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And the Winner is…

ACP Illinois Southern Chapter won the Gold Award for Chapter Excellence. In order to achieve the Gold status, your ACP Chapter competed with all other ACP chapters to demonstrate outstanding performance in the following domains: communication, member engagement and growth, education, financial strength, advocacy, administrative infrastructure, and professional home. Congratulations to all of us.

Congratulate new MACP, Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer

The Board of Regents recently approved the 2019-20 ACP Masters and national award winners. We are proud to announce Meenakshy Aiyer, MBBS, from Peoria, is one of the new Masters of the American College of Physicians.

ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of "integrity, positions of honor, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine." Masters must be highly accomplished persons demonstrating eminence in practice, leadership, or in medical research. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors such as renown within their field and/or ACP chapter, research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.
The new Masters and other award winners will be honored during the Convocation ceremony at the 2020 Internal Medicine Meeting in Los Angeles, California.

April Yasunaga, MD, FACP wins Laureate Award, ACP Illinois Southern Chapter

The Illinois Southern Chapter of the American College of Physicians is proud to bestow the Laureate Award upon Dr. April Yasunaga, MD. She has earned the award because of her excellence in medical education, patient care, and service to her profession.

Dr. Yasunaga demonstrated excellence as a medical educator while working at the University of Illinois and Carle Illinois College of Medicine. She was the clerkship director for internal medicine where she developed innovative assessment techniques. For her outstanding performance as a medical educator, Dr. Yasunaga received the Raymond B. Allen Golden Apple Award and she was promoted to Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Dr. Yasunaga distinguished herself as a clinician and role model for her learners. She practiced general internal medicine and palliative medicine at Carle Clinic in Champaign where she taught students the art and science of medicine.

Dr. Yasunaga evinced leadership and service to her profession through her work with the American College of Physicians. She served as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council of ACP Illinois Southern Chapter. She was an invited speaker at ACP Chapter Scientific meetings. In addition, Dr. Yasunaga served as judge of poster and vignette competitions. In recognition of her excellence in medical education, patient care, and professional service, Dr. Yasunaga was promoted to the rank of Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 2015.

Call for Resolutions for Spring 2020 Board of Governors meeting

Are you concerned about a practice or clinical issue? Do you have an idea you'd like to suggest to improve health policy? If so, then submit a resolution to the Health and Public Policy Committee of our Illinois ACP Chapter.

Initiating a resolution provides ACP members an opportunity to focus attention at the ACP national level on a particular issue or topic that concerns them. Participating in the Board of Governors resolutions process provides the ACP grassroots member a voice and allows you to shape College policy that impacts the practice of internal medicine. When drafting a resolution, don't forget to consider how well it fits within ACP's Mission and Goals.
Not sure how to begin drafting a resolution? The Health and Public Policy Committee members can help you. The first step is to research the College's position on an issue. Visit the ACP Online homepage and click the "Advocacy" link to access ACP policy positions, read about recent ACP advocacy activities, or search ACP's library of policies and recommendations. Visit our chapter website, too, and click the link under "Advocacy" to access Electronic Resolutions System (ERS) where you can search past or proposed resolutions. A copy of the resolutions process is available on the ERS website which furnishes more details on formatting resolutions, as well the process for submission, review, and approval.

Illinois Chapter Members must submit resolutions to their ACP Governor and/or chapter council. A resolution becomes a resolution of the chapter once the chapter council approves it.

If you plan to submit a resolution for consideration at the Spring 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors, be sure to email your resolution draft to ACP policy staff by the Wednesday, November 20 deadline in order to qualify for hearing.

Share your good idea with us. Draft a resolution.

For more information, visit https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/chapters-regions/united-states/illinois-chapter/public-policy-advocacy

**Advance to FACP**

Do you seek promotion to the rank of Fellow of the American College of Physician? Learn how at the webinar, “Advancing to ACP Fellowship” Wednesday, November 6, 2019 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone)

Matthew B. Carroll, MD, FACP, FACR, Chair of ACP's Credentials Committee, will review the meaning and requirements for ACP Fellowship -- a mark of honor and distinction within the internal medicine community.

For more information, send an email to FACP@acponline.org

**ACP Leadership Programs Available in Hospital Medicine or Primary Care**

Respond by: Sunday, December 1, 2019

In partnership with the American Association for Physician Leadership, the ACP Leadership Academy offers a flexible, 18-month-long Certificate in Physician Leadership program with tracks in Hospital Medicine and Primary Care.
The program includes a combination of formal training through 46.5 hours of online coursework, online group discussions facilitated by leaders in internal medicine, and a capstone project that demonstrates successful mastery of leadership concepts.

Participants may apply online by December 1, 2019 to enroll in the cohorts that begin work in January 2020.

This program offers exclusive training by leadership experts and important career-building skills. In addition, ACP provides participants with access to a number of professional development and membership engagement opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact lead@acponline.org

Now Available: New Online Collection of Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Modules

ACP’s Online Learning Center now features a collection of new, interactive multimedia POCUS learning modules. With these online activities, physicians can learn appropriate uses of POCUS and develop cognitive skills necessary to implement POCUS throughout internal medicine practice.

