Greetings fellow ACP members!

2015 marks the 100 year anniversary of the American College of Physicians! The College Centennial was a celebrated theme of the annual meeting in Boston, which was the most highly attending meeting in ACP history. Here in Louisiana, the Chapter has been busy with our Annual Chapter Meeting, Resident and student development, and advocacy for internal medicine.

- **Louisiana Associates Meeting 2015**: Dr. Lee Engel, Chair of the Residents Committee and Governor-elect of the Chapter, provides a recap of the January meeting hosted by Tulane, as well as other resident member activities.
- **Medical Student Committee News**: Dr Chad Miller, Chair of the student committee reports the results of the student essay topic.
- **Louisiana/Mississippi Annual Chapter Meeting 2015**, held at the Roosevelt Hotel, included scientific sessions, resident presentations, Doctors Dilemma Competition, and for the first time a Medical Student Track.
- **Internal Medicine 2015**, Boston, was well attended by our Chapter, with many contributions from chapter members as faculty. The Chapter Centennial Legacy Award was presented to Frank Incapra during 2015 Convocation.
- **I Raise the Rates** is a state wide effort to increase adult immunization rates. The campaign kicked off in May with a champion training program. Read the summary by Angela Duck, program coordinator, and join the effort!
- **Leadership Day 2015**, was notable for the large number of physicians representing Louisiana in Congress, including ACP member Dr. William Cassidy. Sarah Candler, resident member, and Stephen Morris, student member share their experience with the Chapter delegation to advocate for internal medicine.
- **ACP Internal Medicine Award of Excellence** was awarded to graduating medical students
- **Governors Advisory Council**: new Council members were elected at the Annual Meeting.
- **ACP resources**:
  - Dynamed Plus is a new clinical decision support tool that is a benefit of membership.
  - Maintenance of Certification Preparation Courses
  - The College has a dynamic health care guide for Congress and the media that

Have a great summer,
William E. Davis, MD, FACP, ACP Governor, Louisiana Chapter

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**Mississippi/Louisiana Chapters Annual Meeting 2016**

Save the date for the 2016 Chapter Meeting on March 11-12, 2016, in Baton Rouge!
Louisiana Resident & Fellow Activities 2015

The 2015 Annual Louisiana Associates Meeting was hosted by Tulane – Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Dr. Gary Sander gave the annual Douglas L. Gordon Memorial lecture. This year 95 abstracts were submitted from the 8 internal medicine residency programs in our state. LSU-New Orleans led with 32 submissions, followed by LSU-Shreveport (20) and Leonard J Chabert (15). Each abstract was graded by 2 reviewers and the top 27 were selected for presentation at this meeting. There were 3 mystery case presentations, 12 oral vignettes and then 12 poster presentations.

All 26 abstracts that were presented by our associate members will be published in the Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society. Dr. Ramsy Abdelghani, a resident from the Baton Rouge General Internal medicine residency program was chosen to represent the Louisiana chapter and present his abstract titled: Early Continuous Venovenous Hemodiafiltration in Preventing Permanent Kidney Injury in Severe Rhabdomyolysis at the National ACP meeting in Boston. I would like to thank Dr. Chad Miller, Associate Program Director of the Tulane Internal Medicine Residency program, the chief residents from the Tulane Internal Medicine program (Dr. Caley McIntyre, Dr. Alan Hathcock, Dr. Logan Davies, Dr. Ryan Brown and Dr. Cady Brown), and the chief residents from the LSUHSC Internal Medicine program in New Orleans (Dr. Daniel Englert and Dr. Matthew Jordan) for making this meeting such a great success.

Several of our resident members are presented abstracts at the Southern Regional Meeting of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation and the Southern Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) which also took place on February 26-28.

This year, at the annual Louisiana-Mississippi regional meeting, we had 8 teams compete in the Jeopardy competition. LSU-Shreveport won the trophy again, and went on to compete in Boston at Internal Medicine 2015 Doctor’s Dilemma.

We look forward to continuing to develop the participation of residents and fellows in the activities of the Chapter.

Lee Engel, MD, FACP
Governor-Elect, Louisiana Chapter
Chair, Resident Committee
Medical Student Committee 2015

Medical Student Committee 2015
The LA Chapter of the ACP held its 2nd Annual Medical Student Essay Contest this year. Medical students submitted abstracts on one of three topics:

1. What single characteristic of your internal medicine mentors do you want to emulate most and why?
2. What was the most important thing you learned from your patients during your internal medicine clerkship?
3. What is the future of healthcare in the United States?

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place - $500 and publication of essay in LSMS Journal
Sarah Alsamari - 3rd Year Medical Student, Tulane University School of Medicine

2nd Place - $250
Tony Tzeng - 1st Year Medical Student, LSUHSC - New Orleans

3rd Place - $100
Abigail Nix - 3rd Year Medical Student, Tulane University School of Medicine

Chad Miller, MD, FACP
Chair, Student Committee

The student essay contest winners.  
(From Left to Right): Dr William Davis, Governor LA Chapter, Dr Chad Miller, Chair of Medical Student Committee, Abigail Nix, Tony Tzeng, and Sarah Alsamari
Louisiana Chapter Annual Meeting 2015

Our Annual Chapter Meeting took place on February 26-28, 2015 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, with a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Pre-Course on Thursday, and our traditional scientific and educational meeting on Friday and Saturday.

32 attended the MOC pre-course, during which Dr’s Angela Johnson and Dean Lauret reviewed the 2014 Update in Hospital Medicine Self Evaluation Program (SEP), followed by Philip Haddad with the 2014 Update in Hematology/Oncology SEP.

On Friday the Chapter Meeting educational program kicked off with the keynote presentation by Dr Christine Sinsky, “Joy in Practice: AMA Practice Transformation Series for Working Smarter, Not Harder.” Her description of high performing practices was inspirational and thought provoking.

Clinical vignette presentations by Louisiana and Mississippi Resident Members and Medical Jeopardy followed on Friday afternoon, with the LSU-Shreveport team, consisting of Kyle Newsom, David Sommerhalder and Brian Monaco, winning the trophy for another year!

Saturday morning’s session included Dr Darilyn Moyer, Chair of the ACP Board of Governors, presentation “Fostering Excellence in Internal Medicine.” A lively town hall meeting followed, with chapter members from Louisiana and Mississippi giving Dr Moyer their list of priorities for College activities.

This year the Student Committee launched a special Medical Student Track on Friday afternoon. A standing room only crowd of medical students took advantage of the opportunity to hear from “Experts in Their Fields” (Dr’s Lee Hamm, Richard Deichmann, and Fred Lopez). Residency Program Directors Venkat Banda, Laura Bateman, Joan Blondin, Dayton Daberkow, Lee Engel, Angie Johnson, Chad Miller provided strategies and insights to the students with a panel discussion. Shane Guillory and Chad Miller gave a workshop “How to get your vignette published or presented at a Meeting.” Their participation demonstrated the high level of interest in internal medicine by our medical students.

On Friday night the Chapter held the Awards Dinner. The Chapter recognized Dr Joan Blondin and Dr Fred Lopez with the ACP Laureate Award, thanking them for years of service to the College, their profession, and their communities. Dr Frank Incapra was awarded the Chapter Centennial Legacy Award (more below).

Special thanks to Dr Angela Johnson for chairing the 2015 Program Committee, along with committee members Lee Engel, Shaminder Gupta, Philip Haddad, Chad Miller, Richard Slataper, and Calvin Thigpen.

Dr Fred Lopez, accompanied by his family after accepting the Laureate Award at the Annual Awards Banquet

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The winning Medical Jeopardy team, Kyle Newsom, David Sommerhalder and Brian Monaco, from LSU – Shreveport

Dr. Joan Blondin accepted the Laureate Award, presented by Dr’s Stephen Levine and William Davis

Chapter Centennial Award

In 2015, the ACP celebrates the centennial of its founding with a series of events, activities and publications reflecting on the College’s history and anticipating its future. The Chapter Centennial Legacy Award celebrates ACP’s centennial by recognizing one seminal chapter member whose service to the chapter had a significant impact on the chapter’s viability. This individual exemplifies ACP’s core values including leadership, excellence, respect, compassion, professionalism, and responsibility.

The Louisiana Chapter is extremely proud to present the Chapter Centennial Award to Dr Frank Incaprera.

For over 40 years, Dr. Frank Incaprera has devoted his professional life to his patients and his
Dr. Incaprera is an alumnus of LSU Medical School. As an internist, he has provided the highest quality care to his patients; he is "the doctor's doctor." He has tirelessly supported his church, his community, his alma mater, and his profession. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. The Medical Center of Louisiana Foundation gave him the Spirit of Charity Award in recognition of his support of Charity Hospital of New Orleans and LSU Medical School. While Medical Director of the Internal Medicine Group, he was an active member of the ASIM and the ACP, and became governor of the Louisiana Chapter. The Chapter won an Evergreen Award when he initiated the Laureate Emeritus Dinner, which provides an ongoing fellowship opportunity for Laureates at the Annual Chapter Scientific Meeting. He was awarded Mastership of the American College of Physicians, and he has continued to mentor successive governors over the last 20 years. Dr. Incaprera has inspired patients, students, and colleagues with his dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence, in addition to being a devoted husband and father to his 5 children.

Dr. Incaprera was recognized at the Chapter Awards Banquet Feb 27, and also participated in Internal Medicine 2015 in Boston, where he was recognized with other Centennial Legacy Award recipients at the national meeting.

Dr Frank Incaprera receives the Centennial Legacy Award

Internal Medicine 2015 Boston

Internal Medicine 2015 was held in Boston, Massachusetts, April 30-May 2, 2015. The meeting marked the Centennial Anniversary of the College, with many special events. Over 70 members of the Louisiana Chapter participated in the many educational and celebratory activities. Several Louisiana members contributed to the meeting. Marc Kahn, and Fred Lopez again provided the pre-meeting “ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Exam Prep Course” on April 28 and 29. Speakers also included Kevin Krane, Geraldine Menard, Chad Miller, and William Davis. George Karam presented “Critical Care Medicine 2015.” Stephen Deitelzweig presented “Managing a Hospitalist Practice.” Angela Johnson presented “Transitions to Outpatient Care.”

The Convocation Program was a very special event, with Dr Frank Incaprera joining Centennial Legacy Award recipients from around the country.
The Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama chapters held a joint reception on Friday, May 1, 2015. Members from the three chapters shared their perspectives on the scientific program and enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect.

Save the date for Internal Medicine 2016, which will be in Washington, D.C., May 5-7, 2016. Visit [http://im2016.acponline.org/] for more information.

New Fellows
Congratulations to the following members who have advanced to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians:

- Marianne Barnhill – New Orleans
- Richard Guthrie – New Orleans
- Christopher J Lege – New Orleans
- Stephen R. Salopec, Jr – Lafayette
- Benjamin F. Springate – New Orleans

American College of Physicians and the Louisiana State University Collaborate to Increase Adult Immunization Rates in Louisiana

Public health initiative aims to help physicians increase unacceptably low adult immunization rates

NEW ORLEANS, May 20, 2015 – The Louisiana chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP), together with the Healthcare Services Division of Louisiana State University (LSU), are partnering with the national office of ACP in a major new effort called I Raise the Rates with the goal of raising adult vaccination rates. The initiative will assist physicians and other health care providers in protecting their patients from vaccine-preventable diseases by providing tools for communicating with their patients about the importance of immunizations and by tracking and providing access to vaccines. The partner organizations announced the kick-off of the program at a meeting of I Raise the Rates Immunization Champions in New Orleans on May 15.

“These concerned physicians who have volunteered to be Immunization Champions are the key to helping all physicians and their health care teams protect their patients from preventable illnesses and even death,” said Dr. Bernie Rosof, program co-chair and national quality expert. “Research has shown that patients trust their physicians most when it comes to immunizations; a physician’s recommendation is the strongest predictor of vaccination,” Rosof said. At this week’s meeting, participants will be discussing strategies for helping health care providers in Louisiana meet public health goals.

While vaccines are one of the greatest public health achievements of all time in protecting people from disease, current rates in Louisiana for recommended adult vaccines are well below national CDC recommendations and exhibit large racial disparities. According to the CDC, one-third or more of Louisiana seniors have not received a flu or pneumonia vaccine; among African Americans the rates are even higher. “We have a great deal of work to do to
help protect the citizens of Louisiana from flu, pneumonia, and other preventable diseases like whooping cough, herpes zoster, tetanus and others,” says Dr. Frank Opelka, LSU Executive Vice President for Healthcare Redesign, and co-leader of the Louisiana project. “By working with the physicians in our state, along with other health care providers, we can significantly improve the health of our patients in Louisiana.”

“The Louisiana ACP is proud to be taking a leadership role in helping protect our patients’ health,” said Dr. William E. Davis, who leads the Louisiana chapter of the ACP. “We look forward to working with our partners at LSU to make sure that every person in our state receives the appropriate vaccines to help them stay healthy.”

Over the course of the next year, physicians and other health care providers throughout the state of Louisiana will receive training on immunizations, implement programs in their offices and institutions, and communicate with employers, health insurers, and the public about the importance of adult immunizations.

To learn more about I Raise the Rates: Louisiana or to join the campaign, please contact: Angie Duck at angieduck4@gmail.com.

Leadership Day 2015

The Louisiana ACP sponsored a delegation that traveled to Washington, DC for ACP 2015 Leadership Day. Our team was led by Dr. David Borne, Chair of the Chapter Advocacy Committee and who is a veteran of the event. The team was rounded out by Drs. William Davis, Tulane Health Sciences medical student Stephen Morris, and resident physician Sarah Candler, who also attended as a member of the national ACP Resident Council. The two day event was held on May 20-21, 2015.

ACP Leadership Day Experience

Stephen Morris

Prior to ACP Leadership Day, I had considered myself rather “politically illiterate.” Issues regarding Medicaid/Medicare reform, GME funding, and the physician shortage were often tossed around in conversation but I never truly knew enough about them to take a definitive stand. I believe that it is in part due to the grind of medical school, in which you are concerned more about the next exam rather than a new bill being introduced on the House floor. This conference allowed me the opportunity to step out of the bubble for a few days and look at how political action happening right now will affect my future as a physician. I was able to speak with our Congressmen not just as another constituent, but also as a student whose career path is yet to be decided. I learned about the yearly struggle, and eventual victory, to repeal SGR and provide a more reliable source of income for Internists across the country. In contrast, I realized that issues like bringing back Medicaid pay parity and renewing the Primary Care Incentive Program still remain. Most importantly, I learned the role of advocacy and staying informed. I now appreciate that I have a voice in not only my future, but in the future of every practicing physician. Thanks to ACP Leadership Day, I can take that stand which I was too uncertain to before and provide constructive dialogue about healthcare and my role in it. I would like to sincerely thank the Louisiana chapter and all its members for providing me the opportunity to attend the Leadership Day Conference. It was an amazing educational experience and wouldn’t have been possible without your support.
It was an honor for me to join our governor in DC last week for the ACP's annual Leadership Day. As a second-year resident at Tulane, I was proud to represent our Louisiana chapter with Dr. Davis, Dr. David Borne (faculty LSU, New Orleans) and Steve Morris (medical student, Tulane). We met ACP delegates from all over the country to for a crash course in Effective Advocacy and the ACP's 2015 Legislative Agenda.

After a day of updates from the College’s Policy team, insights from a panel of Congressional staffers, and inspiring words from Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD), we moved to The Hill to meet with the offices of our Louisiana Senators and Congressmen.

We met in person with Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D., Congressman John Fleming, M.D., and Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D., as well as staff representatives for Senator David Vitter, Congressman Charles Boustany, M.D., Congressman Steve Scalise, and Congressman Cedric Richmond.

We started by thanking all eight of our officials for voting in favor of the SGR Repeal. Additionally, we discussed continued funding for the Medicare Primary Care Incentive Program, reinstating Medicaid Primary Care Pay Parity, increasing GME support, and investing more in pre-existing Federal Health Care Programs like National Health Service Corps.

From the outset, it was obvious that our chapter is in a unique position to effect change in DC right now. Half of our elected officials are physicians, and most have a record of advocating not just for their constituents, but for their patients. As healthcare providers, they are acutely aware of the problems that we, our colleagues, and our patients face as a result of complex delivery, payment, and training systems. Now is the time for Louisiana to take the lead in healthcare policy in Washington.

Visit the chapter website to learn more about Leadership Day and the ACP’s 2016 Legislative Agenda.

Contact us if you are interested in being more involved with our Health and Public Policy Committee.

**Internal Medicine Award of Excellence**

The Louisiana Chapter provides the Internal Medicine Award of Excellence, a $500 award to a senior medical student who is selected by the medical school faculty. This year, the three recipients of the award were the following:

**Kathryn A. Gayle, LSU Shreveport**

Ranking amongst the top 5 students in her class consistently, Katye Gayle has excelled in her work throughout medical school, including an outstanding performance during her medicine rotations. Her extracurricular achievements include vice president Alpha Omega Alpha and an active member of the Internal Medicine Interest Group. She approaches her work with a positive attitude and an energy and enthusiasm that are infectious. It is with great pride that the ACP award of excellence is presented to her for exemplifying what it means to be an internist.
Jeffrey Wang was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana and is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School. He completed his pre-medical studies at Emory University in Atlanta but never rooted for the Atlanta Falcons. He returned to his home town for medical school and graduated from LSU-HSC School of Medicine in May 2015. He distinguished himself academically by being nominated to Alpha Omega Alpha. He is also an inaugural member of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society at LSU-HSC New Orleans. During his 4 years at medical school, he also demonstrated a strong commitment to community service – surpassing the requirements in all categories set forth by the school of medicine. Jeffrey is sad to be leaving Louisiana for residency but is excited to represent LSU at the Osler Housestaff Training Program at Johns Hopkins University.

