

Dear Downstate Illinois ACP Members-

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. There is much to celebrate and be thankful for during this holiday season, including all of the amazing members of our Illinois ACP Chapter and Downstate Region.

ACP Illinois 2016

Thanks to the support and input of many, many people, we held a very successful and exciting meeting in Champaign last month. I would especially like to recognize and thank **James Graumlich, MD, FACP**, Program Chair and Governor-elect, **Emily Horvath, MD, FACP**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine from UICOM-Peoria who organized the student and resident activities, and **Larry Jennings, MD, MACP**, who collected and developed the questions for the residents' Doctor's Dilemma competition. In addition, special thanks goes to the Program Planning Committee: **Corey Black, MD, FACP**, **Catherine Cheng, MD, FACP**, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP**, **Majd Ibrahim, MD**, **James Kumar, MD, FACP**, **Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP**, **Suja Mathew, MD, FACP**, **Gary Rull, MD, FACP**, **Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP**. It takes a village and we have a terrific village!

ACP Downstate Illinois Awardees

We are most pleased to announce the 2016 recipients of our Chapter's Laureate Award: **Rajesh Govindaiah, MD, FACP**, and **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP**. They embody the spirit of the Laureate Award: they have rendered distinguished service to the ACP, our ACP Chapter and their communities for many years, and have upheld the ideals and professional standards for which the ACP is known. In addition, this year our Chapter's Volunteerism Award goes to **Greg Damhorst, PhD**, a MD-PhD Student at UICOM-Urbana, for his work as the founder of [Illini Fighting Hunger](#) (take a look!). Congratulations to Dr. Govindaiah, Dr. Hsu-Lumetta, and Greg!

2016 Downstate IL Resident and Student Competition Results

We continue to be inspired by our Downstate students and residents. Poster competition winners are entered in the national competition, to be held at Internal Medicine 2017, in San Diego. Good luck to everyone!

- Resident Research/QI Poster Competition: **Shakthishri Kandaswamy, MD**, 1st place: "*QI Initiative to control the use of inappropriate antibiotics in the treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria and UTI*"
- Resident Clinical Vignette Poster Competition: **Zubair Saeed Zafar, MD**, 1st place: "*An Interesting case of Neuroborelliosis in a Post-renal transplant Patient*"
- Student Poster Competition Winner: **Greg Damhorst, PhD**: "*A 50-year old man with polyarticular pain, rash, and quotidian fever*"
- Resident Oral Clinical Vignette Competition: **Sindhura Ravindra, MD**, 1st place: "*Answer lyse in B12*"

- Doctor's Dilemma Winning Team: Urbana, **Ravi Kodali, MD, Michael Kuhlenschmidt, MD, Rabel Misbah, MD**
- ACP Outstanding Residents (chosen by local faculty, and approved by ACP Downstate IL Awards Committee): **Zainab Al Obaidi, MD (SIU), Sarah Chalmers, MD (UICOMP-Med/Peds), Annia Martial, MD (UICOMP), Mahesh Swaminathan, MD (UIUC)**
- ACP Outstanding M4 Students (chosen by local faculty, and approved by ACP Downstate IL Awards Committee): **Stephen Brandt (SIU), Patrick Duncan (UICOMP), Francisco Guerra (UIUC)**

Thank you Downstate IL Clerkship and Residency Program Directors

Please acknowledge and thank the Residency Program Directors and Clerkship Directors at our Downstate Programs, who provide valuable guidance and mentorship to all of our trainees: **Saurabh Bansal, MD, FACP, Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, Matthew Mischler, MD, FACP, Frances J. McBee Orzulak, MD, Manajyoti Yadav, MD, FACP (Peoria); Rexanne Caga-anan, MD, Martha Hlafka, MD, FACP, Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Sharon Onguti, MD, FACP, Andrew Varney, MD, FACP (SIU); Kathleen Collins, MD, FACP, James Kumar, MD, FACP, Anu Mani, MD, FACP, April Yasunaga, MD, FACP (Urbana)**. Their support is crucial to our students' and residents' success. Thank you!

ACP Faculty Kudos

On Saturday Nov. 19, as part of our Chapter meeting, ACP Illinois members and faculty convened at the Champaign Country Club to review ABIM SEP modules and earn maintenance of certification points in internal medicine, hospital medicine, geriatrics, and palliative medicine. If anyone has not attended such a session, these are information-packed and high-yield: everything learned can immediately be put to use as soon as you return to your office. Kudos and thank you to our faculty speakers: **Michael Aref, MD, PhD, FACP, FHM, Corey A. Black, MD, FACP, Larry S. Lindahl, MD, FACP, Gary Rull, MD, FACP, Anne Furey Schultz, MD, FACP, J. April Yasunaga, MD, FACP, Scott S. Yen, MD, FACP**.

ACP Regents Take Action on Board of Governors Resolutions

Ever wonder what happens to the ACP resolutions? Twice per year, the Board of Governors debates and votes on resolutions (submitted by Chapters, Councils and Committees), and then they go to the Board of Regents. Click on the link below to see a summary of the Board of Regents actions on the most recent set of resolutions.

Recruit-a-Colleague

Recommend ACP membership to your colleagues and earn a significant discount on your membership dues or even free membership through ACP's [Recruit-a-Colleague Program](#). Now you have the opportunity to provide your colleagues with the same clinical support and educational resources that you have enjoyed as an ACP member.

Downstate Illinois After Hours and Leadership Webinars

We have some fantastic upcoming webinars planned, as a benefit of your ACP membership. Please see

the list below under "Save the Dates"-and more are in the works. We just hosted an outstanding webinar "*Physician Heal Thyself*," given by **Eileen Barrett, MD, FACP**, and **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**. Acknowledgements for our After Hours and Leadership series goes to our Chapter's Education Committee, Council of Students and Residents, and Early Career Physicians Councils, as well to our Leadership Series collaborators, the Montana, SE Pennsylvania, Washington DC and Navy ACP Chapters. And remember, you may view prior webinars at our Chapter's vimeo site: vimeo.com/acpillinois.

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 Downstate Illinois Webinars

- Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 PM. "*The Art of Networking*," **Wayne Riley, MD, MACP**
- Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 PM. "*MACRA Update*," **Shari Erickson, MPH**
- Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM. "*Practice Transformation*," **Daisy Smith, MD, FACP**
- Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM. "*Effective Patient Communication & Patient Satisfaction*," **Michael Aref, MD, FACP, April Yasunaga, MD, FACP**
- Monday, April 10, 5:30 PM. "*Intern Survival*," **Nick Ahn, MD**, PGY4 Chief Resident SIU, **Tracey Johnson**, Coordinator
- Monday, May 15, 5:30 PM. "*Applying to Subspecialty Fellowships*," **Janet Jokela, MD, FACP, Andrew Varney, MD, FACP**

Watch for registration links!

ACP Internal Medicine 2017, in San Diego, March 30-April 1. More info [here!](#)

ACP Leadership Day, May 23-24, 2017, Washington DC. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Fall Statewide IL ACP Scientific Meeting, Friday & Saturday, October 27-28, Oakbrook, IL

Thank you for all you do, and all that you give to your patients, your colleagues, and your ACP Chapter. Wishing you and your family and friends a wonderful holiday season.

With all my best,

Janet

Governor, Downstate Region Illinois Chapter - American College of Physician

Attachments:

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