

# ACP Illinois: Internal Medicine 2016

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Champaign, Illinois

November 10, 2016

Dear ACP Downstate IL Members-

A lot has been happening over the last few weeks, from the Cubs finally ending their 108-year old Series drought to the Election. Behind the scenes, your Downstate Illinois ACP Chapter has been busy. Here are a few brief updates, to help get you ready for our annual meeting.

### **It's Here! ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting 2016**

Our annual statewide [ACP Illinois 2016 meeting](#) is finally upon us, scheduled for this **Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th** in Champaign at the I-Hotel (Friday, 11/18) and Champaign Country Club (Saturday, 11/19). We have something for everyone, including dynamic educational sessions, maintenance of certification modules, opportunities to connect with colleagues, and more! Bring a friend! Program Chair **James Graumlich, MD, FACP**, IL Northern Region Governor **Suja Mathew, MD, FACP**, and I warmly welcome you. Please register [here](#).

### **Downstate IL Students and Residents Poster Competition**

The poster competition for Downstate IL students and residents is scheduled for **Thursday evening, November 17**, at the I-Hotel in Champaign, the evening before our annual meeting. Judging starts at 6:00 PM. Come out and support our Downstate students and residents by attending this educational and inspiring event.

### **Early Career MD, Residents and Students Mentoring Breakfast**

On **Saturday morning, November 19**, our Downstate IL Chapter will be hosting a mentoring breakfast for Early Career MDs, medical residents and medical students in Champaign at the Champaign Country

Club, in conjunction with our ACP Illinois meeting. This will provide a great opportunity for learning and growth-if you are an Early Career MD, medical resident or a medical student, hope to see you there! Please register [here](#).

### **ACP Early Career MDs e-Poster Competition**

During Internal Medicine 2017 in San Diego, the ACP will hold a new Early Career MD e-Poster Competition. The submission portal is now open, and abstract submissions will be accepted from ACP Early Career MDs through December 1. Both clinical cases and research abstracts will be accepted; fifty winners from across the country will be selected. Winning authors may include source materials as well as voice-over narration. The competition will be online only with no onsite judging. For more information and to submit an abstract, please see [here](#). Good luck!

### **Downstate IL Council of Residents**

Here's a shout-out to our Downstate Council of Residents, chaired by **Omar Siddiqui, MD**. Members include **Nicholas Ahn, MD, Ehab Dababneh, MD, Ravi Kodali, MD, Jaymon Patel, MD, Preeti Patel, MD, Mahesh Swaminathan, MD**. You will meet them at this week's events in Champaign. Please reach out to them with your ideas for resident activities, and how our Chapter can better support our Downstate Illinois residents and residency programs (the future of our profession!).

### **New ACP QI Initiative: Preventing Stroke in Atrial Fibrillation**

ACP seeks to partner with Chapters to identify physician champion leaders to participate in a new quality improvement initiative focused on preventing stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation. Champions will receive a \$500 honorarium, access to coaching calls, webinars, patient engagement materials, and free registration and a \$1000 for travel to attend training at the national ACP meeting Internal Medicine 2017. Five chapters will be selected and receive \$10,000 each to support their initiative. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact our Executive Director, [Donna Seawards](#). Thank you!

### **ACP Downstate IL Webinars**

The next upcoming webinar is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 5:30 PM, Advancing to ACP Fellowship, given by **James Graumlich, MD, FACP**, Governor-elect Downstate Region Illinois Chapter. This will be followed by Physician Wellness on Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 PM, given by **Susan Hingle, MD, FACP**, Chair-elect ACP Board of Regents, and **Eileen Barrett, MD, FACP**, ACP Board of Regents. All Downstate IL webinars are free and open to all, as a benefit of your ACP membership; watch for the registration links.

### **Recruit-a-Colleague**

Recommend ACP membership to your colleagues and earn a significant discount on your membership dues or even free membership through ACP's [Recruit-a-Colleague Program](#). Now you have the opportunity to provide your colleagues with the same clinical support and educational resources that you have enjoyed as an ACP member, and benefit your Downstate Illinois Chapter at the same time.

### **Watch these Dates!**

**ACP Travel Grant Applications for Early Career Physicians**, due **Monday, November 14**. Apply [here](#).

**ACP Internal Medicine 2017 Medical Student Research Poster Competition Deadline, Weds. November 16**. Details [here](#).

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

**ACP Illinois Statewide Meeting, November 18-19**, Champaign. Register [here](#)!

**ACP Internal Medicine 2017 Resident/Fellow Clinical Vignette Poster Competition Deadline, Weds. Nov. 23.** Details [here](#).

**ACP Internal Medicine 2017 Resident/Fellow Research Poster Competition Deadline, Weds. Nov. 30.** Details [here](#).

**ACP Early Career MDs e-Poster Competition Abstract Submission Deadline, December 1.** Details [here](#).

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**ACP Internal Medicine 2017**, in San Diego, **March 30-April 1**. Register [here](#)!

Looking forward to seeing you in Champaign, at our annual meeting!

Sincerely,

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