



Illinois Southern
Region

"The Downstate
Dialogue"

August 28, 2015

Dear Downstate Illinois ACP Members,

I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy the summer, and visit with family and friends. It is hard to believe that Labor Day is upon us. As summer winds down and school starts up again, here are some updates from your ACP chapter.

ACP IL Downstate Webinars 2015-2016

We have an exciting series of ACP Downstate IL After Hours and Leadership webinars planned for this year. First, kudos to **Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP** and **Suja Mathew, MD, FACP**, for presenting our first webinar on August 17 on "Applying to Residency." They gave an excellent, very informative presentation. Here is our schedule thus far, do watch for more:

- 9/8/15 "Finding Joy in Medicine," **Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP, Sean Greenhalgh, MD, FACP**, 7:00-8:00 PM. Register here: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4148861260347018241>
- 10/21/15 "How to Say No," **Rebecca Andrews, MD, FACP**, Chair, ACP Early Career MD Council, 6:30-7:30 PM
- 11/4/15 "Advancing to ACP Fellowship," **Robert T. (Dobbin) Chow, MD, MACP**, Chair, ACP Credentials Committee
- 11/16/15 "Leg Cellulitis and Its Mimics," **Jan V. Hirschmann, MD, FACP**, University of Washington, 5:30-6:30 PM
- 1/27/16 "Mentoring," **Jeffrey G. Wiese, MD, FACP**, Tulane University, 6:30-7:30 PM
- 2/3/16 "Sink, Swim, or Go for the Gold? How MACRA Changes the Way Internists are Paid," **Shari Erickson, MPH**, ACP Vice President, Governmental and Medical Practice, Washington DC.
- 3/9/16 "EMR at the Bedside," **Samer Badlani, MD, FACP**, Intermountain Healthcare, Utah, 6:30-7:30 PM
- 3/21/16 "Update in HCV," **Janak Koirala, MD, FACP**, SIU-Springfield, 5:30-6:30 PM

- 5/16/16 “Applying for Subspecialty Fellowships,” **Janet Jokela, MD, FACP, Andrew Varney, MD, FACP**, 5:30-6:30 PM

Thanks to our Downstate IL Governors Council, Early Career MD Council, and Education Committee for suggestions and assistance.

Resolutions

Six resolutions are up for discussion and voting at the upcoming Fall Board of Governor’s meeting. The list is attached, please review them and share your opinions—it is my privilege to represent you. And if you have suggestions for future resolutions, please let [Donna Seawards](#), our Executive Director, and me know—you may also discuss your ideas with any of our Downstate Illinois Council Members: **Naveed Adoni, MD, Andy Arwari, MD, FACP, James Graumlich, MD, FACP, Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP, Majd Ibrahim, MD, Larry Jennings, MD, FACP, Michael Kuhlenschmidt, MD, Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, Saad Muhammed, MD, Freddy Nguyen, PhD, Gary Rull, MD, FACP, Jit Trivedi, MD, FACP**. Thank you Council, and thank you!

Call for Abstracts—Students and Residents

The deadline for the Call for Abstracts for this year’s Downstate IL Poster Competition for students and residents is Friday, September 11. For more information and to submit an abstract, click [here](#). Scheduled for Friday, October 30 at the Jump Trading & Simulation Center in Peoria, we are all looking forward to an exciting competition! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Seawards.

Volunteerism

What do you do for volunteer work? We are working to build a network of our chapter members who volunteer, in any capacity. We know that many of you do inspiring work outside of your usual responsibilities. Please let us know what you do—we want to hear from you!

MKSAP Study Hall

Every Tuesday evening at 8:00 pm, MKSAP Live Online Study Hall presents an opportunity for all Illinois Chapter members to prepare for recertification in a casual, collegial, online setting. Participation is limited to recertifying Illinois Chapter ACP members, and to medical residents from ‘elite’ programs (these are programs with at least 90% of residents as registered ACP members). Click [here](#) for details.

Save the Dates!

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00-8:00 PM, Live Webinar “Finding Joy in Medicine,” **Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP, Sean Greenhalgh, MD, FACP**. [Register here](#).

Friday, October 30

Downstate Illinois ACP Students and Residents Day: Students and residents—start preparing now! We look forward to the Poster Competition, Oral Clinical Vignette Competition, Doctor’s Dilemma, and more. Abstract deadline for posters is September 11, more information may be found [here](#).

Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14

Illinois ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting: at the University Club, Chicago. The Planning Committee led by **Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP**, has planned a fabulous meeting, click [here](#) for the program and registration. Special guests include **David W. Baker, MD, MPH, FACP, Kurt Kroenke, MD, MACP, Christine A. Sinsky, MD, FACP, Daisy Smith, MD, FACP, Neil Stone, MD, MACP, FACC, FAHA**. Opportunities to expand our horizons, catch up with colleagues, earn MOC points, and more! Hope to see you there!

May 5-7, 2016, Internal Medicine Washington DC

Many exciting plans are underway, do not miss out! Click [here](#) for details.

Wishing you a wonderful upcoming Labor Day weekend, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Janet

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ACP mission:

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

Attachments:

NOTE: The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

[F15 Resolutions](#)