasoning, and training.

The paper asserts that electronic health records should facilitate high value patient-centered care, strong patient-physician relationships, and effective training of future physicians. EHR use should assist and enhance clinical reasoning and the development of cognitive and diagnostic skills. Features such as copy-and-paste should be employed judiciously, reflect thought processes about the current patient encounter, and meet the ethical requirements for an accurate and complete medical record. The paper also addresses confidentiality issues and the risk of unauthorized disclosure and use of protected health information.

### **Early Career Physicians**

The ACP offers numerous opportunities to develop leadership skills. ACP courses include webinars on Practice Transformation and Quality Improvement. In addition, the ACP has developed programs on physician well-being to promote engagement and reduce burn-out. For more information, please visit [acponline.org](http://acponline.org) or [email](#) me.

### **Members**

Congratulations to members who advanced to Fellowship in the ACP in 2017. For those of you who wish to advance to FACP or wish to recommend a member for advancement, please [email](#) me.

Members who want CME and/or MOC points, please see Save-the-Date for the Illinois ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting, in Oakbrook, Illinois, on November 17 & 18, 2017.

### **ACP for Residents**

Start thinking about the posters and vignettes that you want to submit for juried competition at the Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY at the Memorial Center for Innovation & Learning in Springfield, IL. Please Save-the-Date for Tuesday, October 17. Winners get cash prizes and/or a travel stipend to compete at the national ACP meeting in New Orleans.

Please join us for the webinar on “*Applying to Subspecialty Fellowships.*” See Save-the-Date below.

### **ACP for Medical Students**

Our chapter hosted a webinar for medical students who participated in the National Residency Matching Program. The webinar was entitled, “*Intern Survival.*” I thank speakers **Nick Ahn, MD**, PGY4 Chief Resident, and **Tracey Johnson**, Residency Program Coordinator, for educating newly-matched fourth-year students about what they need to know to start internship.

Medical students have the opportunity to enter the ACP poster competition, too. Please see Save-the-Date for Tuesday, October 17, for the Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY. The winner gets a travel stipend to compete at the national ACP meeting in New Orleans.

## **SAVE-THE-DATE**

### **Webinars**

- Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM Central Time: MKSAP Live Online Study Hall (More Information [Here](#))
- May 15, 2017 (Monday), 5:30 PM Central Time, webinar on “*Applying to Subspecialty Fellowships*”, featuring speakers are **Janet Jokela, MD, FACP**, **Andy Varney, MD, FACP**. Register [Here](#).
- October 17, 2017 (Tuesday): Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY at the Memorial Center for Innovation & Learning in Springfield, IL

### **Live Meetings**

- October 17, 2017, Illinois Downstate Residents' and Students' Day, Springfield, Illinois
- November 17-18, 2017 (Friday & Saturday), Illinois ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting, Oakbrook, Illinois
- April 19-21, 2018: Internal Medicine Meeting 2018 in New Orleans, LA,

Sincerely,

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American College of Physicians

*ACP mission:*

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