Governor's Message

Dear Kentucky ACP Members,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Scientific Meeting in September. It was a joy to hold an in-person meeting for the first time in 3 years. Please see the photos and recap below. Huge shout out to Dr. Rohit Kumar who organized the poster competition, Dr. Clayton Smith for moderating Doctor's Dilemma, and especially Megan Wilson, our ACP Chapter Administrator, who was instrumental in orchestrating a successful meeting.

I want to highlight a few items in this newsletter. First, please check out the new initiative developed by our Chapter Wellness Champions, Dr. Meagan Schaeffner and Dr. Angela Webb. Take note of the Advocacy Corner and write to your U.S. Representative to ask them to halt physician payment cuts. Consider applying to be an ACP Fellow. And if you are interested in being more involved with Kentucky ACP or have ideas of what you'd like to see us focus on, please email me at kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Jenny Olges

Wellness Wednesdays

Join us for Wellness Wednesdays, which take place via zoom at 12pm Eastern Time on the last Wednesday of each month.

This month's meeting will be October 26th and features a discussion of the book "The Happiness Advantage" by Shawn Achor. You can join even if you don't have time to read the book!

Please watch your mailbox for log in information.

Questions? Email Dr. Schaeffner at mmsc245@uky.edu or Dr. Webb at angela.webb@uky.edu. Looking forward to seeing you later this month!
KY ACP Meeting Wrap Up

Vivian Lasley-Bibbs, MPH, Director, Office of Health Equity, KY Department of Public Health delivering her keynote address

Dr. Kim Williams, Chair of Medicine at UofL, discussing nutrition, ethnic disparities and cardiovascular mortality

Dr. Tonya Shea, hospitalist from Russell County discussing her experience caring for patients facing health care disparities related to poverty and geographic location

Attendees enjoying the poster session

AWARDS

Medical Student Research:
1st place: Lisa Anakwenze
2nd place: Khoi Do
3rd place: Charlie Tancula

Medical Student Vignettes:
1st place: Lucas Steele
2nd place: Ellen Combs
3rd place: Meredith Johnson

Resident Research:
1st place: Sandhya Kolagatla
2nd place: Michelle Tavcar
3rd place: Syed Hamza Mufarrih

Resident Vignettes:
1st place: Joey Hebert
2nd place: "Brooke Duke
3rd place: Esther Bak

2022 Kentucky Doctor's Dilemma Champions from the University of Louisville IM Residency Program

Lake Cumberland Regional Medical Center
Faculty of the Year: Dr. Andrew Blakley
Resident of the Year: Dr. Johnny Soter
Med Student of the Year: Zachary Fortenbery

University of Kentucky
Faculty of the Year: Dr. Vedant Gupta
Resident of the Year: Dr. Nick Alcorn
Med Student of the Year: Abby Isaacs

University of Louisville
Faculty of the Year: Dr. Tyler Sharpe
Resident of the Year: Esther Bak
Med Student of the Year: Olivia Ramsey
Advocacy Corner

Urge Your U.S. Representative to Halt Physician Payment Cuts and Extend the 5% Bonus for Participation in Alternative Payment Models!

We need Congress to pass legislation preventing year-end Medicare payment cuts to physicians and continuing incentives that support a value-based health care system. Here is ACP’s recent letter to congressional leaders outlining its priorities.

With a limited number of legislative days left in the 117th Congress your help is needed in urging Congress to act on these critical issues:

- **Provide relief from scheduled budget neutrality cuts in the Medicare physician fee schedule payments by cosponsoring and passing H.R. 8800, the Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022.** This bipartisan bill would negate the impact of a 4.42 percent budget neutrality cut on Medicare physician payment and coverage in 2023. This bill also recognizes the need for Congress and the administration to work toward a longer-term solution that would promote and reward value-based payments and advance health equity.

- **End the Medicare physician payment annual freeze and provide an update to the physician fee schedule that is consistent with the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) update for the coming year.** Physicians are the only health care professionals in Medicare who have not received updates that are adjusted with the cost of inflation.

- **Extend the five percent Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) participation incentive and halt the revenue threshold increase for five years to encourage more physicians to transition from fee-for-service into APMs.**

Action Requested: Please send a message to your U.S. Representatives expressing the need for them to act on these important priorities. Click here to act.

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**Do you have what it takes to become an ACP Fellow?**

Have you been a dues paying member of ACP for the past 3 years?

Are you certified in Internal Medicine?

Have you been involved in leadership, education, teaching, research or ACP activities?

If so, consider applying for ACP Fellowship!

For more information, click here.