



Illinois Southern  
Region

"The Downstate  
Dialogue"

May 15, 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are preparing to enjoy graduations and celebrations of friends and family. It is always an exciting time of year, filled with hope, anticipation, and new adventures. Here are the latest updates from your Downstate Illinois ACP Chapter:

#### **Internal Medicine 2015, 100th Anniversary, April 30-May 2**

For all of you who were able to attend, I believe you would agree that it was a fabulous meeting on all counts: great education, wonderful opportunities to visit with colleagues, and more. Special congratulations to our Illinois Downstate Doctor's Dilemma Team of **Indrajeet Mahata, MD, Furqan Rajput, MD,** and **Ravi Kodali, MD,** who advanced to the second round of the national competition. Congratulations again to residents **Manjusha Das, MD, Brian Lee, MD,** and **Moni Roy, MD,** who represented our Chapter by presenting their winning posters at the national abstract competition. Special acknowledgements also to residents **Baqer Haider, MD** and **Janet Jang, MD,** who were also selected to present their posters at the national meeting--apologies to any other residents missed. We are proud of all of you. Session handouts, and recordings for purchase, are available [here](#). And do save the dates for next year's 101st meeting, scheduled for May 5-7, 2016 in Washington DC.

#### **100th Convocation**

On April 30 in Boston, the College celebrated its awardees at its 100th Convocation. You may view the short, moving [ACP Centennial video](#), which was shown during convocation (this shows why we are internists!). Our Chapter's new ACP Fellows marched in Convocation: **David Baumberger, MD, FACP,** **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP,** **Khalid Javed, MD, FACP,** and **Celina Tsang, MD, FACP.** In addition, our Chapter's Centennial Legacy Awardee, **E. Richard Ensrud, MD, MACP,** marched with the Centennial Legacy Awardees from all over the country. Congratulations to all!

#### **Leadership Day**

This week, our Downstate Illinois Leadership Day team, including **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, Michael Kuhlenschmidt, MD, Clayton Parks, MD, Karthik Rangunathan, MD, Carolina Soto, MD,** and myself, will head to Washington DC to advocate for our patients, internal medicine, and internists. Click [here](#) for more details about Leadership Day and the issues we will address. And please do consider joining our Downstate Illinois Leadership Day team in 2016.

### **Outreach & Ambassador Program**

As part of our Chapter's outreach and service efforts, we recently partnered with the Illinois Department of Public Health to speak about adult immunizations in various downstate communities. Special thanks to **Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP**, who recently spoke in Belleville, IL, on this topic, as well as third year Urbana resident **Preeshini Fernando, MD**, who joined me for a similar talk in Champaign. If you would like to reach out to your community in a similar fashion--and speak about the ACP, please let me know. Thank you!

### **Early Career MDs**

How do we best serve the needs of this group of internists? If you are an Early Career MD, or have colleagues who recently have finished residency, let us know how the ACP can better serve you. If you would like to participate on our Early Career MD council, please let me know. Thank you!

### **MKSAP 17**

MKSAP 17 is coming! MKSAP has been trusted by internists since 1967 as the best resource for updating knowledge and preparing for ABIM Board exams. [MKSAP 17](#) will be available in print by July 31, 2015: order by July 31 and save 15% on MKSAP 17 Complete, or 10% on MKSAP Print or Digital. Please note that if you are taking your ABIM certifying exam before January 31, 2016, you will need MKSAP 16 for your preparations.

### **Save the Dates!**

**ACP Leadership Day, Washington DC, May 20-21.** Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **Upcoming ACP IL Chapter Webinars:**

**Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 PM CDT: Shari Erickson, ACP Washington DC, "Value-based Purchasing."**  
Register [here](#)

**Monday, June 8, 5:30 PM CDT: Susan Hingle, MD, FACP, ACP Board of Regents, "Applying for ACP Fellowship."** Register [here](#)

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

**Downstate Illinois ACP Student and Residents Day, Jump Center, Peoria.**

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

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

Share in the enthusiasm and excitement of all of our new graduates, and all those beginning the next steps in their lives and careers—congratulations to them, and to you too.

With my best wishes,

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