Pathway to ACP Fellowship Webinar

How do I become a FACP? What are the requirements? Am I eligible to advance to fellowship now?
ACP ILS Governor, Dr. James Graumlich and Newly Elected Fellow, Dr. Moni Roy will guide you through all these questions and more on August 5th at 7:00pm!

Register Here

How to Prepare an Abstract Resident and Medical Student Webinar

Please join ACP ILN, IN, and AR Residents and Medical Students for this multi-state webinar on July 8th at 7:00pm. We will dive into the important aspects you need in a quality abstract.

Register HERE

ACP Advance: Chronic Pain and Substance Use Disorder Management QI program

The American College of Physicians (ACP) Center for Quality has partnered with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) and a coalition of national professional organizations on two SAMHSA-funded initiatives, the Provider Clinical Support System (PCSS) and Opioid Response Network (ORN) programs to combat the opioid crisis. As a part of these programs, ACP hosted a virtual Quality Improvement (QI) leadership training webinar on May 2nd, 2019. This virtual training was the kick-off to the ACP Advance: Chronic Pain and Substance Use Disorder Management QI program, which takes a collaborative, team-based approach to overcome challenges associated with caring for patients with chronic pain.

The resources highlighted and utilized throughout the program include ACP’s Online QI Curriculum, which provides step-wise guidance to implement a QI program, the PCSS resources webpage, and the ORN resources webpage.

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ACP Illinois Internal Medicine October 25th and 26th

We would like to invite you and your colleagues in internal medicine to join us at the next scientific meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Physicians, being held at the beautiful Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center. There is so much great content on the agenda, including talks on the pandemic of firearm injuries, adverse childhood experiences, teaching clinical reasoning, advocacy for internal medicine, updates in hospital medicine, and so much more. You will surely enjoy the opportunity to recharge, rewind, and reflect with your peers from all parts of our state while earning CME and the opportunity for MOC!
Downstate ACP members attend Leadership Day in Washington, DC

Your chapter sponsored 3 ACP members to visit Capitol Hill in May 2019 and advocate for our patients and our profession. The delegates were Janet A. Jokela, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA (Champaign), Peter Phan, MD, FACP (Peoria), and Lidija Barbaric (Urbana). They educated our representatives and congressional staff about the following ACP priority issues:

- The High Cost of Prescription Drugs
- The Epidemic of Firearms-Related Injury and Death
- Federal Workforce, Medical and Health Services Research, Public Health Initiatives
- Physician Payment under Medicare
- Expand Coverage and Stabilize the Insurance Market
- Reduce Unnecessary Administrative Tasks on Physicians and Patients
- Healthy Women and Families
- Medical Education Training and Debt

For more information about ACP position papers and priority issues, click [HERE](#)

Downstate Dialogue asked Janet Jokela to reflect on her experiences during Leadership Day. For Dr. Jokela, the most important thing was...

The ability to have significant and lasting impact on the care we as internists provide, and how we provide that care, requires advocacy. Here are a few thoughts describing ACP Leadership Day 2019:

- meaningful, educational, collegial, affirming, rewarding...and fun!
- hard work and concrete action, representing hope and inspiration for our patients, colleagues and profession
- upholding ACP’s high standards for professionalism and patient care
- opening the window to advocacy for all participants, and especially for medical students and residents

I am so grateful to our fantastic Leadership Day 2019 team of Peter Phan, MD, and medical student Lidija Barbaric—thank you both! So in summary, for any ACP member who is remotely interested in advocacy...apply to participate in Leadership Day 2020! And do see our team’s photos on Facebook! Thank you.”

Downstate Dialogue asked Peter Phan to reflect on his experiences during Leadership Day. Dr. Phan said...

“Over the past few years of going to Leadership Day, it has been a privilege to be “in the room where it happens” and speak to our elected representatives and congressional staff on Capitol Hill. Our
discussions educate our representatives about the effects of health policy on our patients and our profession. It is a wonderful experience to represent the ACP in this endeavor and to see such enthusiasm for advocacy in both Illinois chapters.”

Members of the ACP Illinois Southern Chapter delegation on Capitol Hill in May 2019, from left to right: Lidija Barbaric, Janet Jokela, and Peter Phan.

ACP Regent and Master John M. Flack Named Endowed Chair at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

ACP Regent John M. Flack, MD, MPH, MACP, FAHA, FASH has been named the Sergio Rabinovich, MD, Endowed Chair of Internal Medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. The inaugural holder of this title, Dr. Flack was honored in an investiture ceremony on Monday, June 3. An endowed chair represents one of the highest achievements in academic medicine, both for the person for whom the chair is named and also for the person who holds the chair.

ACP Board of Regents announces action on resolutions

Resolutions initiated by ACP members and endorsed by a chapter council and the Board of Governors become ACP policy when adopted by the Board of Regents. The ACP Board of Regents met in May 2019 and acted on the following resolutions.

