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Introduction

It is once again a pleasure to provide an update on the activities the American College of Physicians and our Louisiana Chapter.

As you enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends, please take a moment to scan the following information highlighted in this newsletter:

- Louisiana Associates 2013 – **Dr. Lee Engel**, Chair of the Associates Committee, gives us an update on preparations. Students and residents from around the state have submitted their abstracts and will soon compete at the meeting in January.
- LA/MS Annual Chapter Meeting – **Dr. Leo Seoane**, Chair of the Education Committee, provides a preview of what you can expect at the meeting in March.
- Laureate Award 2013 – **Dr. Ben Thompson**, Chair of the Awards Committee, announces that **Dr. Peterman Prosser** has been selected to receive the Laureate Award at the Chapter Meeting
- Associates in the News – **Dr. Tracey Henry** has been selected as the 2013 ACP Associate Health Policy Intern.
- Edgar Hull Society Internal Medicine Interest Group “Taste of New Orleans” promotes internal medicine with fellowship and fun
- Internal Medicine 2013 – April 11-13 in San Francisco!

May your holidays be safe and may we all look forward to a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2013!

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Louisiana Associates Meeting 2012

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Dr. Lee Engel and the Associates Committee report that over 100 abstracts have been submitted for judging for the Associates meeting that will take place January 22, 2013, at LSUHSC New Orleans. Residents and students from every

program in the state have submitted clinical vignettes and research abstracts to the competition. The meeting will include oral presentations and posters, and winners will be selected to present at the Chapter Meeting in March.

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Louisiana-Mississippi Chapters Scientific Meeting 2013

March 14-16, 2013

Windsor Court Hotel

300 Gravier St, New Orleans, LA 70130

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Mark your calendars and make your plans for March 14-16, 2013 to attend the 2013 LA/MS Scientific Meeting, being held at the newly renovated Windsor Court Hotel. The Education Committee, led by Chair **Dr. Leonardo Seoane**, has put together an exciting program, "*Improving Quality and Enhancing Patient Safety.*" Outstanding speakers will provide both general and subspecialty perspectives. Resident winners from the Louisiana and Mississippi Associate competitions will present, and the ever popular and spirited Jeopardy competition will include a record number of residency programs (likely 9-10 total!). **Neil Kirshner** from the Washington office will give us an update on health care reform post-election, and **David Bronson, MD, FACP**, and President of the ACP will provide the college update.



In honor of his outstanding contributions to the ACP and to internal medicine, **Dr Peterman Prosser** will receive the Laureate Award at the Awards dinner on Friday, March 15. Dr. Prosser's father received the Laureate Award in 1987, making Dr. Prosser the Louisiana Chapter's first second generation laureate!

The 2013 meeting will include a Laureate Emeritus dinner hosted by both the Louisiana and Mississippi Laureates on Saturday night, March 16th. All Laureates, spouses/guests from both chapters are invited to participate.

For additional information contact [Kristin Tschirn](#), LA Chapter ACP.

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Associate in the News



Dr. Tracey Henry has been selected as the 2013 ACP Associate health policy intern. Dr. Henry is a graduate of Georgetown Medical School, and is currently an internal medicine resident at Ochsner Foundation. She will spend 4 weeks at the ACP Washington office, culminating with ACP Leadership Day, May 21 and 22, 2013. Congratulations to Dr. Henry!

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Taste of New Orleans Party

The annual Taste of New Orleans party is one of the highlights of the year for the Louisiana State University's Edgar

Hull Society Internal Medicine Interest Group. Started more than ten years ago, the event is hosted by **Dr. Charles “Bo” Sanders**, Chairman of the LSU Department of Medicine, and his wife, Julia. The party brings together third- and fourth-year medical students from the LSU School of Medicine who are interested in internal medicine and provides a forum for them to interact in an informal setting with residents and faculty members in the specialty. The event fulfills all three missions of the Edgar Hull Society, including providing medical students with information about internal medicine and its subspecialties, exposing students to several members of the faculty and residents of the LSU Department of Medicine who can provide them with a sense of what it’s like to be a general internist or subspecialist, and providing an opportunity for students to learn, network, and relax together in a casual social environment.

The Louisiana Chapter is pleased to support the Edgar Hull Society in this effort to promote internal medicine and to improve recruitment for the Internal Medicine Residency Programs. This year’s Taste of New Orleans was held at the uptown home of Bo and **Julia Sanders** on October 5, 2012. It was attended by 20 Medicine faculty, 12 residents, and 43 students.

The Edgar Hull Society is a highly active and involved student interest group. The Society was recently highlighted as the Internal Medicine Interest Group of the Month in the ACP’s student newsletter, “[IMPact](#).”



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Internal Medicine 2013

Internal Medicine 2013 will be held April 11-13 in San Francisco, CA. Choose from more than 200 CME courses in internal medicine and the subspecialties presented by distinguished faculty. Network with colleagues, and earn up to 30 MOC points.

Register for Internal Medicine 2013 by January 31 and save on your registration fee. You won't want to miss the very best in scientific sessions, special events and much more. There is truly something for every internist at Internal Medicine 2013 in San Francisco.

Visit ACPOnline [website](#) for more information.

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ACP Resources

ACP Provides Resources for PQRS Requirement Changes

ACP offers resources to help you comply with the latest PQRS (Physician Quality Reporting System) regulations. The PQRS was developed by the CMS in 2007 as a voluntary reporting program that provides a financial incentive to physicians and other eligible professionals who report on data on quality measures for covered services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries.

Due to changes in regulations, physicians will be penalized 1.5% of their Medicare payments in 2015, and 2% in 2016 and each year thereafter, unless they report through PQRS in 2013. If physicians do report in 2013, they are eligible to receive a .5 percent bonus from Medicare. ACP, along with other CMSS member organizations, has contracted with CECity to provide the PQRIwizard tool to assist their members in PQRS reporting.

The PQRIwizard is a cost-effective online tool to help collect and report quality measure data for the PQRS incentive payment program. Similar to online tax preparation software, the PQRIwizard helps guide you through a few easy steps to help rapidly collect, validate, report and submit the results to CMS for payment. ACP members can purchase PQRIwizard at a discounted rate.

Go [here](#), for more information.

ACP Offers Resources to Help Raise Immunization Rates

Several resources are available to help physicians and health care professionals ensure that patients receive the correct immunizations in accordance with the Center for Disease Control's Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule. ACP urges physicians and healthcare professionals to conduct an immunization review with patients during medical visits to assess whether patients' immunizations are up to date and to educate patients on the benefits of immunization. "*Flu shots and other immunizations can prevent people from suffering serious illnesses,*" said **David L. Bronson, MD, FACP**, president, ACP. "*We need to improve immunization rates for all adults, especially for people between the ages of 18 to 65 with chronic conditions.*"

ACP advises internists, family physicians, and subspecialists to capitalize on adult medical visits by conducting an immunization review to educate patients about the benefits of immunizations and to assess whether the patient's vaccination status is current, referring to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule.

The list of vaccines that adults should discuss with their internists include Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, whooping cough), HPV (human papillomavirus), herpes zoster (shingles), MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), pneumococcal pneumonia, hepatitis B (for adults with diabetes), and varicella (chickenpox).

"It is also important for physicians to immunize themselves, their staff members, and other health care workers," added Dr. Bronson.

ACP's Adult Immunization Portal provides resources for clinicians such as the ACP Guide to Adult Immunization, ACP Immunization Advisor App, and the Medical Home Builder adult immunization model.

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