



Illinois Southern
Region

*"The Downstate
Dialogue"*

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ACP Illinois Internal Medicine 2018

Please Join Us for our Illinois Chapter Meeting! Join us for 2 days of exciting educational sessions, ABIM SEP Modules, and networking opportunities. The Meeting will be held at the East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center in Peoria on November 9th and 10th, 2018.

View the brochure [Here](#)

Election Results

The election results are in. The members of the Illinois Southern Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) elected the following people as Council Members on the Governor's Advisory Council. The term-of-office is two years.

In alphabetical order

- **Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP, Champaign, IL**

- **Rajiv Patel, MD, Mount Vernon, IL**
- **Holly Rosencranz, MD, FACP, Champaign, IL**
- **Manajyoti Yadav, MD, FACP, Peoria, IL**

The Governor's Advisory Council for the Illinois Southern region (GAC ILS) has an important role in the management, control, and operation of the affairs and properties of the Illinois Southern Chapter. The GAC ILS establishes strategic direction for the chapter, ensures necessary resources, and provides oversight to monitor and strengthen programs. In addition, the GAC ILS protects assets, ensures legal and ethical integrity, and supports the Governor and Executive Director.

Please join me as I convey congratulations to the newly elected Council Members.

Well Being

Please plan to attend the breakfast with our Well Being Champions on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**. The wellness breakfast is part of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians Illinois Chapter at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois.

Our newest Well Being Champions, **Emily Horvath, MD, and Jennie Hsu-Lumetta, MD, FACP**, recently completed advanced training related to physician wellness at IM 2018 in New Orleans. They will lead the efforts within our ACP Chapter to achieve the following goals:

- Integrate well-being/professional satisfaction information and strategies into Chapter programming and activities
- Assess and work with regional practices to measure well-being and burnout and provide strategies for improvement
- Serve as a coach or mentor for physicians in the Chapter, providing a supportive connection and resources

Women in Medicine

Please plan to attend the mentoring breakfast for Women in Medicine on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**. The mentoring breakfast is part of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians Illinois Chapter at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois.

The ACP seeks to increase the proportion of women who advance to Fellowship in the ACP. If you are interested in advancement to Fellowship in the ACP, please attend the mentoring breakfast in November or contact me via e-mail: jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com

The topics for discussion at the mentoring breakfast are not finalized. However, one topic that is likely is the August 2018 publication in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* that examines recent data on physician compensation by gender in the field of internal Medicine. [*Compensation Disparities by Gender in*](#)

[Internal Medicine](#) provides insight into why disparities in physician compensation between genders exist in internal medicine and the larger medical community.

ACP conducted a cross-sectional survey of a nationally representative panel of ACP nonstudent members in the U.S. and found that female internists earn less than their male counterparts whether they are internal medicine specialists, hospitalists, or subspecialists. Our ACP study found that these disparities exist even when controlling for specialty, number of hours worked, and practice characteristics. Research showed that the median annual salary for men was on average \$50,000 higher than women—with females earning 80 cents for every dollar earned by men. Further, the data highlighted that female physicians earned less than men in every specialty, ranging from a salary difference of \$29,000 for internal medicine specialists to \$45,000 for subspecialists.

Maintenance of Certification

On Saturday, November 10, your ACP chapter will offer two Maintenance-of-Certification Modules: Internal Medicine and Hospital Medicine. The MOC is part of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians Illinois Chapter at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois.

ACP has had intensive discussions with the American Board of Internal Medicine over the past several months about developing a Collaborative Maintenance Pathway. These discussions will continue and we hope to ultimately create a pathway that reflects a more continuous process of learning and evaluation and would be an alternative to what ABIM currently offers for maintenance of certification. The feedback received from members about working toward creating a new Collaborative Maintenance Pathway has been helpful and is appreciated.

We will continue to keep you updated as ACP moves forward with these efforts.

ACP Policy and Advocacy

Your ACP is organized so that members, through their elected Governors, can participate in the national conversation about policies that affect our patients and our members. The process starts with a resolution that undergoes debate by the Board of Governors. Resolutions approved by the Board of Governors then go to the ACP Board of Regents for final action.

There are the 16 resolutions that will undergo debate during the Board of Governors meeting in September 2018. Several Downstate ACP members have contacted me already to express their support or opposition to the proposed resolutions. I listed below the proposed resolutions that have generated the most discussion so far.

