



August 16, 2016

Dear ACP Downstate IL Members-

Greetings! Here are some brief August updates for you from your ACP Illinois Chapter, Downstate Region.

ACP Downstate Illinois Education Committee

Thanks is in order to our Chapter's Education Committee: **Meenakshy Aiyer, MD, FACP, Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Majd Ibrahim, MD, Lawrence Jennings, MD, MACP, James Kumar, MD, FACP, Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, T Newsome, Gary Rull, MD, FACP, Omar Siddiqui, MD, Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP.** This committee met recently to plan our yearly webinar series. Members also provide input to our Program Planning Committee for our fall meeting, and other activities throughout the year. Please send them your suggestions-thank you!

Advocacy Update

Attached are the resolutions to be discussed and voted upon by the ACP Board of Governors at their fall meeting next month. Please review them and send me your feedback and opinions by Wednesday, August 31. Please note that our Downstate Governor's Council has already signed on to resolution #3, advocating against performance measures that link reimbursement to satisfaction with pain management. Thank you for your input!

What are your Concerns? Submit a Resolution

And, are you concerned about a practice or clinical issue, or have an idea you'd like to suggest? If so, submit a resolution for consideration by our Downstate Governor's Council. Participating in the resolutions process allows you to shape College policy that impacts the practice of Internal Medicine. When drafting a resolution, check to see how well it fits within [ACPs Mission and Goals](#); the [College's 2016-2017 Priority Initiatives](#) also provide valuable guidance. Share your good idea! Please send your ideas to [Donna Seawards, CAE, CNAP](#), our Chapter's Executive Director.

ACP Downstate IL Webinars

Calling all students! Do not miss this valuable webinar! Our first webinar this academic year is "*The Do's, Don'ts and Maybe's of Applying to Residency*," to be given on Monday, August 29, 5:30 PM, by **Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP**, Residency Program Director at the University of Illinois-Peoria, and **Suja Mathews, MD, FACP**, Governor Illinois Northern Region and Residency Program Director at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. Please register [here](#). All Downstate IL webinars are free and open to all, as a benefit of your ACP membership.

ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting 2016

Mark your calendars now for our statewide ACP Illinois Fall meeting, scheduled for Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th in Champaign at the I-Hotel (Friday, 11/18) and Champaign Country Club (Saturday, 11/19). Terrific sessions are planned, including multiple sessions on physician wellness. Our Program Planning Committee, and Program Chair and Governor-elect, **James Graulich, MD, FACP**, has something for everyone! Special guests include **Joseph Li, MD, FACP, FSHM**, Member, Board of Regents (and former President of the Society of Hospital Medicine), and **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, Chair-elect of the ACP Board of Regents. Save the date!

Downstate IL Students and Residents Poster Competition

The poster competition for Downstate IL students and residents will be Thursday evening, November 17, at the I-Hotel in Champaign. This is a great opportunity for all students and residents: start making your plans now. Here is the [call for abstracts](#), submission deadline is September 30. Save the dates!

Early Career MD and Students Mentoring Breakfast

On Saturday morning, November 19, our Downstate IL Chapter will be hosting a mentoring breakfast for Early Career MDs, medical residents and medical students in Champaign at the Champaign Country Club, in conjunction with our ACP Illinois meeting. This will provide a great opportunity for learning and growth-if you are an Early Career MD, medical resident or a medical student, hope to see you there!

Save the Dates!

Every Tuesday, 8:00 PM, [MKSAP Live Online Study Hall](#), for recertifying Illinois ACP members, and 'elite' residency programs (that is, programs with more than 90% of residents registered as ACP members).

ACP IL Webinar, Monday, August 29, 5:30 PM. "*Do's, Don'ts, and Maybe's of Applying to Residency*," **Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, Suja Mathews, MD, FACP**. Register [here](#).

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ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting, November 18-19, Champaign.

ACP Internal Medicine 2017, March 30-April 1, San Diego.

Enjoy the rest of August!

Sincerely yours,

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