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Dear ACP Downstate IL Members—

We all know that even the recent balmy temperatures cannot fool us—the holiday season is upon us. Here are some gifts, just for you, from the ACP and your Downstate Region Illinois Chapter.

### **Downstate Colleagues**

As you can imagine, our Student and Resident Day in Peoria on October 30 required a lot of volunteers and teamwork, all of which we possessed in abundance. Special acknowledgements and thanks goes to our Downstate Chief Residents at Peoria, SIU, and Urbana, including **Zohair Ahmed, MD, Bashar Amr, MD, Krishan Kataria, MD, Mey Narayanan, MD, Susrat Pendyala, MD, Furqan Rajput, MD, Karthik Ranganathan, MD, Crystal Shaw, MD, Kaylee Stabenau, MD, Tricia Teoh, MD**, and multiple other residents. Thank you also to our many faculty judges: **Murad Abdelsalam, MD, Saurabh Bansal, MD, John Flack, MD, MPH, Rajesh Govindaiah, MD, FACP, Jessica Hanks, MD, Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Jean Holley, MD, FACP, Matthew Jager, DO, FACP, Larry Lindahl, MD, Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, Sharon Onguti, MD, FACP, Venkata Pendyala, MD, FACP, Holley Rosencranz, MD, FACP, Stacy Sattovia, MD, FACP, Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP, Anita Ung, MD, Manajyoti Yadav, MD, April Yasunaga, MD, FACP**. And none of this could have happened without **Colleen Keeku**, Program Assistant, and **Donna Seawards, CAE, CNAP**, our Chapter's Executive Director, who brought this event to life. Thank you team!

### **ACP Downstate IL Webinars**

We look forward to multiple webinars in 2016 on a variety of topics, including MACRA, What's New at the *Annals*, and more. **Jan Hirschmann, MD**, gave an excellent webinar last month on "Leg Cellulitis and Its Mimics"—if you missed it, you may view recording on our [vimeo site](#). And do watch for our next webinar on Wednesday January 13, "Financial Planning for Early Career MDs," given by the ACP Chief Financial Officer, **Ralph Hibbs, Jr., CPA, MBA**, who graciously agreed to do this just for us. Register [here](#).

### **Patients Before Paperwork**

This is an important ACP initiative to reinvigorate the patient-physician relationship by challenging unnecessary practice burdens. ACP has long identified reducing administrative complexities or burdens as a priority. Building on this, the ACP is working to develop an evidence based, comprehensive approach to better address the top priority administrative complexities that are faced by ACP members. To learn more and get involved, click [here](#).

### **Advocacy & Leadership Day**

If you have a special interest in public policy and advocacy, join our team for Leadership Day 2016! Coming up on May 3-4, right before the National ACP meeting on May 5-7, Leadership Day provides an

opportunity for ACP members from all over the country to convene in Washington to become versed in ACP advocacy issues and meet with members of Congress. Visit <http://im2016.acponline.org/for-meeting-attendees/leadership-day-capitol-hill> to learn more. And for the latest advocacy updates and news, see <https://www.acponline.org/advocacy/>.

### **Dynamed Plus**

We are excited to announce that ACP and EBSCO Health are collaborating to provide ACP members with free access to the most current, evidence-based clinical decision support tool – *DynaMed Plus™* as a benefit of ACP membership. Get started today using this powerful new tool:

[https://www.acponline.org/clinical\\_information/dynamed\\_plus/](https://www.acponline.org/clinical_information/dynamed_plus/)

### **Teaching Clinical Reasoning**

*Teaching Clinical Reasoning*, the newest book in the *Teaching Medicine* series, is now available individually or as part of the seven-book series set. The book is designed to help medical educators of various levels enhance their clinical reasoning abilities, and explores instructional methods of modern medical education. Topics in the book include the importance of diagnosis testing, how to combine theoretical concepts and practice when teaching clinical medicine, and new approaches to continuing professional development. For more information, visit <http://www.acponline.org/teachingbooks>.

### **Chapter Excellence Award**

I am pleased to announce that our chapter is in receipt of the 2015 Chapter Excellence Award. The award recognizes chapters which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet multiple criteria, including formulating an effective Governor's Council and committees, communicating frequently with membership, providing educational opportunities, recruiting and advancing members and celebrating membership through local awards. Thank you team, and congratulations!

### **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). See [here](#) for more information.

**Webinar, January 13, 6:30 PM, "Financial Planning for Early Career MDs," Ralph Hibbs, Jr., CPA, MBA, ACP CFO.** Register [here](#).

**Leadership Day 2016, May 3-4, Washington DC.** Click [here](#) for more information.

**Internal Medicine 2016, May 5-7, Washington DC.** Visit [im2016.acponline.org](http://im2016.acponline.org).

In the spirit of the holiday season, thank you—thank you for your gifts, talents, and time that you give every day to your patients and colleagues, and to your ACP Chapter. I wish you wonderful holidays with family and friends, and many blessings for the New Year.

With warm wishes,

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