Six new ACP POCUS modules cover a wide array of fundamental topics:

- Obtaining Adequate Clinical Images for Interpretation
- Lung Ultrasound
- Deep Venous Thrombosis
- Urinary System
- Abdominal Free Fluid
- Focused Cardiac Imaging

POCUS is being used by an increasing number of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists to improve diagnostic timeliness and accuracy.

The modules are free to ACP members and the cost is $25 for each module for non-members. Each module in the collection offers free CME for ACP members and non-members who pay for the course, giving participants the opportunity to earn 6 free CME credits for this emerging, increasingly important skill for internists.

These modules are also the pre-learning materials for ACP’s live POCUS course: “Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Foundational Skills for Internists.” The two-day course will feature small-group, intensive live learning and will be offered Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8 and again on Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10 in Rosemont, IL, in the greater Chicago area.
Attend Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Foundational Skills for Internists

Register for one of ACP’s new live, two-day point-of-care ultrasound courses to learn core ultrasound skills for internists, applicable to any practice setting.

Internationally acclaimed faculty will provide a comprehensive foundation of essential ultrasound knowledge through small-group learning. One of those acclaimed faculty is Peter Phan, MD, FACP, who is an ACP member of our Illinois Southern Chapter.

Course attendees will learn when to use ultrasound to improve their diagnostic capabilities, and get hands-on experience and feedback on how to use it with live models and simulators.

Register for one of two course dates in Rosemont, IL:

November 7-8, 2019
November 9-10, 2019

For more information, please contact acppocus@acponline.org or visit acponline.org/POCUScourse to learn more and register today.

Successful meeting at ACP Illinois: Internal Medicine 2019

ACP members met for education and camaraderie on October 25-26, 2019. The meeting site was the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Thomas G. Cooney, MD, MACP, Board of Regents, delivers plenary session entitled “The US Pandemic: Firearm Injuries and Death.”

Attendees enjoy ACP Illinois: Internal Medicine 2019 at Oak Brook, IL, (left to right) Vidya Sundareshan, MD, MPH, FACP, and Josune N. Iglesias, MD, FACP

How to Increase Vaccination Rates without Alienating Patients

Your ACP chapter is proud to offer a live presentation with updates on adult immunization as part of an educational campaign named “I raise the rates.” The expert speakers are Vidya Sundareshan MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA, and Janet A. Jokela, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA.
ACP’s Adult Immunization Hub is the Resource for You!

For ACP members who cannot attend the live presentation mentioned above, please view ACP's Adult Immunization Resource Hub, which was developed as part of ACP’s “I Raise the Rates” initiative. The resource hub provides updated clinical information, patient education materials, quality improvement guidance and much more.

ACP members also have free access to the new ACP QI Advance Curriculum. Learn core QI skills that empower you to implement practice-changing initiatives to increase adult immunization rates in your practice. Earn CME/MOC with this online resource. This resource was developed by physicians for physicians and their clinical teams and takes clinicians through each stage of the Quality Improvement (QI) journey from establishing the “what” and “why” for change to implementing and sustaining change. In addition to the QI Curriculum, ACP Advance offerings include a physician-led coaching service and chronic care resources.

For more information about ACP Advance, contact Michele Duchin, mduchin@acponline.org

Women in Medicine

Dr. Vidya Sundareshan, Chair-ILS Women In Medicine and Dr. Rupel Dedhia, Chair-ILN Women In Medicine were the leaders for sessions during ACP Illinois: Internal Medicine 2019.

Mentoring breakfast during annual scientific meeting, ACP Illinois Internal Medicine 2019, at Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center

ACP for Early Career Physicians
The ACP encourages Early Career Physicians to apply for advancement to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. Learn more at the webinar, “Advancing to ACP Fellowship” Wednesday, November 6, 2019

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone)

For more information, send an email to FACP@acponline.org

ACP for Resident Members

Get ready for the competitions. On 12 November 2019, Resident/Fellow members will compete for awards and travel stipends during ACP Illinois Resident/Student Day at iHotel in Champaign, IL. Competition categories include posters, clinical vignettes, and Doctor’s Dilemma.

Register now for Illinois Southern Chapter Residents and Medical Students Day - November 12, 2019. Register HERE

ACP for Medical Student members

Medical student members compete for travel awards on 12 November 2019, during ACP Illinois Resident/Student Day at iHotel in Champaign, IL.

Register now for Illinois Southern Chapter Residents and Medical Students Day - November 12, 2019. Register HERE

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: jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

Save-the-Date

- Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM Central Time: MKSAP Live Online Study Hall Webinar
- 6 November 2019: Webinar on “Advancing to ACP Fellowship” 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone)
- 7 November 2019: How to Increase Vaccination Rates, Springfield, IL
- 7-8 November 2019: ACP Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) course, Rosemont, IL
- 9-10 November 2019: ACP Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) course, Rosemont, IL
- 12 November 2019: ACP Illinois Resident/Student Day at iHotel in Champaign, IL
- 23-25 April 2020: Internal Medicine Meeting 2020 in Los Angeles, CA
- 12-13 May 2020: ACP Leadership Day 2020 on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

Sincerely,
Jim

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