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Introduction

 It is an honor to begin my term as the Governor for the Louisiana Chapter, and a pleasure to provide you with this update on our chapter activities. I have to thank **Dr. Fred Lopez**, immediate past Governor, for his guidance and leadership, as well as the previous Governors who have mentored me to this point including **Dr's Sandy Kemmerly, Bo Sanders**, and **Dr. Frank Incaprera**. I take this responsibility seriously and aspire to increase the value of the ACP to your professional life and your practice.

Internal Medicine 2012 was held in New Orleans this year. Native New Orleanian **Dr. Wayne J. Riley** was the featured opening speaker, and many members of the Louisiana Chapter participated as faculty, participants and competitors. Congratulations to the following faculty who provided CME content for the meeting:

Marc Kahn
Steven Deitelzweig
Karen DeSalvo
Charles Cefalu
Hector Ventura
Sandy Kemmerly
Oliver Sartor
David Taylor
Leonardo Seane
Fred Lopez

Over 200 members, residents and students from Louisiana attended Internal Medicine 2012. It was an honor to march in Convocation with our Chapter's new fellows (see below); and Associate and Student Member participation was high, as detailed in **Dr. Lee Engel's** article in this newsletter.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the reception held Friday night at the Marriott. I look forward to seeing many of you again in San Francisco at Internal Medicine 2012!

William Davis, MD, FACP
ACP Governor, Louisiana Chapter

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New Fellows

elected in the past six months (as of May 2012)

Congratulations to the following members who advanced to Fellowship:

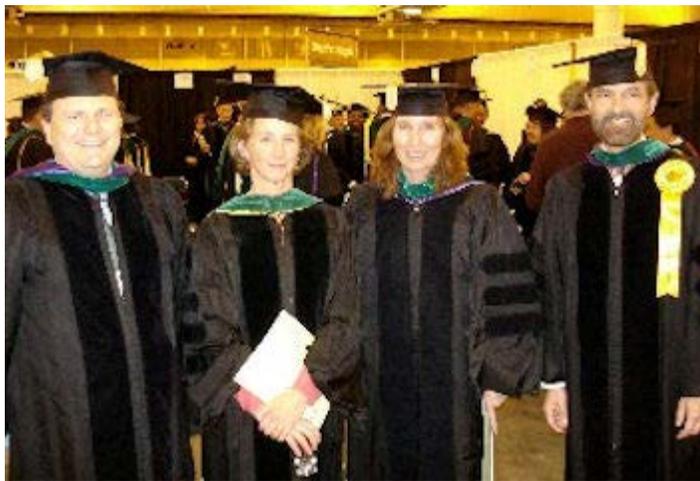
Nona K Epstein, MD FACP

Steven J Granier, MD FACP

Robert I Hart, MD FACP

Moira L Ogden, MD FACP

Marco A Ruiz, MD MPH FACP



New Fellows Dr.'s Richard Granier, Nona Epstein, and Leslie Blake; LA Chapter Gov William Davis at Internal Medicine 2012 Convocation Ceremony.

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Mississippi-Louisiana Chapters Scientific Meeting 2012

MS/LA Scientific Meeting 2012

September 6-8, 2012

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa

A Resort on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail

One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, Alabama 36564

(251) 928-9201 – (800) 544-9933 – www.marriottgrand.com

[Hotel Reservation Link](#)

Mark your calendars and make your plans for September 6-8, 2012 to attend the 2012 MS LA Scientific Meeting at the Grand Hotel Marriott in Point Clear, Alabama. The MS chapter is looking forward to hosting the meeting, which will feature **Steve Weinberger, MD, FACP**, Executive Vice President and CEO of the ACP. The American College of Physicians designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.75 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Grand Hotel Marriott is a family destination which offers 36 holes of championship golf and clubhouse, 20,000 sq. ft. European Spa, Fitness Center, 8 rubico-surfaced tennis courts (4 lighted), feature pool, indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, bicycle rental, marina, sailboats, charter yachts, wave runners (seasonal), fishing, horseback riding, nature trails, jogging paths, children's playground, children activity programs, beach volleyball, croquette, horseshoes, putting green, art exhibit, guided Horticultural and Historical Tours of the property, Grand Hotel Museum and the historical Confederate Rest Cemetery.

The 2012 meeting will have a Laureate Emeritus dinner hosted by both the Louisiana and Mississippi Laureates on Saturday night, September 8th. All Laureates, spouses/guest from both chapters are invited to participate.

