



June 5, 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings all—I hope you are beginning to make plans for your summer vacations. Here are a few June updates and news items from the ACP:

### **Downstate IL Webinars**

For those interested in pursuing ACP Fellowship, our upcoming webinar is just for you: on Monday, June 8 at 5:30 PM, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, will lead a webinar on “Advancing to ACP Fellowship”—you may register [here](#). Recordings of prior webinars may be found on our chapter’s vimeo site: [vimeo.com/acpillinois](http://vimeo.com/acpillinois). Thanks to all of our excellent presenters this year: **Holly Rosencranz, MD, FACP**, **Teresa Lynch, MD, FACP**, **Ryan Rafferty, MLIS**, **Gregory Kane, MD, FACP**, **Carrie Horwitch, MD, FACP**, **Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP**, **Sean Greenhalgh, MD, FACP**, **Andrew Varney, MD, FACP**, **Sriya Ranatunga, MD, MPH**, and **Shari Erickson, MPH**, and to everyone who attended. Also, if you have a special topic you would like to see presented in a webinar this coming year, please contact [Donna Seawards, CAE](#), our Chapter’s Executive Director.

### **Awards Committee**

Our various committees will be busy with plans for the coming year. Here’s a shout out to our Awards Committee, which works year round to nominate and review candidates for ACP awards. Thanks to **Richard Ensrud, MD, MACP**, **Stephen Goetter, MD, FACP**, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, **Sara Rusch, MD, MACP**, **Carolina Soto, MD, PhD**, **David Steward, MD, MACP**.

### **Leadership Day**

On May 21, our Downstate Leadership Day team, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, **Michael Kuhlenschmidt, MD**, **Clayton Parks, MD**, **Karthik Rangunathan, MD**, **Carolina Soto, MD, PhD**, and myself, advocating for internal medicine on your behalf, met with all of our Downstate IL Congressional offices; our entire Illinois team also met with our Senators’ staff. It was a great day, very informative, and an especially valuable experience for our students and residents. Thank you team! Click [here](#) for more details about the issues we addressed.

### **Advocacy Update**

If you want to stay current on advocacy related issues, do check out the recently created [Dynamic Health Care Guide](#) which serves as an ongoing resource for ACP members, as well as for members of Congress and their staff, news media, and others interested in the top health care issues affecting ACP members and our patients. Also, for a summary of what ACP advocacy accomplished in 2014, click [here](#). And for additional insights into advocacy efforts, do check out the [The ACP Advocate Blog](#) by **Bob**

**Doherty**, ACP Senior Vice President, Government Affairs and Public Policy.

### **ACP's Special Interest Groups**

Would you like to engage in discussions online, share ideas, and support one another professionally and personally? Join one—or more—of ACP's Special Interest Groups, and connect with ACP members from all over the world with similar interests. Groups include: ACOs/New Practice Models | African American Members | Caring for Adults with Developmental Disability | Clinical Problem-Solving | Clinical Research | Emerging Technologies | Genetics and Genomic Medicine | High Value Care | Hospital Medicine | LGBT Health | Maintenance of Certification | Medical Students | MKSAP | Obesity Medicine | Perioperative Medicine | Physician Educators | Point-of-Care Ultrasound | Re-entry Physicians | Sex- and Gender-Specific Medicine | Small Practices | Volunteerism | Women in Medicine | Work/Life Balance | Working Abroad. Join today at [www.acponline.org/sigs](http://www.acponline.org/sigs).

### **Save the Dates!**

#### **Webinar:**

**Monday, June 8, 5:30 PM CDT: Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, ACP Board of Regents, "*Applying for ACP Fellowship.*" Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3165138100942002177>

#### **Friday, October 30**

**Downstate Illinois ACP Student and Residents Day, Jump Center, Peoria.** Thank you to **James Graumlich, MD, FACP, Shweta Ramsahai, MD,** and **Karthik Ragunathan, MD,** who are leading the planning committee.

#### **Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14**

#### **Illinois ACP Chapter Scientific Meeting, University Club, Chicago**

I would like to conclude with a comment from a recent article published in *The Lancet*, "The art of medicine, Osler redux: the American College of Physicians at 100," written by **Charles S. Bryan, MD, MACP**, about the history of internal medicine and the ACP. Attributing Rosemary Stevens, he describes four distinguishing features of our specialty, concluding with "Finally, and perhaps most importantly, internal medicine has in many ways served as a conscience of the medical profession at large."

Kudos to you, as internists—a conscience of the medical profession.  
Have a wonderful summer.

With my best wishes,

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