- Resolution 3-F18. Developing ACP Policy Calling for Transparency and Community Learning Towards Physician Suicide Prevention
- Resolution 4-F18. Energizing the Patients Before Paperwork Project

- Resolution 5-F18. Promoting the High Value Provided by Primary Care Internists
- Resolution 6-F18. Exploring Means for Promoting a Strong and Productive Doctor-Patient Relationship within the Framework of a Rapidly Evolving US Health Care System
- Resolution 8-F18. Improving Reimbursement for Cognitive Services
- Resolution 16-F18. Seeking Enactment of or Supporting Legislation to Ensure Immunity from Federal Prosecution for Physicians in States That Allow Use of Medical Marijuana

I invite members to work with our Health and Public Policy Committee to craft our own resolutions or refine the resolutions proposed by other ACP chapters. Please contact me via e-mail if you want to comment on resolutions and/or participate in the resolution process. (jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com)

ACP for Early Career Physicians

Please plan to attend the mentoring breakfast for Early Career Physicians on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**. The mentoring breakfast is part of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians Illinois Chapter at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois. During the mentoring breakfast, we plan to present the organizational structure for the ECP Committee.

What is the ECP Committee?

Our ACP chapter has a strategic goal to increase the engagement of early career physicians in the chapter. We chartered the Early Career Physician (ECP) Committee to create the infrastructure for activities and programs focused on ECP members. If you would like to receive a copy of the ECP Committee Charter, please contact me (jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com). My goal as Governor is to populate the ECP Committee and then work with the committee to provide the resources to achieve the priorities listed in the charter.

If you would like to be a member of the ECP committee, then please reply with your brief statement of interest. I will then e-introduce you to other ECP members of our ACP chapter who would like to work together to create a robust ECP committee.

The ACP encourages ECP members to apply for advancement to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. If you want to learn more, please contact me via email (jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com).

ACP for Resident Members

The countdown has started. It is less than 100 days until the next competition. Please plan to attend the competition during Resident and Student Day on **Thursday, November 8, 2018**, at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois. The program includes three competitions: Posters, Oral Clinical Vignettes, and Doctor's Dilemma. See the [Call for Abstracts](#). All ACP members are invited to participate in the Resident and Student Day activities to see the inspiring work from the future

of our profession as we proudly showcase the excellence of our Residency training programs and medical schools in Downstate Illinois. Submit your abstract by [September 6th HERE](#).

Our ACP chapter has a strategic goal to increase the engagement of Resident/Fellow physicians in the chapter. We created the Resident/Fellow Committee as the infrastructure to implement new activities and programs focused on Resident/Fellow members. If you would like to receive a copy of the Resident/Fellow Committee Charter, please contact me (jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com). If you are a Resident/Fellow ACP member and you would like to be a member of the Resident/Fellow committee, please send me your brief statement of interest.

ACP for Medical Student members

Please plan to attend Resident and Student Day on **Thursday, November 8, 2018**, at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois. Medical students will display their posters and compete for travel awards. Submit your abstract by [September 6th HERE](#).

I wish to introduce **Hanna Erickson, MD/PhD Student** at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Student doctor Erickson represents medical student members by her role on the Governor's Advisory Council of our ACP chapter. In addition, student doctor Erickson represents student members at the national level by her role as Vice Chair, Council of Student Members, Board of Regents, American College of Physicians.

Our chapter chartered the Medical Student Committee with advice from student doctor Erickson and the other members of the Governor's Advisory Council. The goal of the Medical Student Committee is to implement new activities and programs focused on student members. If you would like to receive a copy of the Medical Student Committee Charter, please contact me (jfgraumlichuicomp@gmail.com). If you are a medical student ACP member and you would like to be a member of the Medical Student committee, please send me your brief statement of interest.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the ACP members who serve as faculty liaisons to the Internal Medicine Interest Groups at the medical schools in Downstate Illinois. Please join me as I thank them for their work to nurture the professional development of future internists.

- **Martha (Marti) Hlafka, MD, FACP, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine**
- **Matthew D. Jager, DO, FAAP, FACP, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria**
- **Holly Rosencranz, MD, FACP, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign**
- **April Yasunaga, MD, FACP, Carle Illinois College of Medicine**

Call for News Items

Do you have good news about your recent award, promotion, or volunteer experience? Please share your stories with your brothers and sisters 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

8 November 2018: Resident and Student Day for ACP Illinois Southern Chapter, Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, IL

9-10 November 2018: Annual Scientific Meeting of ACP Illinois Northern and Southern Chapters, Embassy Suites Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center, East Peoria, IL

11-13 April 2019: Internal Medicine Meeting 2019 in Philadelphia, PA

14-15 May 2019: ACP Leadership Day on Capitol Hill, Washington DC, 2019, at the Mandarin Hotel

Sincerely,

Jim

James F. Graumlich, MD, FACP
Governor, Illinois Chapter Southern Region
American College of Physicians

ACP Mission:

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