Adopted and referred for implementation

- Streamlining the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Process to Reduce Unnecessary Costs and Burdens of DME Requests
• Improving Access to Care for the Uninsured by Making Hospital Charges More Equitable
• Affirming that Equitable and Universal Access to Appropriate Health Care is an Ethical Obligation of Society
• Developing an Alternate Maintenance of Certification Pathway that is Practice Relevant, Consistent with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Vision Commission Recommendations, and with ACP Principles of Professional Accountability
• Preventing Pharmaceutical Companies from Rebranding Prescription Generic Medications
• Advocating for Group Medical Visit Reimbursement Provided via Telehealth

Adopted as amended and referred for implementation
• Preserving Independent Medical Staffs

Adopted as a reaffirmation of existing ACP policy
• Seeking Legislation to Prevent Extending Drug Patents
• Updating ACP Policy on the Treatment of the Opioid Epidemic
• Recommending that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Credit Maintenance-of-Certification (MOC) Participation towards Satisfying the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality Improvement Requirement
• Developing Policy on the Reduction of Carbon Emissions to Improve Patient Health and Mitigate the Risks of Climate Change

Referred for Study
• Determining the Average Costs to Medical Practices of Use of Health Information Technology, Electronic Health Record (EHR) Enhancements, and Improved Interoperability, and Protecting Physicians from These Costs
• Supporting Chapters in Effective and Influential Social Media Communication

Election for the Governor-elect
In 2019, your ACP chapter will elect a new governor to serve from May 2021 through April 2025.

The Nominating Committee received and reviewed nominations. The members of the Nominating Committee were Janet A. Jokela, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, Susan T. Hingle, MD, MA, and Jean L. Holley, MD, FACP. I thank the Nominating Committee for their work.

Please look for your ballot to arrive this summer and please vote.

Women in Medicine
The Women in Medicine Committee of your ACP chapter has been busy. Plans are underway for a statewide summit for Women in Medicine. More information HERE
ACP Chapter members who would like to serve on the Women in Medicine Committee, please contact me via e-mail: jegraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

The ACP seeks to increase the proportion of women who advance to Fellowship in the ACP. If you are interested in advancement to Fellowship in the ACP, please contact me via e-mail: jegraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

ACP for Early Career Physicians

Congratulations go to MJ Yadav, MD, FACP. Dr. Yadav was elected as Chair of the Early Career Physician Committee of the Illinois Southern Chapter of ACP.

The ACP encourages Early Career Physicians to apply for advancement to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. If you want to learn more, please contact me via email: jegraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

ACP for Resident Members

Congratulations to Dr. Pallavi Pradeep from Urbana, IL. Dr. Pradeep was elected as Chair of the Resident/Fellow Committee of the Illinois Southern Chapter of ACP.

Dr. Pallavi Pradeep (pictured on the left) presents her poster to Dr. Graumlich during IM 2019 in Philadelphia, PA

P.R.N. Podcast “Talking About Resident Life...As Needed”
ACP IL chapter PRN Podcast is a podcast that talks about residents' life, it covers various topics that concern residents during their residency, it talks about their journey, what it is like to be a patient's advocate, how to prepare for life during and after residency, physicians wellness, and many more topics. Simply, it talks about resident life, as needed.

Listen HERE

Introducing IMpower for Resident/Fellow Members

Starting in July, Resident/Fellow Members of ACP will receive monthly communications with information to support their personal and professional growth. This new communications program will be a combination of podcasts, webinars, chapter articles and ideas for local programs, check-lists/top ten lists, and email. The communications will cover non-clinical topics such as decision-making as a resident, financial planning, maintaining well-being during residency, and developing communication skills - especially related to difficult conversations with colleagues and patients. Recognizing that the needs of interns differ from those of third-year residents, topics will have content specific to the training year. Developing communications centered on the unique needs of residents and fellows-in-training was a key initiative in the membership strategic plan approved by the ACP Board of Regents in 2018.

ACP for Medical Student Members

Congratulations go to Hanna Erickson, medical student from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ms. Erickson was promoted to Chair of the Council of Student Members for the national ACP. In her role as Chair, Ms. Erickson reports to the Board of Regents.

New ACP Toolkit Offers Resources on Delivering Patient-Centered End-of-Life Care

ACP created resources for members. Resources include links to information on advance care planning, team-based care at the end of life, self-care when providing end-of-life care, and responding to a patient request for physician-assisted suicide. The toolkit is exclusive to ACP members and requires a login for access.

https://www.acponline.org/online-learning-center/end-of-life-and-palliative-care

Call for News Items

Do you have good news about your recent award, promotion, or volunteer experience? Please share your stories with your colleagues in the ACP Illinois Southern Chapter. Send your news items to me so I can include them in the Downstate Dialogue: ifgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

Save-the-Date

- Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM Central Time: MKSAP Live Online Study Hall Webinar
- 25-26 October 2019: ACP Illinois Annual Scientific meeting, Hilton Hotel, Oak Brook, IL
- 12 November 2019: ACP Illinois Resident/Student Day at the iHotel in Champaign, IL
- 23-25 April 2020: Internal Medicine Meeting 2020 in Los Angeles, CA

Sincerely,
Jim

James F. Graumlich, MD, FACP
Governor, Illinois Southern Chapter
American College of Physicians