

March 16, 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

March is already flying by, and now we are beginning to welcome spring. In the meantime, a lot is happening in the internal medicine world. Here is a summary of recent happenings:

### **Resolutions**

It is that time of year again to review the resolutions which will be put forth before the Board of Governors for voting at the spring meeting. The list is [here](#), please send me your opinions and comments by Friday, April 10.

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

Now that the ABIM announced significant changes to the MOC program, much of the hard work begins: how would you like to see such a program structured? What aspects would be most valuable and important, and would help you provide high quality care for your patients? The ACP is interested in your opinions: please let me know.

### **Annals Personae Photographs for ACP's Centennial**

In recognition of the American College of Physicians' 100th anniversary, Annals of Internal Medicine is seeking photographs of internal medicine physicians to feature on each issue of the journal during 2015, the ACP's centennial year. More specifically, the ACP is seeking photos that capture personality and celebrate the diversity of individuals who devote their professional lives to the practice of internal medicine. You are encouraged to submit photographs of internal medicine physicians for consideration: please see [here](#) for more information.

### **ACP Leadership Academy**

The ACP Leadership Academy, in partnership with the American Association for Physician Leadership, offers live meetings, faculty-led online courses, and self-study modules to help fill gaps in your leadership knowledge and to build your CV – all while earning CME. For more information, see [here](#).

### **New, Free CME from the Annals: The Consult Guys**

Hosted by Geno Merli, MD, FACP and Howard Weitz, MD, FACP, the “Consult Guys” answer questions from preoperative evaluations to clinical puzzlers. As two seasoned clinicians, educators, and comedians, they review topics essential for anyone practicing internal medicine or its subspecialties. Tune in [here](#) to a new episode each month; members may earn .5 CME credits per episode.

### **Financial Planning Webinar**

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 PM CDT: Ralph Hibbs, Jr. MBA, CPA, ACP Chief Financial Officer, on "Personal Financial Planning for Physicians." Mr. Hibbs gave this excellent webinar last year for our chapter, and this year he is giving it again as part of the national ACP Leadership Academy webinar series--if you have questions about this topic, this webinar is for you. See [here](#) for more information, and to sign up for the webinar.

## **ACP Centennial Trivia**

What year was the Annals of Internal Medicine first published? See the answer below.

## **Save the Dates!**

### **Webinars**

**Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 PM CDT: Ralph Hibbs, Jr. MBA, CPA**, ACP Chief Financial Officer, “Personal Financial Planning for Physicians,” an ACP Leadership Academy Webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

**April**, date TBD: **Shari Erikson**, ACP Washington DC office, "Practice Management in 2015"

**Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM CDT: Cathy Cheng, MD, FACP, Sean Greenhalgh, MD, FACP**, "Finding Joy in Medicine"

**Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 PM CDT: Andrew Varney, MD, FACP, Janet Jokela, MD, FACP**, "Applying for Subspecialty Fellowship"

**Monday, May 11, 5:30 PM CDT: Sriya Ranatunga, MD**, "Update in Rheumatoid Arthritis: Biologics and Their Complications"

**Internal Medicine 2015 Boston, Centennial Meeting, April 30-May 2**. Also, you are invited to our **Illinois Chapter Reception, Thursday evening, April 30**, immediately following convocation at “The Daily Catch” Seaport restaurant, 2 Northern Ave., Boston.

**ACP Leadership Day, Washington DC, May 20-21**. For related advocacy news, view the [ACP Advocate Blog](#), by Bob Doherty, ACP’s Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs & Public Policy.

### **Friday, October 30**

**Downstate Illinois ACP Student and Residents Day**, Jump Center, Peoria. Save the date! Plans are well underway, thanks to our program planning team led by **James Graumlich, MD, FACP, Shweta Ramsahai, MD, and Karthik Ragnathan, MD**.

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

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

Answer: July 1, 1927 first publication of the Annals of Internal Medicine

Enjoy the coming of spring—and thank you again for all you do for each other, your patients, and our ACP Chapter.

With warm wishes,  
Janet

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