



March 22, 2016

Dear ACP Downstate IL Members-

Greetings! A lot is going on in the ACP and your ACP Chapter-here are some brief updates.

Resolutions

At the upcoming Spring 2016 Board of Governors meeting, fourteen resolutions will be up for discussion. Please review the attached list, and share your opinions and questions with me! One of my responsibilities is to represent you at the Board of Governors of meeting-we will discuss, debate, and vote on each of these resolutions. I look forward to your input. The resolution process is an opportunity for you to have input on national ACP policy that affects you, your patients, and Internal Medicine. Thank you for your involvement!

ACP Practice Transformation Grant

The ACP and CMS are seeking rural practices in Illinois to enroll in a new grant-supported Great Lakes Practice Transformation Network. The ACP will provide an array of tools and resources to support clinicians and practices in this era of healthcare reform as they transform to value-based, patient-centered care. Practices that participate will receive coaching and support in practice transformation at no cost. Benefits include improved health outcomes and better coordination of care for patients, closer alignment with new federal policies and incentives, FREE access to [ACP Practice Advisor](#)[®] for all enrolled practices, and FREE CME/MOC through [High Value Care Cases](#). Please let me know if you would like to learn more, participate, or enroll, or if you know of colleagues who might be interested. Thank you!

Internal Medicine 2016

Each year, the American College of Physicians brings together physicians from around the globe to experience the most comprehensive live educational event in internal medicine. [Internal Medicine 2016](#), May 5-7 in Washington DC, will offer more than 200 scientific sessions on clinical topics and related areas designed to expand your medical knowledge, improve your clinical skills, and keep you abreast of the most recent advances in patient care. Attendees benefit from: nationally recognized faculty, hands-on clinical skills instruction, CME credit and MOC points, a variety of learning formats, and networking opportunities and more! Register [here](#). Also remember to attend the ACP Illinois Chapter Reception, scheduled for Thursday evening May 5 after convocation, at the Acadiana Restaurant. All are welcome-hope to see you there!

ACP Illinois IT Committee

Yesterday you received a survey from our Chapter's IT Committee, looking for input regarding your IT

related needs with which the committee can assist. Please take a few moments to complete [the survey](#) and if you have additional ideas for our IT Committee, please share them! Special thanks to **Mary Anderson, MD, FACP**, Chair of the Committee, and new committee member Resident **Anantha Chentha, MD**.

ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting 2016

Mark your calendars now for our statewide ACP Illinois Fall meeting, scheduled for Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th in Champaign at the I-Hotel. The meeting's theme is the Quadruple Aim: better population health, better care for patients, lower cost through improvement, and improved physician satisfaction. Terrific sessions are planned, and there will be something for everyone. We will also welcome **Joseph Li, MD, FACP, FSHM** as our College Guest, together with **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, Chair-elect of the ACP Board of Regents.

Downstate IL Students and Residents Poster Competition

The poster competition for Downstate IL students and residents will be Thursday evening, November 17, at the I-Hotel in Champaign. This is a great opportunity for all students and residents: start making your plans now. Watch for the call for abstracts, and save the date!

ACP Downstate IL Webinars

Last evening's ACP Illinois webinar "*Hepatitis C: State of the Art*" given by **Janak Koirala, MD, FACP** from SIU, provided a terrific update on the fast-moving world of Hepatitis C. Thank you Dr. Koirala! In case you missed it, the recording will be posted soon on our Chapter's [vimeo site](#). Our next webinar will be given on April 6 by special guest **Christine Laine, MD, FACP**, Editor-in-Chief of the 'Annals of Internal Medicine,' "*What's New at the Annals.*" Hope you can join us!

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). See [here](#) for more information.

ACP Downstate IL Webinars!

April 6, 6:30 PM CDT, What's New at the *Annals*, **Christine Laine, MD, FACP**, Editor-in-Chief, *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Register [here](#).

May 16, 5:30 PM CDT, Applying for Subspecialty Fellowships, **Andrew Varney, MD, FACP, Janet Jokela, MD, FACP**. Register [here](#).

June 6, 5:30 PM CDT, College Update: ACPs Strategic Priorities, **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, Chair-elect, ACP Board of Regents. Register [here](#).

[Leadership Day 2016](#), **May 3-4**, Washington DC

[Internal Medicine 2016](#), **May 5-7**, Washington DC

ACP Downstate Illinois Student and Residents Poster Competition, November 17, Champaign.

ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting, November 18-19, Champaign.

Best wishes to everyone, and Happy Spring.

Sincerely yours,

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