



Illinois Southern
Region

*"The Downstate
Dialogue"*

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Maintenance of Certification

Your ACP offers several opportunities for you to earn points for Maintenance of Certification (MOC). The forthcoming Illinois ACP meeting, November 17-18, 2017, offers Continuing Medical Education plus MOC. Earn up to 10 CME and MOC points for the General Session and additional credits for the SEP modules. Please view the [brochure](#) and [register](#) online.

Illinois Advocacy

ACP and the American Medical Association worked together to advocate in favor of immigration. The ACP sent a delegation to the recent meeting of the AMA House of Delegates where the AMA crafted its advocacy resolutions for the next year. Within the ACP delegation was our own Illinois Southern Chapter member, Sue Hingle, MD, FACP, who attended in her role as Chair of the ACP Board of Regents. Another member of the ACP delegation was Tom Cooney, MD, FACP, Chair of the ACP Board of Governors. Dr. Cooney gave the following report about the debate: "Testimony was uniformly supportive of immigration and the contribution it makes to American society broadly and medicine specifically. And opposition to the Administration's proposed travel ban was equally vigorous."

Opportunities to Volunteer

Become a Physician Ambassador to Serve Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created the Physician Ambassador Program to enhance and improve health care services for Veterans and their families in the United States.

Through the Physician Ambassador Program, fully licensed physicians and clinicians can volunteer their time and skills to serve Veterans. This best practice initiative will then place volunteers at a VA medical facility. The health care services available to Veterans include: emergency medicine, primary care, mental health care, cardiac care, and more.

This is a volunteer program that gives civilian physicians and clinicians an opportunity to give back to the Veteran community.

Learn more on the Physician Ambassador Program [page](#) or contact your local Veterans Affairs facility.

ACP for Early Career Physicians

Early Career Physician Chapter Leadership Engagement

The ACP national Council of Early Career Physicians (CECP) is interested in networking with early career physician leaders at the ACP Chapter level to share information and ideas to foster an environment of learning and development. To facilitate the exchange of ideas, please join the Early Career Physician Forum. The national CECP will post information in the ECP Forum as well as requests for your input on national initiatives. Learn about ACP's online [forums](#) here. If you have any questions regarding CECP, please contact Patty Moore.

ACP for All Members

Call for Abstract Reviewers and Poster Judges

Do you want to support and develop the next generation of internal medicine physicians? Our Downstate Illinois medical students and internal medicine residents need your help. They are preparing their posters and vignettes to compete on 17 October 2017 in Springfield, Illinois. They need you to sign up to be an abstract reviewer or poster judge or vignette judge. Please contact [Donna Seawards](#) to sign up.

New ACP Policy on Regulation of Credentialing and Licensing

The Board of Regents has approved a new ACP policy, "[Position Statement on Regulation of Credentialing and Licensing](#)," developed by the Health & Public Policy Committee with input from the Education & Publication Committee and the Medical Practice & Quality Committee. This issue is being debated at the legislative level in many states. ACP hopes this policy will help provide policy direction for ACP chapters as it outlines the issues that chapters should consider in deciding what stance they should take on such bills. The new policy is a complement to ACP's existing broad principles of professional accountability.

ACP for Resident Members

Review the [Call for Abstracts](#) and [submit](#) your abstracts now for the ACP Illinois Downstate Region Residents' & Students' Day poster competition. The abstract submission deadline is August 22, 2017. Competition winners will receive travel stipend to attend IM 18 in New Orleans, LA. Residents' & Students' Day will be held October 17, 2017 at the Memorial Center for Innovation & Learning in Springfield, IL. Watch for additional details coming soon.

ACP for Medical Student Members

Medical students also compete for poster prizes at STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY (see above). Submit your abstracts now.

Call for News Items

I think of the ACP as my professional home and I want you to feel that way, too. Please feel that you can share your good news with your brothers and sisters in your professional home. If you have a professional news item that you want to share about awards, promotions, or volunteer experiences, then please send them to me so I can include them in the Downstate Dialogue:

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Save-the-Date

- Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM Central Time: Webinar [MKSAP Live](#) Online Study Hall
- August 22, 2017: Deadline for abstract submission for Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY
- October 17, 2017: Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY, Memorial Center for Innovation & Learning in Springfield, IL.
- November 17 & 18, 2017: ACP Illinois Chapter Scientific Meeting, Oakbrook, Illinois
- April 19-21, 2018: Internal Medicine Meeting 2018 in New Orleans, LA,

Sincerely,

Jim

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American College of Physicians
ACP mission:

"To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine."