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The Early Career Physician council is a vital part of the ACP Massachusetts Chapter. We strive to create opportunities for physicians for networking, mentoring as well as relevant and timely physician continuing education programs. The Early Career Physician council is a great way to learn how ACP and its state chapters function and develop the knowledge and expertise to impact change locally and nationally. If you are interested in learning more about the ACP Massachusetts Chapter or the Early Career Physician council please contact Lynda Layer, MA ACP Chapter Administrator at llayer@mms.org. She can connect you to a member of the Early Career Physician council if you have any questions.

Internal Medicine 2015 is in Boston...

The Massachusetts Chapter, Early Career Physicians celebrate the American College of Physician 100th Anniversary, at the ACP national meeting in Boston this week. We will have an active presence in The New England and Michigan Chapters Reception which will take place on April 30th from 8:00 to 10:00 pm., at the Legal Harborside restaurant, Please come and socialize with your colleagues from all over New England and meet new folks from Michigan!! Open to all IM2015 registered attendees.

Docs for Socks - Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program (BHCHP)

The ACP meeting will knock your socks off. Give them to BHCHP

ACP is partnering with the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program (BHCHP) to benefit from a charitable activity in conjunction with ACP’s 100th anniversary celebration at Internal Medicine 2015 in Boston. As part of the “Docs for Socks” initiative, ACP will be collecting donations of socks and underwear to benefit the BHCHP’s constituents during Internal Medicine 2015 and will also be offering tours of the BHCHP to interested attendees. Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program was founded in 1985 as one of the first Health Care for the Homeless programs in the country. BHCHP strives to provide or assure access to high quality health care for homeless men, women, and children in the greater Boston area. BHCHP cares for more than 12,000 individuals each year by providing an integrated model of care that includes primary care, behavioral health care, and dental care.

Click HERE to visit the BHCHP website for additional information.

Mentoring Collaborative

The Mentoring Collaborative is a Massachusetts ACP led initiative, which intends to provide opportunities for physicians in all stages of training to find mentors in their subjective areas of interests
and needs. Our goal is to provide opportunities for “real time mentoring” at all Massachusetts ACP events, and building a “mentoring database” which includes all Massachusetts ACP members with focus on their areas of interest and expertise, in a user friendly and easily searchable format.

After our June 2013 kickoff event (panel discussion about the concept of mentorship in medicine), we have collected data from 40 physicians who were surveyed in different social and CME events. 80% of the surveyed physicians had indicated that having a mentor at their stage of career is “very important”. 66% were open to being a mentor to their colleagues. Apart from emphasis of having access to a mentoring database as well as events to facilitate members’ interactions and one to one mentoring opportunities, a recurrent team that also came up was the interest in getting more education about “How to be a good Mentor or Mentee”. Therefore, we are committed to provide more formal “mentoring education” to our members. This most likely will be in the form of a weekend workshop winter of 2015. We will send you more information about this event in the near future. Stay tuned!!

Continuing Medical Education Events
Events at the ACP Massachusetts Chapter Meeting in November 2014:

“Transitions, Those “Vulnerable” Moments for our Patients: Can We Do It Better? This live CME activity was held during the ACP Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting on November 8th, at Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham. Panelists included Andrey Ostrovsky, MD, Lauren Doctoroff, MD, Lauren Meade, MD, FACP, and Charles Pu, MD. The session was moderated by Gene Lambert, MD, MBA. It was very well received by the attendees in annual chapter meeting.

“Mentoring lunch tables” were held by MA ACP council members as well. We discussed topics such as Mentorship in Community Based Medicine, Academic Careers, Women in Medicine and Publishing in Medicine.

Upcoming CME Event:

“Prescription Opioid Crisis in Massachusetts: What can Physicians Do? This live CME event will take place on Thursday May 21, from 6-8:30 pm, at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, in Worcester, Massachusetts. Panelists are experts in the field of addiction medicine and include: Gerardo Gonzalez, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry; Director, Division of Addiction Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Seth Peters, MPH, Chief of Epidemiology, City of Worcester Division of Public Health, Jacquelyn Starer, MD, FACOG, FASAM Diplomate, American Board of Addiction Medicine; Associate Director, MA Physician Health Service and Alexander Y. Walley, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Clinical Addiction Research and Education Unit Section of General Internal Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine. The session will be moderated by Yousaf Shaikh, MD, FACP, Hospitalist, UMass Memorial Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School.

ACP Leadership Academy
The ACP Leadership Academy provides early career internists with the skills and knowledge necessary to become leaders in medicine. The program includes formal live and online courses offered in partnership
with the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE), the nation's largest leadership training organization for physician leaders. Online courses are offered as self-study or faculty led and includes topics such as strategic thinking, financial decision-making, managing physician performance, marketing, ethics, quality management and more.

All courses are eligible for CME credit through the ACPE. They were selected to provide episodic leadership training for members who want to brush up on a specific content area or to earn credits toward the Certified Physician Executive (CPE), a nationally recognized leadership certificate from the ACPE. Credits may also roll into an advanced degree program from selected accredited universities. ACP members receive a 15% discount on approved courses.

In addition, the ACP Leadership Academy is currently accepting registrations for a series of FREE (non-CME) webinars on a variety of leadership topics. Topics currently scheduled include: May 19, 2015 - Population Health. All webinars start at 6:30 p.m. ET.

To learn more about the ACP Leadership Academy and to register for the free webinars visit www.acponline.org/lead. If you have questions, please email lead@acponline.org.