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Dear ACP Downstate IL Members-

Greetings! Is it possible that winter may be almost over? As spring approaches and the days grow longer, I would like to share a few updates and some exciting offerings from the ACP and your Downstate Illinois Chapter.

ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting 2016

Our Program Committee has exciting plans for our upcoming statewide ACP Illinois Meeting, scheduled to take place Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th in Champaign. The meeting's theme is the laudable Quadruple Aim: better population health, better care for patients, lower cost through improvement, and improved physician satisfaction. Special thanks to our Program Chair, **James Graumlich, MD, FACP**, and Education and Program Committee members **Cory Black, MD, FACP**, **Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP**, **Rajesh Govindaiah, MD, FACP**, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP**, **Majd Ibrahim, MD**, **Lawrence Jennings, MD, MACP**, **James Kumar, MD, FACP**, **Theresa Lynch, MD, FACP**, **Suja Mathews, MD, FACP**, **Gary Rull, MD, FACP**, **Omar Siddiqui, MD**, **Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP**. We are looking forward to a great meeting!

ACP Practice Transformation Grant

The ACP is the recipient of an exciting new grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under a new Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative! The ACP will provide an array of tools and resources to support clinicians and practices as they transform from volume-based to value-based, patient-centered care. To achieve this, practices may enroll in CMS-funded Practice Transformation Networks (PTNs), which are peer-based learning networks comprised of a broad community of practices designed to assist clinicians with skill development specific to practice transformation. Practices that participate will receive coaching and support in practice transformation at no cost. Benefits include improved health outcomes and better coordination of care for patients, closer alignment with new federal policies and incentives, free access to [ACP Practice Advisor](#)[®] for all enrolled practices, and free CME/MOC through [High Value Care Cases](#). Please contact [Donna Seawards](#), our Chapter's Executive Director, if you would like to learn more, participate, or if you know of colleagues who might be interested. Thank you, and good luck!

Advocacy

The ACP and our Chapter advocates for all of us: generalists, hospitalists, subspecialists, early career physicians, residents, and students. To learn more about ACP advocacy activities, please take a look at [ACP's advocacy page](#), and peruse [the blog](#) of **Bob Doherty**, ACP Senior Vice President Government

Affairs and Public Policy. In addition, at the upcoming Spring 2016 Board of Governors meeting, fourteen resolutions will be up for discussion, including one sponsored by our Downstate Region pertaining to age-based screening of internists-watch for more details! If you have any advocacy issues, concerns, or ideas, please contact our Downstate representatives on our ACP Illinois Chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee, including **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Holly Rosencranz, MD, FACP, David Steward, MD, MACP**. Thank you!

"On Being a Doctor" Story Slam, *Annals of Internal Medicine*

Building on the very popular "On Being a Doctor" essays in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Annals* invited 12 story tellers to share their stories with in front of a live Philadelphia audience in the "On Being a Doctor" Story Slam. Over 300 people attended the event, which was [videotaped](#) and live streamed. Each one is inspiring and engaging, and lends insight into what it means to be a doctor. And do plan to attend our Chapter's *Annals* [webinar](#) on April 6, to be given by Editor-in-Chief **Christine Laine, MD, FACP**, the creative force behind the College's flagship journal. Enjoy!

ACP Downstate IL Webinars

Just for you: our next upcoming webinar will be given on March 9 by a former member of our Illinois ACP Chapter, **Samer Badlani, MD, FACP**, known to many of you. He will discuss "EMR at the Bedside," please register [here](#). On March 21, join us for a timely update on the fast-moving world of "Hepatitis C," given by our own **Janak Koirala, MD, FACP**, of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; you may register [here](#). Hope you can join us! To view prior ACP Illinois Chapter webinars, please visit vimeo.com/acpillinois. Thank you!

Recruit-A-Colleague

ACP offers incentives to members and their chapters that recruit new members through the Recruit-a-Colleague Chapter (RACC) Rewards Program. Potential rewards include dues credits, a chance to win a trip to the annual Internal Medicine meeting, as well as funding for chapter activities. To participate, simply forward to your colleagues a [membership application](#). To qualify for the program, your name must be listed on the recruiter line of the application, and the form must include the code RACC. The program runs until March 1, 2016. Thank you for your help in growing our chapter!

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.

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March 9, 6:30 PM CST, EMR at the Bedside, **Samer Badlani, MD, FACP**, Intermountain Healthcare, Utah. Register [here](#).

March 21, 5:30 PM CST, Hepatitis C, **Janak Koirala, MD, FACP**, Southern Illinois School of Medicine. Register [here](#).

April 6, 6:30 PM CST, What's New at the *Annals*, **Christine Laine, MD, FACP**, Editor-in-Chief, *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Register [here](#).

May 16, 5:30 PM CST, Applying for Subspecialty Fellowships, **Andrew Varney, MD, FACP, Janet Jokela, MD, FACP**. Register [here](#).

June 6, 5:30 PM CST, College Update: ACPs Strategic Priorities, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, Chair-elect, ACP Board of Regents. Register [here](#).

Leadership Day 2016, May 3-4, Washington DC

Internal Medicine 2016, May 5-7, Washington DC

ACP Downstate Illinois Student and Residents Poster Competition, November 17, Champaign, save the date!

ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting, November 18-19, Champaign, save the date!

Thank you again for all you do for each other, your patients, and our Chapter. Enjoy the milder weather (we hope!) and the longer days.

Kind regards,

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