The American College of Physicians (ACP) Illinois Chapter is pleased to announce the ACP Illinois 2018 Story Slam.

For internists, it can sometimes be easy to lose the “forest for the trees,” so to speak, in our busy clinical practices and not pause to reflect on the meaningful experiences that we share with patients. To promote mindfulness in our profession, we invite you to submit a story about a patient that has had a particular impact on your growth as an internist in the past.

ELIBILILITY
Authors must be ACP Illinois members at the time of submission.

AWARDS
The top 4 overall winners will be invited to tell their stories at the annual chapter meeting at the Embassy Suites East Peoria on Friday, November 9, at 5:30 pm. The top stories will be featured on the ACP IL website and in the Governor’s newsletter.

OFFICIAL RULES FOR STORY SUBMISSION
• Authors should be able to tell their stories in 5-7 minutes (about 750-1000 words)
• Authors should de-identify any patients or other providers described in the story
• All stories must be typed in English
• Type the title of the story in uppercase letters
• Leave space (one line) after the title and begin typing the main body of the story
• Type single-space and leave one space between paragraphs
• Alignment should be left
• More than one story submission per author is permitted
• Stories that have been previously published elsewhere are not eligible

TIMELINE
• The deadline for submissions is Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 11:59 pm central time
• Stories should be submitted by email to colleenkekuacp@gmail.com
• Qualifying Stories will be invited read stories online/by phone to a judging panel.
• Winners will be notified by Monday, October 19, 2018

QUESTIONS
• Questions about the story contest should be directed to Colleen Keiku, colleenkekuacp@gmail.com
• Questions about your membership status should be directed to ACP Member and Customer Service at 800-523-1546, x2600 or 215-351-2600 or e-mail custserv@acponline.org.