For additional information contact [Nancy Youngblood, Executive Director, MS Chapter ACP.](#)

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Associates

Lee Engel, MD

Louisiana was well represented at ACP's 2012 National Abstract Competition held at Internal Medicine 2012 in New Orleans. **Dr. Shilpa Gadde** from Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center was selected as the overall winner from our winter Louisiana Associates meeting and received a travel grant from the Louisiana ACP chapter to attend and present her poster titled "*Double Karma: Anti-GBM and ANCA (+) RPGN*". Other Louisiana Associates who participated in the national abstract competition included: **Dr. Justin Fowlkes** from Earl K. Long medical center presented a poster titled "*A Twenty-five Year Old Male with Recurrent Priapism*", **Christian Mabry** from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans presented two posters titled "*Acute Renal Failure in a Woman with Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Medication-induced Fanconi Syndrome*" and "*Nausea, Vomiting and Diarrhea in a Patient with Hepatitis C and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*", and **Dr. Abhishek Seth** and **Dr. Saurabh Rajpal** from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport presented a poster titled "*Diabetic Ketoacidosis Induced Hypertriglyceridemic Acute Pancreatitis Treated with Plasmapheresis – ‘Recipe for Biochemical Disaster Management’*". The Jeopardy team from LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans represented Louisiana and made a strong showing at the national jeopardy competition at Internal Medicine 2012 after their win at the prior Louisiana-Mississippi regional meeting. Please plan to attend this year's Louisiana-Mississippi regional ACP meeting that will be held September 6-8, 2012 in Point Clear, Alabama. We will be holding a jeopardy competition and new abstract competition at this meeting. We will also have our annual Louisiana ACP Associates meeting this winter, date and location to be determined soon.

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ACP Leadership Day

Angela Johnson, MD

The Louisiana chapter recently sent a delegation to ACP's annual Leadership Day in Washington, D.C. This 2-day advocacy conference, held on June 6-7th, provides ACP members with the latest information on Healthcare policy issues and upcoming legislation as it pertains to primary care and Internal Medicine specialists. This year, the Louisiana chapter was represented by ACP members **Angela Johnson, Nicole Giambrone, and Luiz Alvarado**. Also joining the group were **Dr. Tracey Henry**, an Internal Medicine resident from Ochsner Health System, and **Neha**

Solanki, a medical student from Tulane University. The Louisiana delegation participated in group didactics, speaker panel sessions and workshops, hearing from ACP policy experts, legislators and staffers, as well as U.S. Surgeon General, **Dr. Regina Benjamin** and Louisiana congressmen and fellow ACP member, **Dr. Bill Cassidy**. The event culminated in the group “storming the hill” on behalf of ACP and Internal Medicine interests. Visits were made to each of Louisiana’s congressional members’ offices to speak personally with the congressmen and senators or their health policy staff. Much hard work and effort went into this exciting trip, which will hopefully impact the future of primary care for the state and the nation.

Neha Solanki said the following about the event:

“I learned a lot – not only from the Louisiana delegation, but from the experience itself. I now have this priceless experience of advocacy for healthcare reform in Washington.”



Tracey Henry outside of Senator Mary Landrieu 's office; Dr Henry successfully obtained a competitive Joseph A. Johnson Leadership Grant to attend Leadership Day with the LA Chapter delegation.



Surgeon general Regina Benjamin L to R Angela Johnson, Tracey Henry, Luis Alvarado, Neha Solanki, Nicole Giambrone.

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New High Value, Cost Conscious Care Curriculum developed by ACP

On July 10, 2012, the American College of Physicians (ACP) and the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM) unveiled a high value, cost-conscious care curriculum to help train internal medicine residents about how to avoid overuse and misuse of tests and treatments that do not improve outcomes and may cause harms.

The free curriculum, available at www.highvaluecarecurriculum.org, is designed to engage internal medicine residents and faculty in small group activities organized around actual patient cases that require careful analysis of the benefits, harms, costs, and use of evidence-based, shared decision making. The flexible curriculum consists of ten, one hour interactive sessions that can be incorporated into the existing conference structure of a program.

“Physicians receive little specific training about identifying and eliminating wasteful diagnostic and treatment options,” said **Cynthia D. Smith, MD, FACP**, ACP’s Senior Medical Associate for Content Development and the lead author of *“Teaching High-Value Cost-Conscious Care to Residents: The [AAIM-ACP Curriculum](#),”* published online in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. *“Residency training is an excellent time to introduce the concept of high value, cost-conscious care because the habits that residents learn during training have been shown to stay with them throughout their professional careers.”*

Health care expenditures are projected to reach almost 20 percent of the United States’ GDP by 2020. Many economists consider this spending rate unsustainable. Up to 30 percent, or \$765 billion, of health care costs were identified as potentially avoidable -- with many of these costs attributed to unnecessary services.

The committee that developed the curriculum consisted of ACP-AAIM members and staff, program directors, associate program directors, a department chair, residency faculty, and internal medicine residents.

The Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM) is a consortium of five academically focused specialty organizations representing department chairs and chiefs; clerkship, residency, and fellowship program directors; division chiefs; and academic and business administrators as well as other faculty and staff in departments of internal medicine and their division at medical schools and teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada.

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Annals Website Redesign!

On June 18, 2012, the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the flagship journal of the American College of Physicians (ACP), launched its new Web site – www.annals.org – on a new digital platform to provide internal medicine specialists and subspecialists with a faster, more personalized Web experience across *Annals*, *ACP Journal Club*, *In the Clinic*, and *PubMed*, and a new multimedia library. An improved search function delivers faster, targeted search results that incorporate individual preferences, and sophisticated article tagging enables automatic display of related articles.

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LA/MS Chapter Scientific Meeting 2013
March 15-16, Windsor Court
New Orleans, LA

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