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Dear ACP Downstate IL Members-

Greetings! I hope everyone has been managing with winter thus far. Between little snow, days of ice, and periods of unseasonably warm weather, perhaps the only thing predictable about our winter is its unpredictability! Here are some important updates from your ACP Chapter.

### **You are Invited!**

Just for you, our Downstate Illinois ACP Chapter is hosting an important Webinar this Wednesday, February 8, *Understanding MACRA*, given by **Shari Erickson, MPH**, ACP Vice-President Governmental Affairs and Medical Practice; you may register [here](#). Another valuable webinar on *Practice Transformation* is scheduled for Feb. 22, given by **Daisy Smith, MD, FACP**, ACP Vice-President Clinical Programs; please register [here](#). And remember, you may view prior webinars at our Chapter's [vimeo site](#). These webinars are open to all and are a benefit of your ACP membership.

### **Award: ACP Stroke Prevention Quality Improvement Program**

I am pleased to inform you that our Illinois ACP Chapter Downstate Region has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the ACP Center for Quality for our proposal for the Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation initiative. Our proposal, developed by ACP members **Saad Adoni, MD, Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP, James Kumar, MD, FACP, Narain Mandhan, MD, FACP**, and residents **Muhammad Ajmal, MD, Baqer Haider, MD, Robin Fernandes, MD and Harsh Rawal, MD**, and many others, will study best practices for preventing stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation, along with four other Chapters from around the country. We especially want to acknowledge the University of Illinois at Urbana Internal Medicine Residency Program for their participation in this project, their Program Director, **James Kumar, MD, FACP**, and the Carle Foundation Hospital Stroke Program team for their support. Congratulations!

### **Congratulations**

**Hanna Erickson**, a first year MD-PhD student at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, was recently elected to serve on the national ACP Council of Students. Hanna was chosen to serve a three-year term on the Council, and will lend her voice to the national ACP dialogue on issues important to medical students. To all students: please contact Hanna and let her know what the ACP can do for you! Congratulations Hanna!

### **Governor's Council Election**

I am pleased to announce the results of our recent election for our Downstate Illinois Governor's Council: we welcome **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP** and **MJ Yadav, MD, FACP** to the Council. They join **Naveed Adoni, MD, Andy Arwari, MD, FACP, Hanna Erickson, James Graumlich, MD, FACP, Susan**

**Hingle, MD, FACP, Majd Ibrahim, MD, Lawrence Jennings, MD, MACP, Michael Kuhlenschmidt, MD, Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP, Gary Rull, MD, FACP, Omar Siddiqui, MD, Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP.** Our Downstate Illinois Governor's Council provides advice, insights and guidance to the Governor, and represents our membership across our region. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, do reach out to our Council-we thank them for their service.

### **Calling all Early Career MDs!**

The ACP is here for you! Early Career MDs (ECPs), defined as physicians within 16 years of medical school graduation, are an important group in our Chapter. Our Downstate Illinois Region's ECPs, together with ECPs from other Chapters around the country, host a series of Leadership Webinars specifically for ECPs, and nationally, this year the ACP is holding a new e-Poster Competition for ECPs. Our Chapter wants to help meet ECPs' professional needs-help us help you! Please contact Early Career MDs in your community with ideas and suggestions, including **Krishan Kataria, MD, Urbana, Sharon Onguti, MD, FACP, Springfield, and MJ Yadav, MD, FACP, Peoria.** Thank you!

### **Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

If you missed the recent important message from Executive Vice-President **Darilyn Moyer, MD, FACP** about MOC and plans for a potential new pilot program for ACP members, you may view it [here](#). Watch for updates. And see [here](#) for related information about ACPs Role and Professional Accountability.

### **Advocacy**

We want to hear from you! Whether you support the ACA or want to see it repealed, or are somewhere in between, your voice is important! For more information about the ACPs advocacy efforts, please explore the [ACP Advocacy page](#) on the ACP website. Please share your thoughts, opinions and suggestions with me and our Council. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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, February 8, 6:30 PM.** "*Understanding MACRA*," **Shari Erickson, MPH**, register [here](#).

**Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM.** "*Practice Transformation*," **Daisy Smith, MD, FACP**, register [here](#).

**Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM.** "*Effective Patient Communication & Patient Satisfaction*," **Michael Aref, MD, FACP, April Yasunaga, MD, FACP**, register [here](#).

**Monday, April 10, 5:30 PM.** "*Intern Survival*," **Nick Ahn, MD, PGY4 Chief Resident, Tracey Johnson,**

Residency Program Coordinator, watch for the registration link.

**Monday, April 24, 5:30 PM.** "*Hypertension & Hyperlipidemia Guidelines*," **Naveed Adoni, MD**, watch for the registration link.

**Monday, May 15, 5:30 PM.** "*Applying to Subspecialty Fellowships*," **Janet Jokela, MD, FACP, Andy Varney, MD, FACP**, watch for the registration link.

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

**ACP Leadership Day, May 23-24**, Washington DC. More information [here!](#)

**Fall Statewide IL ACP Scientific Meeting**, Friday & Saturday, **November 17-18 (NEW DATES)**, Oakbrook, IL

Let us know how our ACP Chapter can better serve you-we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Enjoy these last days of January, weather and all, and thank you for all you do.

Kind regards,

Janet  
Governor, Downstate Region Illinois Chapter  
American College of Physicians