Membership Updates
Please email Kristin Tschirn (ktschin@ochsner.org) with your latest accomplishments, personal, professional, and volunteerism for inclusion in future newsletters.

Council Updates

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Dr. Richard Deichmann, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Treasurer’s report, showing that the Chapter has a positive balance sheet for the year and adequate reserves.

Dr. Jay Shames, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for Council positions to replace those members whose terms were expiring. Karen Blessey, Vince Cataldo, Shaminder Gupta and Philip Haddad nominated to serve on the Council, and their nominations were confirmed at the Chapter meeting that was subsequently held on Friday February 27.

Dr. Ben Thompson presented the results of work performed by the Meeting Task Force. The Task Force was formed in response to discussions at the fall 2014 meeting, in which chapter members requested recommendations regarding the timing of the Annual Chapter Meeting. A membership survey was sent by electronic mail. The task force reviewed the responses. Dr. Thompson pointed out that the survey responses did not point to a clear consensus. Council discussion followed, and a motion was made and passed that the Chapter hold an Annual Chapter Meeting in the spring of each year in Louisiana. It was noted that the Mississippi Chapter would be invited to continue to participate as meeting co-sponsors if desired, and that Louisiana members would continue to be invited to the Mississippi Chapter meetings that may be held in the fall of every odd numbered year.

The Governor’s Advisory Council includes the following members:

- Dr. Luis Alvarado, Franklinton zodiac1@earthlink.net
- Dr. Mark Blackwelder, Ruston drmblackwelder@suddenlink.net
- Dr. Karen Blessey, New Orleans kblessey@ochsner.org

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DynaMed Plus will replace ACP Smart Medicine as a member benefit on August 3, 2015.

**The Next-Generation Clinical Decision Support Resource**

*DynaMed Plus* has been redesigned from the ground up for busy clinicians, focused on providing a comprehensive clinical decision resource, optimized to deliver the fastest time-to-answer possible. Content is written by a world-class team of physicians who synthesize the evidence and provide objective analysis. Beginning in the summer of 2015, ACP will collaborate with EBSCO Health on the development of internal medicine topics for *DynaMed Plus*. Daily updates ensure you are always getting the most current information available.

**Key Features**

**Precise Search Results** mean clinicians get relevant search results every time. The redesigned search delivers a high level summary of available clinical information enabling you to quickly access your area of interest and minimizing the time-to-answer. An Image and Calculator filter is also available to further customize the search results.

**Overviews and Recommendations** provide clinicians with concise, accurate summaries for the most common conditions as well as evidence-based recommendations for action.

**Graphics and Images** include more than 4,000 medical graphics and images, with more than 1,000 images from ACP including:

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- Illustrations
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**Specialty Content** includes thousands of topics covering emergency medicine, cardiology, oncology, infectious diseases, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology and much more.

**Mobile Access** is fast and easy, providing users an intuitive and elegant experience from their smartphone or tablet. A complimentary mobile app is included to access information offline, bookmark favorites, email topics, and write and save notes.

**Micromedex® Clinical Knowledge Suite** Drug Content is included in *DynaMed Plus*. Content includes drug dosing, interactions, off-label uses, and lab recommendations. *only select products are included.*

**Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Exam Preparation Courses**
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Dynamic Health Care Guide for Congress and the Media

The American College of Physicians (ACP) prepared this guide to serve as an ongoing resource for members of Congress and their staff, the news media, and other interested persons on the top health care issues affecting our members and their patients:

- The guide is concise: distilling some of the most complex health care issues to be considered by the 114th Congress into two page summaries with additional resources for those interested in learning more.
- The guide is dynamic: we will continue to update the content and the links for more information as circumstances change.
- The guide is selective: we didn’t include every health care issue that this Congress may address; only the ones that we believe will have the greatest impact on internal medicine physician specialists, and their patients, and of those, the ones where we believe that there is an imperative for Congress to act.
- The guide strives to provide an accurate presentation of the issue and its impact on our members and their patients, yet framed in a way that reflects the College’s views on each.

Although we are making the guide available in paper version, it will be most useful in digital form because it includes embedded URL links to other resources that will be frequently updated. If you're looking for a quick overview of the important issues, read our summary.

ACP's Six Most Important Health Care Issues

Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate/Physician Payment Reform
The Medicare Primary Care Incentive Program
Medicaid Primary Care Pay Parity
Graduate Medical Education
Funding for Vital Federal Health Care Programs
The Affordable Care Act